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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO RCM



ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN

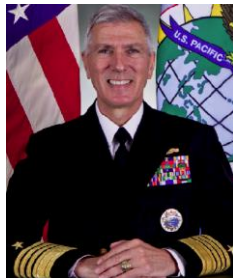
District Governor
Rotary International District 3810
Past President, Rotary Club of Manila

GUEST SPEAKERS



CHRISTOPHER K. JOHNSON

Former Central Intelligence
Agency (CIA) China Station Chief



SAMUEL JONES LOCKLEAR, III

Retired United States Navy Admiral
Former Pacific Command Commander
Center for Strategic and
International Studies (CSIS)

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Service Above Self, intelligence and military operations at sea make a perfect mix up for a Merry Christmas as our very own District Governor dons his Santa Claus persona in descending down the chimney of Asia's First Rotary Club as he makes an official Governor's Visit while service takes a new twist in protecting our Mother Land as American defense experts launch the US – Philippine Strategic Initiative Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies right at our doorsteps. Indeed, today is the perfect time to be World Famous as the voices of Rotary Club of Manila's finest serenade you with Christmas carols that remind us the Reason for the season.

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RCM's 23rd for RY 2015-16

December 10, 2015, Thursday, 12N,
NEW WORLD HOTEL BALLROOM

OIC/Moderator : PVP Fausto Preysler

P R O G R A M T I M E T A B L E

11:30 PM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	PVP Fausto Preysler OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to Order Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	Pres. Ebot Tan RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	Rtn. Farid Schoucair
	A moment of silent prayer for the eternal repose of the soul of Ambassador / Rotarian Cesar B. Bautista who recently passed-away in the grace of our Lord	
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The 4-Way Test Credo	All Rotarians
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table	Rtn. Nicky Villaseñor III
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Maligayang Bati (Weekly RCM Birthday Celebrants) : Dec. 12...Dir. Bobby Joseph; Dec. 13.....PDG Alex Cureg; Dec. 16...PD Phil Ong; Dec. 17.....Rtn. Ave Cruz; Dec. 18...AS/IPP Frank Evaristo; Dec. 19.....Rtn. Mon Quisumbing; Dec. 21...PSAA Fred Lim; Dec. 22.....PD Rod Valencia, Rtn. Bob Sobrepeña; Dec. 23... PVP Mike Guerrero, Rtn. Cesar Sarino; Dec. 26... Rtn. Joe de Venecia; Dec. 27... PP Boy Guevara; Dec. 28.....Rtn. Joey Syjuco; Dec. 29... SAA Dave Reynolds, Rtn. Justin Ocampo; Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:50 PM	President's Corner	Pres. Ebot Tan
12:55 PM	Message	Gov. Obet Pagdanganan D3810

1:00 PM	Presentation of RCM District Governor's Fund to D-3810 Gov. Obet Pagdanganan	Pres. Ebot Tan
	<i>Special Christmas Carols Presentation</i>	RCM WF Chorale
1:15 PM	Introduction of Guest Speakers	Rtn. Babe Romualdez
	Launching of US-Philippine Strategic Initiative Program of Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Washington DC, USA	
	Address: Mr. Christopher K. Johnson Former CIA China Station Chief; and Admiral Samuel Jones Locklear III Former Pacific Command Commander	
	Public Forum Raffle of cash prizes Response and presentation of token of appreciation to Mr. Christopher Johnson & Mr. Samuel Jones Locklear III	Dir. Bobby Joseph Pres. Ebot Tan
2:00 PM	Adjournment	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

At our luncheon meeting last week, our very own Manila Rotarian legal luminary, Dir. Amading Valdez, shared with us his insights on the Constitutional requirements of citizenship and residency that anyone who wishes to run for President of the Republic of the Philippines must comply with - the burning issue of the day. You will all recall that Director Amading is one of the persons who filed a disqualification case with the Commission on Elections against Senator Grace Poe.

