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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
Senator
Republic of the Philippines

KABALITA

Let the Pride of the Solid North show Asia's First Rotary Club and the entire nation how he will "make our country great again" through a "government that seeks to unite and not to divide" and a "government that looks to the future and not to the past" as he stakes his storied life as scion of one of the most powerful political clans in history to rule the archipelago in his bid for the second highest office in the land.



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PROGRAM

RCM's 39th for RY 2015-16

May 5, 2016, Thursday, 12N,

Manila Polo Club McKinley Room

OIC/Moderator: Rtn. Babe Romualdez

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 PM	Registration & Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	Rtn. Babe Romualdez OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PE/VP Teddy Ocampo Presiding Officer
	Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	Rtn. Nilo Aventura
	RCM Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The 4-Way Test Credo	All Rotarians
12:35 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song	STAR Rtn. Ricky Trinidad
		RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants) : May 5.....Dir. Amading Valdez; May 8.....Rtn. Jun Coyiuto Happy Birthday Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	I. Introduction of Inductees to RCM Manila	PE/VP Teddy Ocampo, PT Lito Sibayan
1.	Mr. Wilhelm Bolton (South African) Chief Consultant for Resort Operation & Development- Panglao Land Wealth Development Corporation General Management Consultant, Operation of Eskaya Beach Resort & Spa in Panglao Island, Bohol Consultant, Nigi Nigi Nu-Nuus Resorts in Boracay Classification: Business Service-Resorts Management Proposer: PE/VP Teddy Ocampo	

2. **Mr. Marcus L. Dee** (Filipino)
 General Manager, LIDECO
 Classification: Manufacturing-Waterproofing Materials
 Proposer: **PT Lito Sibayan**

- II. Formal Induction Ceremony **PE/VP Teddy Ocampo,**
 Inducting Officer

Welcome Baby Rotarian Song **RCM WF Music Chorale**

- 12:55 PM Presentation of the Republic of Fiji Flag to Rotary Club of Manila
 thru PE/VP Teddy Ocampo **DE/Dir. Susing Pineda,**
Honorary Consul
 Republic of Fiji

- 12:57PM Introduction of Guest of Honor & Speaker **Rtn. Ani Desierto**
 Address: **Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.**
 Senator, Republic of the Philippines;
 Vice Presidential Aspirant, National & Local Elections 2016

Public Forum
 Raffle of cash prizes
 Response and presentation of token of appreciation
 to **Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.** **DE/Dir. Bobby Joseph**
PE/VP Teddy Ocampo

- 2:00 PM Adjournment

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week, we were enlightened by our Past Director, Former Solicitor General and Former Minister of Justice Estelito “Titong” Mendoza on the historical perspective on the brewing conflict in the South China Sea between the Philippines and China where he strongly recommended that the Philippines should ask for the deferment of the tribunal ruling. This topic of public interest definitely excited the members of our club in a spirited open forum that followed his very informative talk.

On new within our club, I would like remind the incoming officers and directors of our club to register and attend the District Training Assembly 2016 (DISTAS 2016) which we will be hosting on Saturday, May 7, 2016. This will be held at the Philippine Trade Training Center in Pasay City. On this note, let us show support our PE/VP Teddy Ocampo as he heads this worthwhile endeavor. Last Monday, May 2, 2016, several Manila Rotarians gathered at the residence of Secretary Jorge Salazar for a despedida party and fellowship for our PD Armie Aquino who will be leaving again for the US. During this gathering, aside from Secretary Jorge Salazar who hosted the gathering and PD Armie Aquino, Manila Rotarians present were DGND/CoS/PP Rudy Bediones, ICoS/SDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo, ISDG/AG/IPP Frank Evaristo, PE/VP Teddy Ocampo, PP Babes Reyes, PP Boy Ampil, PP Francis Juico, PP Benny Laguesma, Dir. Oca del Rosario, PD Pepo Nuñez, PS Butch Marking, PT Jim Chua, PDSAA Tony Lopa and Rtn. Nilo Aventura.

On news from around the district, last Saturday, April 30, 2016, PE/VP Teddy Ocampo and Dir. Oca del Rosario attended the TRF Management Seminar which was held at the Hotel H2O in Manila. Also present during that event were IDCoS/ISDG/DE/IPS Albert Alday, who was one of the Resource Trainers for the Training Workshop Session and who also introduced DGE Ernesto Yuyek, and ICoS/SDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo who introduced the All Star Presidents from the Manila Area as well as the Pasay Area. During that same day, DGND/CoS/PP Rudy Bediones attended the District Awards 2016 Committee Meeting at the Copacabana Apartment Hotel in Pasay City.

