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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER

A remarkable but traditional event unfolded, bringing together the esteemed members of our Rotary Club of Alabang. The agenda for this business and fellowship gathering was to commence the strategic planning for the upcoming Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Additionally, this was the final event of the year where the official handover of our club from President Roc Blumenthal to President-Elect Daniel "Tak" Hission would occur. Club members arrived early and discussion was lively as attendees eagerly awaited the unveiling of future plans.

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President's Message



Roc Blumenthal

2X President, RY2021-RY2023



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DEAR MEMBERS & ANNS,

With the end of Rotary Year 2022-23 comes the end of my term as president, so this is my last message column for the newsletter, although I may be submitting articles from now on.

The great news is that the Global Grant for Potable Water Dispensing for the Southville 3A Elementary and High School has been approved, and hopefully we will be able to get the water fountains in place by the start of the new school year. Along with the Pillar Grant we already have for purchasing more desks for the high school and the previous water, and refurbishment projects we've completed in those schools, we continue to make it easier for the children there to learn and grow to reach their potential and their dreams.

We also had our final meeting for my term where we had a strategic planning discussion and I handed over the gavel and bell to President Tak. There are a lot of exciting projects we can choose to do in the next Rotary Year in addition to the Pillar and Global Grant projects but doing them will require your personal help and participation to be People of Action and to put Service above self. President Tak will have much more to say about this as he begins his term. Please give him the help and support he needs to guide us and our club to accomplish our goals. Remember that this club is only as good as we make it together.

As for me, it's been my honor and privilege to be the president of our club for the past two years. I am humbled by the achievements of the members of our club over a long history and proud to have been able to play a role in making our future. You'll find a summary of the projects we were able to complete this year in this newsletter. I hope it makes you feel as happy and proud as I do about what our club was able to achieve by putting service above self to help the people in our community and all over the Philippines. I've made new lifelong friends among my clubmates and have learned a huge amount during my term about Rotary and the Philippines. Now I look forward to moving into my new role as a past president and working as a club member with President Tak to make things even better for Rotary Year 2023-24 while having fun being with everyone in the club.

Sincerely and forever yours,


ROC BLUMENTHAL



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The event, held in Pacaya Room of Palms Country Club on June 29, 2023, exuded an air of sophistication and professionalism. It was an event that would start to shape the future of the organization for the upcoming Rotary year.

It started as all Rotary meetings start, with an invocation, the playing of the National Anthem, and the reciting of the Rotarian Pledge/Four Way Test, and a review of the birthday and anniversaries of club members and their Anns in June.

Then the strategic review began with outgoing president, Roc, describing the achievements and club's financial status for the current term. Roc highlighted the club's growth, initiatives, and the collective efforts that had led to its success and everyone talked about how to make things even better. All members listened intently and participated through the lively presentation.

The discussion continued on to possible activities and ideas for the upcoming Rotary year. Both Roc and Tak reviewed the ongoing projects of the club and the new activities and initiatives we might consider doing together, all of which was accompanied by thoughtful discussion between everyone there considering how these items supported our task of putting Service Before Self and being People of Action. These activities encompassed a range of initiatives, including collaborations with global partners, helping our target communities to improve their situations, and fostering a culture of learning.

At the end of the meeting, the symbolic handover ceremony took place, signifying the official transfer of power. Roc told the club that it had been an honor and pleasure serving as its president, and looked forward to working with Tak on creating the future. He then passed on the gavel to Tak,

symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the presidency.

This gesture represented the trust and confidence bestowed upon Tak by Roc and the organization as a whole. Tak, the newly elected president, took center stage and outlined his vision for the upcoming Rotary year to steer the organization towards greater heights.

The members applauded, expressing their gratitude for Roc's remarkable leadership and warmly welcoming Tak as the new president. The handover ceremony served as a testament to the organization's seamless transition and the collective commitment to its future endeavors.

The event left everyone in attendance inspired and excited about the future. The strategic planning session and presidential handover marked a significant milestone, highlighting the organization's evolution and its unwavering dedication to progress. As the attendees dispersed, they carried with them a renewed sense of purpose, ready to embark on a transformative journey under the visionary leadership of President Daniel "Tak" Hission.

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Members of Rotary Club of Alabang, Strategic Planning and Presidential Handover Ceremony, June 29, 2023 at The Palms Country Club, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City

The Scent of Happiness



Thank You, Lord!

A Father's Day Tribute to a Brother

(From a Different Mother...& Father😊)

Thank you, Lord! It's a loud and crisp voice you hear every time a good or safe outcome happens! This constant feedback I heard and observed when this writer and spouse joined my de facto brother Bong Tolledo and his equally loving wife 'Kumareng' Cyril for a vacation trip. FYI, I am the godfather to their eldest son Jako. Before that, we were high school classmates, became part of close buddies in a group and remained closer as our life-journey continued.