On news within our Club, today we shift the venue of our weekly luncheon meeting to the posh New World Makati Hotel as we celebrate the Christmas season within our Club. I would like to thank our very own Rtn. Farid Schoucair for his generosity - Rotarian Farid offered to shoulder the additional cost of the sumptuous buffet lunch that all of us will partake of at the luncheon meeting at the New World Makati Hotel as his way of sending glad tidings this holiday season to all of our Club members. The total cost for our buffet lunch is actually P1,600, but each of us is paying only P1,000.00. Thank you very much, Farid, from the bottom of our hearts! As suggested during last week's luncheon meeting, we are encouraging all members who will attend today's luncheon meeting to purchase raffle tickets at P500 each, in the spirit of Christmas. Half of the total amount collected from the sale of the raffle tickets will be donated to the wards of our Sagip Kabataan Foundation as our Club's Christmas gift. The other half of the amount collected will be divided and given as prizes to the winners of the raffle. On another matter, please be reminded of the Rotary International Convention that will be held from 28 May to 1 June 2016 in Seoul, Korea. I encourage all of you to attend and actively participate in the affair as a way of showing support for our District Governor PP Obet Pagdanganan. Please coordinate with our secretariat, as AS/PD Alvin Lacambacal is arranging a hotel and airfare package for RCM members. Also today, our World Famous Chorale will serenade us with Christmas carols in the spirit of the season.

On news from around the District, last 7 December 2015, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, DGND/CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, and I attended the District Area Meeting for the month of December at the Aloha Hotel in Manila, where DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan and I formally opened the registration for DISCON 2016 while AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, President of the Alay Lakad Foundation, presented a plaque of appreciation to Rotary International District 3810 as the Most Organized Group during the last Alay Lakad event, and for its support to the Foundation. Today marks a red letter day for our Club, as our very own Manila Rotarian, DG/PP Obet Pagdanganan, conducts his official Governor's Visit to our Club,

Also today, two American defense experts, in the persons of Christopher K. Johnson, the former CIA China Station Chief, and Samuel Locklear, III, a retired US Admiral and Former Pacific Commander, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), will address our Club as our Guest Speakers at our last meeting for the year. I encourage all of you to take an active part in the discussions with our Guest Speakers and to continue participating in and supporting our Club's programs and activities for the rest of the Rotary Year.

Mabuhay Ang Rotary Club of Manila!

GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Christopher K. Johnson

Christopher K. Johnson is a senior adviser and holds the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He is also BowerGroupAsia's Managing Director for China. As one of the top China experts in the world, he leads the company's advisory work and development of strategies for BGA clients pursuing opportunities in China and regionally. Chris is based in Washington, DC but spends nearly half his time in China and the rest of Asia.

An accomplished Asian affairs specialist, Mr. Johnson spent nearly two decades serving in the U.S. government's intelligence and foreign affairs communities and has extensive experience analyzing and working in Asia on a diverse set of country-specific and transnational issues. Throughout his career, he has chronicled China's dynamic political and economic transformation, the development of its robust military modernization program, and its resurgence as a regional and global power. He has frequently advised senior White House, cabinet, congressional, military, and foreign officials on the Chinese leadership and on Beijing's foreign and security policies.

Mr. Johnson worked as a senior China analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency, where he played a key role in the analytic support to policymakers during the 1996 Taiwan Strait missile crisis, the 1999 accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, the downing of a U.S. reconnaissance aircraft on Hainan Island in 2001, and the SARS epidemic in 2003. He also helped shape senior officials' understanding of the politics of the Jiang Zemin era, the successful leadership transition to Hu Jintao in 2002, and the preparations for the fall 2012 leadership succession. Mr. Johnson served as an intelligence liaison to two secretaries of state and their deputies on worldwide security issues and in 2011 was awarded the U.S. Department of State's Superior Honor Award for outstanding support to the secretary and her senior staff. He also served abroad in a field site in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Johnson graduated summa cum laude with bachelor's degrees in history and political science from the University of California at San Diego (1994) and received his M.A. in security policy studies from the George Washington University (1996). He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Admiral Samuel Locklear

Samuel Jones "Sam" Locklear III is a former United States Navy admiral who last served as the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command from March 9, 2012 to May 27, 2015.

Prior to that, he served as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe - U.S. Naval Forces Africa and NATO's Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples. Prior to that, he served as Director, Navy Staff from July 2009 to October 2010. He retired from the Navy on July 1, 2015, after 39 years of service.