Today, we're back to the election fever as we welcome the frontrunner for the second highest office in the land, the Hon. Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos, Jr., Senator of the Republic of the Philippines where he will talk about his platform and his advocacies in his bid for the Vice Presidency of the Republic of the Philippines. Hence, I encourage each and every Manila Rotarian to take part in the activities of our club in the remaining months of this Rotary year as we promise more diverse and exciting speakers coupled with rowdier fellowships which all of us will surely enjoy.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. has achieved a distinguished career in government, having served in several positions in both the executive and legislative branches of government. For the past 25 years, he has been active in public service, and has always kept his focus on serving the Filipino people.

In 2010, Bongbong won a seat in the Philippine Senate, placing seventh overall. He currently chairs the Senate Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Public Works.

In 2007, Bongbong was elected to Congress, where he was appointed Deputy Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. During his term, he authored the Philippine Archipelagic Baselines Law (Republic Act No. 9522).

From 1998 to 2007, Bongbong served as Governor of Ilocos Norte, where he served for three consecutive terms. During his tenure, he transformed Ilocos Norte into a first-class province of international acclaim, by showcasing its natural and cultural destinations. It was also during his stewardship that Ilocos Norte pioneered wind power technology which, to this day, serves as an alternative source of energy not only for the needs of his province, but for the other parts of Luzon as well.

In 1992, Bongbong served as Congressman in the Second District of Ilocos Norte, during which he authored the law establishing the Philippine Youth Commission. He was also instrumental in advancing the cause of cooperatives by devoting most of his Countryside Development Fund (CDF) to organizing the cooperatives of teachers and farmers in his home province. Prior to that, he served as Governor of Ilocos Norte from 1983 to 1986, a post he assumed after being elected Vice-Governor of the province in 1981.

Bongbong attended the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA, where he has earned units towards a Masters in Business Administration degree. He also completed his undergraduate studies in Oxford University in England graduating with a Special Diploma in Social Studies.

He is married to lawyer Louise Araneta-Marcos with whom he has three sons: Sandro, Simon, and Vincent.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Presiding Officer PE/VP Teddy Ocampo calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Jack Rodriguez as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities.



Rtn. Cris Acosta delivers an ecumenical prayer.



PD Knud Hedeager leads fellow Rotarian in renewing its commitment to the Rotary Credo by reciting the Four (4) Way Test.



STAR Rtn. Lutz Kunack introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



PD Beda Fajardo does the honor and pleasure of introducing RCM PD Atty. Estelito "Titong" P. Mendoza, Former Solicitor General of the Republic of the Philippines, Former Minister of Justice, Republic of the Philippines, Founding Partner, E.P. Mendoza Law Office, Past Director, Rotary Club of Manila, guest speaker.



Former Solicitor General and Former Minister of Justice RCM PD Atty. Estelito "Titong" Mendoza presented before Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests, the history as well as his thoughts on the South China Sea Conflict between China and the Philippines and recommended that the Philippines should ask for the deferment of the tribunal ruling.



An interactive public forum followed suit after the speech of RCM PD Atty. Estelito "Titong" P. Mendoza.



PE/VP Teddy Ocampo presents to **RCM PD Atty. Estelito "Titong" P. Mendoza**, a religious icon of Jesus Christ and Mother and Child as the club's token of appreciation for being the guest speaker. Also in photo are: **PP Archib Bartolome**, **Rtn. Jack Bautista**, **DG Obet Pagdanganan**, **Ms. Susan Mendoza**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **Rtn. Cris Acosta** and **IPP/AG Frank Evaristo**.



PE/VP Teddy Ocampo, presents the club banerette to 1st time visiting Rotarian **Terrence Annamunthodo**, **RC of Kowloon Golden**.



Manila Rotarians in a posterity photo with Guest Speaker and RCM Past Director Atty. Estelito P. Mendoza. Seen in photo from L-R: IPP/AG Frank Evaristo, DG Obet Pagdanganan, Atty. Estelito P. Mendoza, Ms. Susan Mendoza, PE/VP Teddy Ocampo and PP Archit Bartolome.