"Thank you, Lord!" is Bong's truest, sincerest and deepest appreciation to his Creator! His adult life journey began when he started raising a family and it went through a lot of very tough and challenging times! Today, he and wife have accomplished a chapter that parents are all proud of - successfully finishing their 3 children up to collegiate education! And one of many simple but happy ways to celebrate is to freely choose whatever they want, wherever they want! Parents responsibility to kids? Check! Done! Celebrate? Yes! Thank Heavens and ask for continued guidance? Yes!

Those 2 'Yes' answers we as a couple were lucky to take part of that experience! Bong on a 2 weeks advance notice asked us to join them. It's difficult to say no! Why? It's 'Mareng' Cyril's first entry to the world of outdoor camping! Like my wife Myrna, the planning & decision-making was unilateral! ('dictatorial' would be too harsh to write!) I told Bong, let his wife learn the ropes first of camping. Boy Scout's camping training is at the opposite end of their minds! And i wrote it on my Mother's Day tribute!🙏🏻

After 2 days of a relaxed strolling and romancing the chilly Baguio weather, we headed to Cyril's chosen camping site in HD Mountainville, Benguet - a few kilometers downhill driving back to the lowland. It was a mother's successful mental-to-actual creation! But it's her gift to her loving and super loyal husband, my de facto brother - Bong Tolledo!

"Thank you Lord!" If I were to summarize "Why?" Bong keeps on saying that! He can add more!

- ✓ Successfully raised by a widowed mother.
- ✓ Believes he is handsome and we all agree.
- ✓ Only child but surrounded with friends whom he considered siblings
- ✓ Married to a lovely, beautiful wife who remained unconditionally committed to their vow.
- ✓ Proud father after "mission accomplished" for all 3 kids finishing college degrees!
- ✓ Keeps his strong faith as a proven weapon against all the toughest challenges he endured big or small - including the weather!



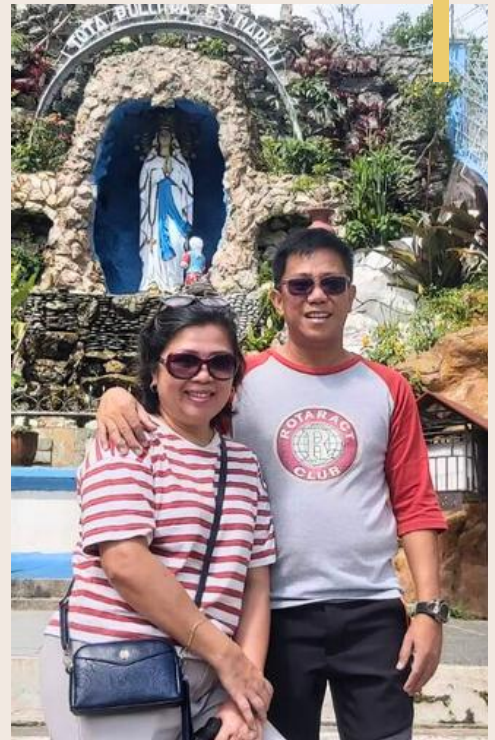
The last word was a moment where we almost aborted our camping plan due to strong rainfall! In the end, "Thank You, Lord!" was blurted out in the open panoramic mountain view by Bong as once it subsided, we had a calm, cold, foggy, burpy, starry night of camping of awesome proportion! Videos were shared on social media almost on the spot! True happiness and excitement cannot be denied! 😊

Driving home and smarting from a wonderful experience, more bonding through camping to come, as Bong expressed. And this writer does hope and pray that the couple will continue to be blessed and guided by Divine Providence. The couple exemplified their unwavering faith and humility by dropping by Padre Pio Basilica Shrine in Batangas, Carmelite 'Pink Sisters' Church in Baguio and Our Lady of Manaoag Church in Pangasinan. It's "Thank you, Lord!" to all their journey - in words and in deeds!

Happy Father's Day. Thank You, Lord! 🙏❤️

NOEL GUEVARA

Past President RY '17-'18
Rotary Club Alabang

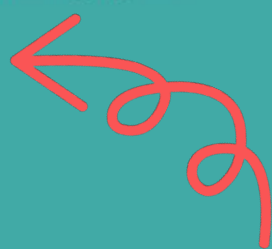


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To all of you who attended last night, I would like to give you my heartfelt thanks for helping make the evening one to remember. It reminded me of days gone by.

To those who weren't able to attend, hope to see you soon.

It was great to reconnect with Rotarian friend such as Amb Clem, Sonny, Hans, Diony who I haven't seen in a while. For those not mentioned, I have seen you all since the end of COVID.

Looking forward to a fantastic Rotary Year ahead.