His career as a surface warfare officer includes assignments aboard USS *William V. Pratt* (DDG 44), USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70), USS *Callaghan* (DDG 994), and USS *Truxtun* (CG 35), culminating in command of USS *Leftwich* (DD 984). Subsequent command assignments include commander, Destroyer Squadron 2; commander, *Nimitz* Strike Group; commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet; and commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and Allied Joint Force Command Naples. Ashore, he served as executive assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; the 78th commandant of Midshipmen, United States Naval Academy; director, Assessment Division (OPNAV N81); director, Programming Division (OPNAV N80); and, as director, Navy Staff.

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with one gold star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four gold stars, Bronze Star Medal, and numerous individual, campaign and unit awards.

In March 2011, he commanded US Navy forces enforcing the Libyan no-fly zone, with overall command going to General Carter Ham.

He is a 1992 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University.

PREVIEW OF FORTHCOMING THURSDAY SPEAKERS 2016

January 7, 2016, 12N, Manila Polo Club
Honorable Amando M. Tetangco, Jr.
Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
"A Joint Meeting of RCM and RC Forbes Park"

January 14, 2016, 12N, Manila Polo Club
Honorable Rodrigo Duterte
Mayor, Davao City
Presidential Aspirant 2016 Elections

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



Rtn. Citos Manalaysay as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities.



PD Ner Lonzaga delivers an ecumenical prayer.



STAR Rtn. Caloy Reyes introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



PVP Lance Masters presents RI D-3810 "Ang Galing" – Manila North Cemetery Child Literacy Project, RY 2015-16, and Disaster Relief Project under **Chairman Rtn. Hermie Esguerra**.



Presenting check for Php 27,000 from **RC Manila** to **Mr. Guy Malfait** of ADT 4TH World to fund “Ang Galing” literacy program for at risk children of informal settlers who actually live in Manila North Cemetery. This is the club’s TRF Mini grant this year. **PD Bobby Joseph** and **Rtn. Hermie Esguerra** each added Php 10,00 cash and additional anonymous donations added up to more than 50,000 pesos. **PT Chito Tagaysay** also donated books through his Ahon Foundation.



Pres. Ebot Tan presents to **Rtn. Tetsuro “Terry” Amano**, Consul-General / Minister Deputy Chief of Mission a plaque of appreciation as he takes on a new assignment overseas.



Rtn. Tetsuro "Terry" Amano delivers farewell and appreciation message.



Rtn. Celso Abastillas does the pleasure of introducing **Director Amado D. "Amading" Valdez**, Chairman Emeritus, Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS); Of counsel, Valdez Law as guest speaker.



AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, President, Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. presents to **Pres. Ebot Tan** a certificate of appreciation for the Rotary Club of Manila's annual support and cooperation to the annual fund-raising Alay Lakad Walk-For-A-Cause project.



Legal juggernaut extraordinaire **Amado “Amading” Valdez**, Chairman Emeritus of the Philippine Association of Law Schools, Former Dean of the University of the East College of Law and Director of the Rotary Club of Manila, dissected every nook and cranny of the residency and natural-born citizenship requirements to become President of the Republic of the Philippines, a timely discussion in the wake of a disqualification case at bar.



An interactive public forum followed suit post the speech of **Director Amado D. “Amading” Valdez**.



Director Bobby Joseph draws the weekly raffle cash prizes with **PD Ner Lonzaga** – Php 1,400, **Rtn. Jun Bella** – Php 1,000 and **Treas. Chito Zaldarriaga**-Php 500, each one of the winners voluntarily donating their cash prizes for the Club's various Service projects.



Pres. Ebot Tan presents to **Director Amado D. "Amading" Valdez** religious icons as the club's token of appreciation for being the guest speaker.

RCM WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Pres. Ebot Tan presents the birthday celebrants PD/AS Alvin Lacambacal & Rtn. Manny Blanco for the traditional blowing of candle on the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World-Famous Chorale of the happy birthday song.