PE/VP Teddy Ocampo, welcomes and leads the guest speaker and a past director of RCM Atty. Estelito Mendoza, during the arrival at the RCM Luncheon Meeting at Manila Polo Club, April 28, 2016.

FELLOWSHIP

Despedida dinner in honor of PD Armie Aquino - hosted by Sec. George and Cherryl Salazar last May 2 at Bel Air II, Makati residence with RCM World Famous Chorale.



Those who attended were: District Gov. Nominee Designated Rudy Bediones, PP Babes Reyes, PP Francis Juico, PP Cesar Ubaldo, PE/VP Teddy Ocampo, IPP/AG Frank Evaristo, Dir. Oscar del Rosario, Sec. George Salazar, PS Butch Marking, PT Jim Chua, PDSAA Tony Lopa, PD Pepo Nunez, Rtn. Nilo Aventura, PP Boy Ampil, PP Benny Laguesma and PD Armie Aquino.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



UNDERSTANDING ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS

BY PVP DSAA LANCE MASTERS

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who make cash contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) through the Annual Fund or PolioPlus, or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant such as a Global Grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. (Contributions to the Rotary International or Club Endowment Funds are not eligible.) Donors can transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow but do not qualify as contributions towards Major Donor status. Points do not count the same as actual cash contributions.

As you know, to become a “Paul Harris Fellow,” you must contribute USD \$1,000. You must personally contribute a minimum of USD \$500 and the remaining requirement may be matched with Recognition Points, transferred from another member. These points are not like cash. There are members in our club and friends of our club who have accumulated many “Foundation Recognition Points” through their generous cash contributions to the Rotary Foundation, accumulating Recognition Points equal to the actual dollars they contributed to TRF. They may agree to donate a minimum of 100 points to others to encourage them to make or continue to make actual cash contributions to TRF, helping them become initial Paul Harris fellows, or to progress through the levels of “Multiple Paul Harris Fellows.” For example, we have many members of our club who contributed USD \$500 cash that were matched with a gift of 500 Recognition Points literally designated by another, allowing the recipient member to become a PHF or advance through the Multiple PHF levels. It is important to understand that these points are not actual dollars. They are just points that generous members voluntarily designate to others.

Individual donors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from their individual account, and club presidents are the only ones allowed to transfer recognition points from a club account. In each case, an Official Rotary Foundation Recognition and Transfer Request form must be duly filled up and submitted to TRF. Our Club Secretariat can assist in completion of the forms (TRF Form 102), which are also downloadable from this link from members signed into “MyRotary” at the Rotary web site: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give/recognition>

Foundation Recognition Points belong to the original cash donor but expire upon the death of the donor unless previously transferred or used by the donor directly. Major donor points do not expire upon death but instead are transferred the control of a surviving spouse. So, donate points to others NOW to help encourage them to give more, especially to get all of our members to become PHF.

Designated Club leaders can view an online Club Recognition Summary, which includes the historical record of recognition amounts, recognition points, current PHF levels, and the date that level was achieved for each club member. Through your personal "MyRotary" account, you can view your own personal contribution history. You can also request a copy of your Donor History report from TRF by emailing rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org. In that summary you can see the PHF recognition that you have accumulated through your personal contributions and recognition points that you have been given by others. Available points are those that you can designate to others to help them in their ascent into base or multiple PHF.

It is important to contribute both cash to the Foundation every year, and to designate points to others to both help them attain PHF recognition and to help our club reach our Annual Fund target and maybe even to become a 100% PHF club status. Many people are surprised that the oldest club in Asia, with all of its high-profile members, has never achieved that target.

If you would like to become a PHF or advance to another level, please contribute NOW. If you want assistance from points contributed by another member, just inform me or our club secretariat. We can find those who will happily make (usually) anonymous donations of Recognition Points to you. You cannot use your own points to advance yourself, but you can let us know if you are willing to donate them to others. Their only value is to help others!

Here is a summary of the recognition levels for Multiple PHF Fellows:

- \$1,000 to 1,999.99 – plain pin
- \$2,000 to 2,999.99 – one sapphire
- \$3,000 to 3,999.999 – two sapphires
- \$4,000 to 4,999.99 – three sapphires
- \$5,000 to 5,999.99 – four sapphires
- \$6,000 to 6,999.99 – five sapphires
- \$7,000 to 7,999.99 – one ruby
- \$8,000 to 8,999 – two rubies
- \$9,000 to 9,999 – three rubies

Cash and points can take you all the way there. However, to become a major donor, your personal cash contributions must be USD \$10,000 or more.