DANIEL "TAK" HISSION

President Elect
RY 2022-23

Strategic Planning Activities & Breads Donation

MAJOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Completed of Southville 3A Elementary School water international project, co-sponsored with RC Bettendorf, IA, USA
- Completed of replacement of 120 desks for Southville 3A National High School Pillar grant with RC Cheonan Cheongnyeon, Korea
- Recruited 5 new members and re-instated 3 prior members.
- Sponsored and hosted the Christmas Celebration at Bagong Paraiso
- Co-sponsored Bagong Paraiso 37th Anniversary celebration
- Held 38th Club Anniversary / Valentine's Day Celebration Picnic, Palms
- Supported Thanksgiving Celebration (Holy Mass, Dinner) for Fr. Rocky @ Tuloy

DISTRICT EVENTS

- Co-hosted RIP Jennifer Jones visit to Tuloy., Co-sponsored National Children's Day Celebration in 2022 and 2023, Donated of P10,000 to the district account for Abra Relief, 5 MVV Health Caravan/Medical Missions, End Polio Caravan in Laguna area

INTERNATIONAL

- Visit from sister clubs RC Chiba-Makuhari, Japan and RC Cheonan Cheongnyeon, Korea, Hosted Johannes Traub, RC Münster International, Germany and Aneesha Dalmia, Rotary Club of Delhi Premier, India, Visited with RC Palo Alto/University in Palo Alto, Ca., USA and RC Lenzburg in Lenzburg, Switzerland

ROTARACT/RCC

- PUSO: AN ACT OF LOVE" event in Barangay Cupang, SANDUGUAN: Bloodletting project, Tinig Homes Bayanan and San Pedro Laguna/Purok 6 Bayanan/Alabang-Bayanan Creek/BAGYONG-PAENG relief effort for San Pedro.communities, Hosted RY2022-23 Rotaract Induction, Project Adbokashi, Parish Paalay Kids Feeding

VOCATIONAL

- Job Fair and Forum

HYGIENE AND SCHOOLS

- Distribute school supplies, hygiene kits, and bread to students and teachers, Hygiene program for Barangay San Antonio, School Supplies Turnover for LAKAS community.

FEEDING/RELIEF

- Multiple months support for Southville 3A Elementary school feeding program, Feeding Program and School Opening in Narvacan, Food Aid / Feeding Project with (VIRAL), Relief Operation in Noveleta, Feeding Program of Calegu IS

MEDICAL

- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening events, San Simeon Medical Mission, MAHAL NAMIN SI BABY AT SI MOMMY, Donate Blood event

SCHOOL

- 6TH TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION 2022, Anti-bullying Awareness event, Fund Raising event for Scholars of Southridge Afternoon School, First 1000 Days of Life @ Sitio Cogunan Day Care Center

Strategic Planning Activities & Breads Donation

Bread donations and associated events made possible due to the generosity of Dir. Jun Umali and Gardenia Bread

ROTARY YEAR	TOTAL BREADS DONATED	TOTAL EVENTS JOINED
2022-2023	15,581	83

MONTH	BREADS DONATED	EVENTS JOINED
July	1490	8
August	1620	6
September	1368	6
October	1800	10
November	2003	12
December	250	6
January	400	3
February	1100	6
March	2000	8
April	200	2
May	1500	8
June	1850	8



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starts with paying our membership fees**



Rotaractor's Report

This month is the last month of the Rotary Year 2022 – 2023 and we are delighted to end this term with an impactful project. On June 11 together with the Rotaract Club of Muntinlupa Central headed by CP Vince Naval and Ness Ombi, we joined with IPDRR Louize Laine Antonio, we throw 1,500 bokashi balls to the Laguna Lake in Baywalk, Bayanan, Muntinlupa City. In partnership with the Lake Management Office, we received the water test after the first bokashi ball throwing and we are delighted to share that the Saline level of the lake became lower than the first water test before the bokashi ball throwing. They also reported that the non-existent fish was regained after the bokashi ball throwing. With that, it inspires us and drives us to continue the project. It gives us hope that with consistency, there will be changes. It melts our hearts knowing that in every bokashi ball that we throw, we create impact and hope for our environment.

June 11 in the afternoon is our Year End report at the Barangay Pilar in Las Pinas City. We reported our accomplished project and gained bits of advice and recommendation from our panelists. This year-end report inspires us to create more flagship projects that will contribute to the club and help the people in our community.

As the term ends today upon writing it, I want to thank the Rotary Club of Alabang for trusting us, Rotaract Club of Alabang – Bagong Paraiso on our project. We were not able to do what we have accomplished without your ever-loving support. To you, MIP Roc, we thank you for believing in what we can do. Our dear Rotarians helped us to be inspired, to reach more people and communities, and to continue what we build.

I'm glad to share that alongside my 3rd term of presidency, I'm appointed to be the Rotary Foundation Chair of the Rotaract District 3830. Let us start our term with a blast full of hope and fab!

Rotaract 
Club of Alabang - Bagong Paraiso

CHARLENE MAE JALECO

Marvelous Imaginative President
Rotaract Club of Alabang - Bagong Paraiso
Rotary Year 2022-23





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JULY

NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

1	Sat	CHILDREN'S DAY AT ROTARY HOMES
2	Sun	Cely Manas' Birthday
3	Mon	District Handover, 6pm, Dusit Thani Manila
6	Thu	BOD Meeting - TBD
8	Sat	PDG Ed Afzelius' Birthday
16	Sun	Carmen Afzelius' Birthday
17	Mon	Nenette Coloma's Birthday
19	Wed	Papoose Olizon's Birthday
20	Thu	Fellowship Meeting - TBD
21	Fri	Royce Fabela's Birthday

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