SAGIP KABATAAN FOUNDATION MEETING



Present during the meeting were: **SKFI Pres. Abe Pascual, Pres. Ebot Tan, PD Nick Locsin, Dir. Oscar del Rosario, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, PD Ner Lonzaga, Star Rtn. Vee David, PVP Lance Masters and ES Anna Kun Toledo.**

WF MUSIC CHORALE REHEARSAL



Present during the rehearsal last monday, December 7, 2015 at ccp were: **Chair/PP Babes Reyes, PP Benny Laguesma, Dir. Ning Lopez, PP Cesar Ubaldo, PT Jim Chua, PD Eric Severino, Rtn. Jason Ong and Rtn. Nilo Aventura(not shown in photo).**

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING 2015



Dance interpretation of "Our Father" prayer by **Asilo Children**.



Song and Dance numbers performed by **Asilo Children**.



Christmas Gift Giving 2015 of Sagip Kabataan Foundation at Asilo de San Vicente de Paul held last Thursday Dec 3, 2015 with **PD Abe Pascual, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, Dir. Oscar del Rosario** and **ES Anna Kun Toledo**.



Presentation of P200,000.00 Check of Sagip Kabataan and cash donation of PD Bebot Plneda (2,000.00) and PD Ner Lonzaga (5,000.00).



Presentation of Christmas Card by Children of Asilo de San Vicente de Paul to Rotary Club of Manila and Sagip Kabataan Foundation Inc.



Children of Asilo de San Vicente de Paul with: from R-L Dir. Oscar del Rosario, PD Abe Pascual, IPP/AG Frank Evaristo, Sister Mellie(sister servant of Asilo de San Vicente de Paul) and ES Anna Kun Toledo.





DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016



During the Dec 7, 2015 Area Meeting at the Aloha Hotel, IPP Frank Evaristo, President of Alay Lakad Foundation presented to DG Obet Pagdanganan, witnessed by SR Deputy Governor for Manila - Ricky Valdes and District PR Chair Arlene Velez, the plaque of appreciation to Rotary International District 3810 as the most organized group and for support to Alay Lakad Foundation, DG Obet Pagdanganan and Pres Ebot Tan formally opened the registration for District Conference 2016 to be held from April 1-2, 2016 at Manila Hotel.



DG Obet Pagdanganan and Pres Ebot Tan announce the start of registration for District Conference 2016 to the Presidents of the district



Pres Ebot Tan with **Assistant District Secretary** for Manila Area **PP Vilma Vinluan**, **PP Joe Acebedo** (former District Area Director) and **DGND/COS Rudy Bediones**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016

8 December 2015

Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

The culminating activity of a District Governor is the District Conference, where he presents the state of the district to the Rotary International President's Representative and the Rotary club Presidents / leaders and members in the District.

The last Manila Rotarian who served as District Governor was PDG Frankie Roman in Rotary Year 1999-2000. After Rotary Year 2005-2006, our Club was once again represented in the management hierarchy of Rotary International District 3810 and the Rotary International organization by our esteemed member, Governor Roberto "Obet" M. Pagdanganan.

Our respected Gov Obet has restored the leading position of our Club in the District by binding the different leadership in the District into a unified position of service, making R.I. District 3810 into the "Numero Uno World Class Team, Handog sa Mundo" which effectively fosters the 6 Avenues of Service to the community – 1) Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution; 2) Disease Prevention and Treatment ; 3) Water Sanitation; 4) Maternal and Child Health; 5) Basic Education and Literacy; and 6) Economic and Community Development. His administration has exceeded its goals in membership growth and contributions to The Rotary Foundation because of the unified position the other Rotary clubs in the District have taken.

Let us support our Governor Obet in this last stretch of his outstanding administration of RI District 3810 by registering for the District Conference that will be held in 2016 from 1-2 APRIL 2016 at the Manila Hotel. Incidentally, as is the tradition, our Club, being the home club of the District Governor, will host the event. Registration Fee is Php 3,500.00. Payment may be made in cash, check, or by credit card.

Let us show our fellow Rotarians in the District that we are one with them in service. We shall be circulating periodic updates of payments we receive for DISCON 2016 Registration Fees as acknowledgement of your support.

Thank you very much. We look forward to your active participation and support.