Please consider making a gift to the Rotary Foundation now. Thank you.

POPE WITH ROTARIANS



Rotary members attend Jubilee Audience at the Vatican

Pope Francis thanks Rotary for its efforts to end polio and urged members to continue to vaccinate against the paralyzing disease

April 30, 2016

VATICAN CITY —Nearly 9,000 members of Rotary from across the globe attended the Jubilee Audience at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square on 30 April 2016 at the invitation of Pope Francis.

At the end of the Audience, a delegation of Rotary members – led by Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran – met Pope Francis where he emphasized the importance of vaccinations against polio and urged Rotary to continue.

Pope Francis follows Paul VI and John Paul II in connecting with Rotary to encourage their support of a more peaceful and compassionate world.

"It is a tremendous honor to be part of this Jubilee Audience," said Ravindran. "Pope Francis has inspired men and women throughout the world – regardless of their faith – with his humble acts of kindness. His call to alleviate the root causes of extreme poverty and human suffering transcends religion, age, nationalism and politics. Rotary members from every religion, nation and creed share Pope Francis' spirit of mercy and compassion, which inspires us to act boldly to address the most difficult challenges facing our world today."

By promoting peace, fighting disease, ending polio, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, supporting education, saving mothers and children and growing local economies, Rotary members are improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are on the brink of making global health history as polio is slated to become the second human disease ever to be eliminated. Cases of this paralyzing but vaccine preventable disease have plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year in 1988, to 74 confirmed in 2015. Since launching its Polio Plus program in 1985, Rotary has donated US\$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. More than 13 million people are able to walk today, who would otherwise have been paralyzed from polio.

Pope Francis personally vaccinated a child against polio in Mexico this past February. While he was Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis was named an honorary member of Rotary – making him the first known pope to receive and accept a Rotary club membership.

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About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit rotary.org and endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio. Video and still images will be available at rotary.thenewsmarket.com.

SPECIAL CHILDREN PROJECT



Dear fellow Rotarian,

Please be advised that our Hospicio Special Children outing, scheduled for this Wed, has been postponed upon request of Hospicio Administration. The tentative date is June 8. We will advise everyone of the final date and venue.

***PD PHIL ONG, Chairman,
Special Children Committee***

The Rotary Foundation



Delegates of the Rotary Club of Manila to the RY 2016-2017 The Rotary Foundation Management Seminar held at Hotel H2O, Manila. The delegates, **PE/VP Teddy Ocampo** and **Dir Oscar A. del Rosario**, received their certificates from **DGE Ernesto Yuyek** and **IDT/PDG Karen Tamayo** while fellow Manila Rotarians **IDCoS/ISDG Albert Singson Alday**, who was a Resource Trainer at the Training Workshop Session, and **ICoS Cesar Ubaldo** look on.



Manila Rotarians **IDCoS/ISDG/DE/IPS Albert Alday**, **ICoS/SDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo**, **Dir. Oca del Rosario** and **PE/VP Teddy Ocampo** with **IDCC/AG Joyce Ambray** at The Rotary Foundation Management Seminar held at Hotel H2O in Manila last April 30, 2016.

DISTAS 2016



MANILA ROTARIANS HOST

DISTAS 2016

By

IDCoS/ISDG/DE/IPS Albert S. Alday

As a fitting testimony to the emerging role of our club, the Rotary Club of Manila, the First in Asia, in district affairs, it is with great pride that we play host to the District Training Assembly 2016 (DISTAS 2016). The event, which is one of the mandatory activities of Rotary International, takes place on May 7, 2016 at the Philippine Trade Training Center, Sen Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City. Registration begins at 7:00 am and training starts at 8:00 am.

The DISTAS provides the venue for Club Presidents-Elect to develop their leadership skills and for incoming club leaders to learn their new responsibilities, affording them the opportunity to refine their goals for the incoming Rotary year. The highlight of this year's DISTAS is the keynote address of a renowned Rotarian whose ways of conducting seminars have made him a much sought after speaker in many a Rotary gathering, Dato Dr. Siva Ananthan of District 3300.

Registration Fee is Php 1,500.00/participant until April 27, 2016. Thereafter, until May 4, 2016, the registration fee is Php 1,800.00/participant. There will be no onsite registration for this event. Payment details are as follows:

Account Name: Rotary International District 3810
Bank Name: Philippine National Bank, Masangkay Branch
Branch Account Number: 1671-01536-1

Deposit slips and registration form should be faxed to 5271885 or emailed to rcmanila@rcmanila.org.
The attire for this activity is dark coat and tie for men and coat or blazer for ladies.

All incoming officers and directors should support this activity by registering for this event as we all endeavor to be one in Rotary Serving Humanity this coming Rotary Year 2016-2017.

IN THE MAILBOX

Dear RCMers,

As Thursday, May 5th, is my last Thursday in the Philippines allow me to say goodbye and thank you all for the kind friendship and warm welcome to the Philippines.

After completing my 3 year contract as AIMs President, Veronica and I decided to return to Hong kong. I have accepted a position as Senior Adviser to the President of the Hong kong University of Science and Technology. In addition I have resumed my consulting and leadership teaching activity. You can be certain I will rejoin a Rotary club but will remain a member of the RCM thru June. Now you all have another good rotary friend in Hong Kong. I will miss you all and the great enthusiasm of RCM.

Maraming Salamat Po.

Cheers,

Steve Dekrey
Past President
RC Kowloon
Occasional member of the RCM World Famous
Music Chorale
Major Donor
P.P. Special thanks to PDG Vince Carlos for sponsoring my membership



CLUB NEWS RELEASE



B14 TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016



MENDOZA AT ROTARY MEET: Lawyer Estelito Mendoza, former minister of justice, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Manila First in Asia held at Manila Polo Club recently. He talked on Philippine territorial dispute with the People's Republic of China. In photo are (from left) **DG Obet Pagdanganan**, **Susan Mendoza**, **President Elect Teddy Ocampo**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **Rtn. Cris Acosta** and **IPP/AG Frank Evaristo**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



PDG VINCE CARLOS

Good-bye Grandpa

A father put his 3 year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which ended by saying, "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma, and good-bye Grandpa."

The father asked, "Why did you say good-bye Grandpa?"

The little girl said, "I don't know daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do."

The next day grandpa died. The father thought it was a strange coincidence.

A few months later the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers which went like this, "God bless Mommy, God Bless Daddy and good-bye Grandma."

The next day the grandmother died.

"Holy crap" thought the father, "this kid is in contact with the other side."

Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed, the dad heard her say, "God bless Mommy and good-bye Daddy."

He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office.

He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be okay. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound. Finally midnight arrived; he breathed a sigh of relief and went home.

When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late. What's the matter?"

He said, "I don't want to talk about it, I've just spent the worst day of my life."

She said, "You think you had a bad day, you'll never believe what happened to me. This morning my golf pro dropped dead in the middle of my lesson!"

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Four Retirees Visit A Bar

Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents."

They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other.

They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them.

They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same."

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the

Bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retirees from Philippines. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price..."

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The Redneck and the Gorilla

A small zoo in Oklahoma had a very rare species of gorilla. Within a few weeks the gorilla, a female, became very difficult to handle. Upon examination, the veterinarian determined the problem. The gorilla was in season. To make matters worse, there was no male gorilla available.

Thinking about their problem, the Zoo Keeper thought of Bobby Lee Walton, a redneck part-time worker responsible for cleaning the animal cages. Bobby Lee, like most rednecks, had little sense but possessed ample ability to satisfy a female of any species. The Zoo Keeper thought they might have a solution.

Bobby Lee was approached with a proposition. Would he be willing to mate with the gorilla for \$500.00? Bobby Lee showed some interest, but said he would have to think the matter over carefully. The following day, he announced that he would accept their offer, but only under four conditions:

1. "First", Bobby Lee said, "I ain't gonna kiss her on the lips." The Keeper quickly agreed to this condition.
2. "Second", he said, "You can't never tell no one about this." The Keeper again readily agreed to this condition.

3. "Third", Bobby Lee said, "I want all the chil'drun raised as Baptist." Once again it was agreed.

4. "And last of all", Bobby Lee stated, "You gotta give me another week to come up with the \$500.00."

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Russian Immigrant

A Russian arrives in New York City as a new immigrant to the United States. He stops the first person he sees walking down the street and says,

"Thank you Mr. American for letting me into this country, giving me housing, food stamps, free medical care, and a free education!"

The passerby says, "You are mistaken, I am a Mexican .."

The man goes on and encounters another passerby . "Thank you for having such a beautiful country here in America ."

The person says, "I not American, I Chinese."