Yours in Rotary,

EUSEBIO V. TAN
President

DISCON 2016 REGISTRATION

Early Bird: December 2015-February 15, 2016 Php 3,500.00
Regular Rate: February 16,2016 – March 16, 2016 Php 3,800.00

Mode of Payment:

- [] Direct payment thru Rotary Club of Manila bank account
Metrobank Anda Circle Branch Account No. _____
- [] Credit card payment (Please call RCM Secretariat for RPS form

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MANILA ROTARIANS APPOINTED TO TOP DISTRICT POSTS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2016-2017



DGE Ernesto Yuyek has officially appointed three (3) Manila Rotarians as part of his All Star Team of District Officers for Rotary Year 2016-2017, namely, AG/IPP Frank Evaristo as Senior Deputy Governor – District 3810 Representative to the Philippine Rotary Magazine, DE/IPS Albert S. Alday as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Deputy Governor for District Publications and SDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo as Chief of Staff of the District Governor. The three (3) Manila Rotarians will carry the banner of Asia's First Rotary Club in district affairs and will assist our PE/VP Teddy Ocampo in making Rotary Year 2016-2017 another successful one for the Rotary Club of Manila as our club moves closer to celebrating its centennial in 2019.

CLUB PRESS RELEASE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

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PEOPLE & EVENTS



HONG KONG ROTARY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Rotary Club of Kowloon East celebrated its 46th anniversary headed by president elect Willy Liu and president Victor Lo at the Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel. The Rotary Club of Manila, the first Rotary club in Asia, was headed by Rotary District 3810 assistant governor and immediate past president Frank Evaristo, with a delegation of 23 members/spouses who witnessed the presentation to president Victor Lo and president elect Willy Liu of the gift and cash donation of the Rotary Club of Manila in support of the projects of RC Kowloon East.



McDonald's Chairman and Founder Dr. George Yang (2nd from the left) received the International Fast Food Chain award from the 25th SKAL International Tourism Personality Awards held at the New World Makati Hotel. Presenting the award were (L-R) SKAL International Makati President Robert Lim Joseph Jr, Awards Committee Chairman Jaime Bautista and New World Makati GM Farid Schouceir.

Through the years, McDonald's remains to be the favorite go-to place of both local and foreign customers for their favorite burgers and fries. For this reason, McDonald's Chairman and Founder Dr. George T. Yang was honored with the International Fast Food Chain award in the 25th SKAL International Tourism Personality Awards, which also marked the 34th founding anniversary of SKAL International Makati. The SKAL International Tourism Personality Awards is an annual event that recognizes the achievements and contributions of exemplary individuals in the Philippine tourism industry.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015



APEC SUMMIT MANIFESTO ON UNCLOS: An official joint manifesto was signed by leading national and international organizations before heads of state attending the 2015 Summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Movement and Alliance to Resist China's Aggression (MARCHA) head former Paranaque Rep. Roilo Golez (seated center) shows said document during a press conference before local and foreign media at the Serye News Forum in Quezon City.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community.
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



PDG VINCE CARLOS

Getting on the Bus

In a crowded city at a busy bus stop, a beautiful young woman wearing a tight leather skirt waited for a bus. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she realized her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to reach the height of the first step of the bus.

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to again take the step, only to discover that she couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step.

Once again, much to her embarrassment, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step.

As this was happening, a large guy who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus. The woman went ballistic, turned to the would-be Samaritan and screeched, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!" The guy smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kind'a figured we were friends."

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The Train Manager and the Complaint

A man had to attend a large convention in Chicago. On this particular trip he decided to bring his wife. When they arrived at their hotel and were shown to their room, the man said: "You rest here while I register - I'll be back within an hour."

The wife lies down on the bed... just then, an elevated train passes by very close to the window and shakes the room so hard she's thrown out of the bed. Thinking this must be a freak occurrence, she lies down once more. Again a train shakes the room so violently, she's pitched to the floor.

Exasperated, she calls the front desk, asks for the manager. The manager says he'll be right up. The manager (naturally) is sceptical but the wife insists the story is true.

"Look, lie here on the bed - you'll be thrown right to the floor!"

So he lies down next to the wife... Just then the husband walks in.

"What," he says in an ominous tone, "are you doing here?"

The manager replies: "Would you believe I'm waiting for a train?"

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Gardening with Grandma

A teenage granddaughter comes downstairs for her date with this see-through blouse on and no bra. Her grandmother just pitched a fit, telling her not to dare go out like that! The teenager tells her 'Loosen up Grams.. These are modern times. You gotta let your rose buds show!' And out she goes.

The next day the teenager comes down stairs, and the grandmother is sitting there with no top on. The teenager wants to die. She explains to her grandmother that she has friends coming over and that it is just not appropriate...The grandmother says, 'Loosen up, Sweetie. If you can show off your rose buds, then I can display my hanging baskets. Happy Gardening!

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Marine Tact

A young Naval Officer was in a terrible car accident, but due to the heroics of the hospital staff the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear. Since he wasn't physically impaired he remained in the military and eventually became an Admiral. However, during his career he was always sensitive about his appearance.

One day the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Sergeant Major for his personal staff.

The first Master Chief was a Surface Navy type and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?"

The Master Chief answered, "Why yes. I couldn't help but notice you are missing your starboard ear, so I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side."

The Admiral got very angry at this lack of tact and threw him out of his office. The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well yes, you seem to be Short one ear."

The Admiral threw him out also.

The third interview was with the Marine Sergeant Major. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead with the same question. "Do you notice anything different about me?" To his surprise, the Sergeant Major said, "Yes. You wear contact lenses."

The Admiral was impressed and thought to himself, what an incredibly tactful Marine. "And how do you know that?" the Admiral asked.

The Sergeant Major replied, "Well sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one f*ckin' ear."

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One word or two?

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time. Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on.

Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asked, rather tentatively. I would like it 'infrequently' she replied.

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, leaned over towards her and whispered - 'Is that one word or two?'

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An Unusual Request

A man walks into the doctor's office and says: "Doctor, my name is Mark, and I'd like to be castrated." "What? Are you sure about this? Why?" asks the doctor, amazed.

"It's something I've been considering a long time and I'd like to have it done" replies Mark. "But have you thought it through? REALLY through?" asks the concerned doctor, "It's a very serious operation and once it's done, there's no going back. It will change your life forever!"

"I'm aware of that and you're not going to change my mind, so please book me in to be castrated or I'll simply use another doctor."

"Well, ok," says the doctor, "But I'll have you know that it's against my better judgment!"

So Mark has his operation, and the next day he is up and walking very slowly, legs apart, down the hospital corridor with his drip stand. Heading towards him is another patient, who is walking exactly the same way.

"Hi there," says Mark. "It looks as if you've just had the same operation as me."

"Yes, it seems like" said the patient, "as for me, I finally decided after 37 years of life that it was time for me to be circumcised."

Mark stared at him in horror and screamed, "Dammit, THAT was the word!!!"

PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



WHEN THE CHILD IS BORN (Happy Christmases then and now)

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

During the first Christmas, our God the Father sent His Only Begotten Son, the Child Jesus in the manger – the real meaning of Christmas. It's His greatest gift to mankind. This article is not about going back to those happy Christmas past. We always woke up at Christmas morning with toys and gifts. Those were the days my friends. Now we're in charge. Our children's happiness and welfare this Christmas is in our hands. This piece is all about remembering children's rights this Christmas and the New Year. For after all, every child is born in image and likeness of Christ.

"Light their way when the darkness surrounds them. And give them love, let it shine all around them." Song from the movie of the same title: *"Bless the Beast and the Children,"* **Barry de Vorzon (1934-)** and **Percy Bodkin Jr. (1933-), American songwriters and composers.**

On December 10, 1974, then President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed into law Presidential Decree 603, otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code. The law provides that *"The child is one of the most important assets of the nation. Every effort should be exerted to promote his welfare and enhance his opportunities for a useful and happy life."*

On June 17, 1992, the Ninth Congress of the Philippines passed Republic Act 7610 or the law providing special protection to children against abuse, exploitation and discrimination. *The law defines children as those who are below 18 or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition.*

In the same year, many countries committed to promote children's rights when they signed up at the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The rights of every child

- A child has the right to be born, to have a name, and nationality;
- To have a loving and caring family;
- To live in a peaceful community and wholesome environment;
- To have adequate food and healthy body;
- To obtain good education and develop his potential;
- The right for play and leisure;
- To be protected from abuse, danger, neglect, violence and exploitation;
- To express his views; and
- To be protected by the government



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