The new arrival walks farther, and the next person he sees he stops, shakes his hand, and says,

"Thank you for wonderful America !"

That person puts up his hand and says, "I am from Middle East. I am not American.

"He finally sees a nice lady and asks, "Are you an American?" She says, "No, I am from Africa .

"Puzzled, he asks her, "Where are all the Americans?"

The African lady checks her watch and says, "Probably at work."

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Missing Wife Found

The day after his wife disappeared In a kayaking accident, an Anchorage man answered his door to find two grim-faced Alaska State Troopers.

"We're sorry Mr. Wilkens, but we have some information about your wife", said one of the troopers.

"Tell me! Did you find her?, Wilkens exclaimed."

The troopers looked at each other.

One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, Mr. Wilkens said, "Give me the bad news first."

The trooper said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in Kachemak Bay."

"Oh my God!", exclaimed Wilkens.

Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The trooper continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 12 twenty-five-pound king crabs and 6 good-sized Dungeness crabs clinging to her, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. Wilkens demanded, "If that's the good news, then what's the great news?"

The trooper replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."

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The Criminal and the Old Man

A fleeing criminal, desperate to escape the police, runs into the desert with hardly any water. Very soon, he runs out of drinking water, and hours later, he is already podding under the merciless desert sun.

He is close to desperation when suddenly sees something far off in the distance. Hoping against hope that it is water, he starts running towards what he thinks is an oasis, only to find a little old man with a little stand, full of ties.

"Hey you, do you have water?" Pants the criminal.

The old man replied, 'I have already finished my water, but would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5.'

The criminal, frustrated shouted, 'you moron! Do I look like I need a tie? I should kill you right here, but I have to find some water first!'

'There's no call for threats, 'said the old tie seller indignantly, 'but even though you don't want to buy one of my ties and you treat me like this, I'll help you. If you continue over that hill for about 3 miles, you'll find a restaurant with great food and all the ice cold water you can drink. Good luck!'

Muttering in disgust, the criminal staggered away over the hill. Several hours later the other man sees him crawling on the dune back towards him. When he finally arrives, he lays on his back, panting.

"Everything ok?" asked the tie salesman as he bends over to hear the raspy whisper of the other man.

"They won't let me in without a tie..."

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WE'RE READY TO VOTE FOR OUR LEADERS

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"The domain of leaders is the future. The leader's unique legacy is the creation of valued institutions that survive over time. The most significant contribution leaders make is not simply to today's bottom line; it is the long-term development of people and institutions so they can adapt, change, prosper, and grow." **James Kouzes and Barry Posner, American bestselling authors of "The Leadership Challenge" and professors of leadership at the Sta. Clara, University**

The inspiration for this article is drawn from the book "The Leadership Challenge." The book was published in 1987 and sold over 2 million copies and was translated to 20 languages. The bestseller celebrated its 5th edition in 2012.

In 1983, the authors did extensive research to analyze thousands of personal leadership experiences. They found similar patterns of action and thus they were able to formulate a model of leadership. On May 9, it's time for us to choose our leaders. Let us look into this model because it will help us make a wise and intelligent choice.

Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership

1. **Model the Way.** Leadership is something that is learned and earned. It is not something one is born with. **The most fundamental way in which leaders earn and sustain is through credibility.** They do what they say they will do. They set an example. A leader clarifies his values and he finds a voice that clearly expresses his values. In this May elections, one basic criterion should be borne in mind: **The leaders of our country should represent what the Philippines stands for.**
2. **Inspire a Shared Vision.** This is a two-part practice: First, the **leader should have a vision of the future** by imagining and believing in an exciting, highly attractive future for the organization (the country). He must show confidence that he can make that vision come true. Second, the **leader must have intimate knowledge of people's dreams, aspirations, hopes, visions, and values.**
3. **Challenge the Process.** He is somebody who explores for change for the good, if not for the better. **The leader therefore must challenge the current process.** Thus, he should be somebody who is innovative. He must be in constant search for improvement and growth. **He is somebody who listens to the people in the front lines.**
4. **Enable Others to Act.** Success requires team effort, group collaboration, and individual accountability. The authors devised a simple test around it: To determine whether someone is on the road to becoming a leader, they simply count the number of times the person uses the word, "we."
5. **Encourage the Heart.** This refers to the genuine acts of caring to uplift the spirits of people. It is the celebration of values and victories via the spirit of community.

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