



Rotary Club of Alabang

THE SCORESHEET.

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Making Your Club Irresistible

In this month's newsletter, we explore the key take-aways from Past District Governor's Jimmy Cura's Presentation on how the Rotary Club of Rizal West, a 43-year old club, continues to grow and remain relevant.

1. Two Fundamental Doctrines

– Rotary involvement is a twofold personal investment to grow as

individuals and leaders (**continuing growth**) and to make a real difference (**continuing relevance**).

– **Learning and Practicing** Service Above Self is a continuing Work in Progress.

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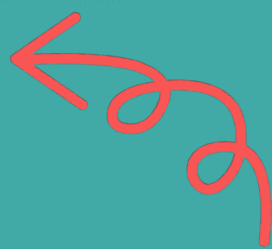


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President's Message

Dear Members and Anns,

Hope things are going well for everyone as we finish up the third quarter of this Rotary year and enter the final quarter.

The month started with members attending the celebration of PP Fr. Rocky's 80th birthday on March 6th at Tuloy sa Don Bosco. A special Mass was held, followed by a concert by the children at Tuloy. This was capped by a party in their Culinary Center where local governmental officials, Tuloy Board members, and supporters of the activity gathered to give their best wishes to Fr. Rocky.

We have four potential new members from the February recruitment event on track for an admission decision. One candidate, Pat Webb, has attended three meetings already. The other candidates will be attending additional meetings in April to get to know us and for us to get to know them. Mon and I are also planning the second member recruitment event for April.

The club participated with Gardenia to donate bread to three major events in March: 800 loaves for FundRaising event for less privileged Scholars of Southridge Afternoon School w/Southridge Afternoon Class Parents (Nautilus Batch), 300 loaves Bread Donation for Narvacan, 500 Loaves for Anti-bullying Campaign Awareness event w/RCMPM, along with our donations to ALIG for Fresh Start Friday at Southville 3A Elementary School (for 150 loaves) and



for their feeding program at both the elementary and High School (250 loaves).

Discon was held at the PICC with several members attending. PDG Edwin was chairman of the Rotary District Business Session and PP Narmel was a star performer at the Victorian-themed Governor's Ball. There were training events and concerts to keep everyone entertained during the three-day event. See PP Noel's column for more details.

Until next month,

Cheers,

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Another Milestone

by Rotarian John Kerr

A milestone in any human's existence is reaching and celebrating their 80th birthday. So it was on March 6th with Father Rocky sharing his special day in the 30th year of Tuloy's existence that owes everything to his passion, commitment, innovation and execution.

To quote: Vision without Action is merely a dream. Action without a Vision merely passes the time. A Vision with Action can change the world!

The very definition of Father Rocky these past 30 years, recognizing his religious credentials during the preceding 30 years.

As ever, Father Rocky wanted to showcase the children and they didn't disappoint. From angelic choir to rocking singers and dancers, the children put on a spectacular display for all those gathered to celebrate Father's once in a lifetime day.

Members of staff from past years travelled from afar. Board Members were joined by the Chairman of the Board who flew in from Hong Kong especially. Also attending was a former Government



Cabinet Member that used to be on the Tuloy Board. Benefactors, Rotarians and Friends were all treated to Mass and then a delightful dinner catered by Jessie, a long-time supporter of Tuloy.

The evening was capped off by the Plantida Program whereby the children presented departing guests with a hand painted potted plant they prepared themselves to symbolize continued growth and development. The underlying mantra of Tuloy.

Let's wish Father a healthy and happy future!





DisCon2023 – Service Tour de Force, Indeed!

Almost dragging my feet entering PICC, there is zero idea what to expect in the Rotary D3830 District Conference 2023! It was almost lunch Thursday and PICC appears to have been transformed like a ghost building as the 2 government agency tenants were all gone – offices and people empty! Walking into the Reception Hall and all I saw was empty tables and chairs also! Realizing I came in at the wrong time, I decided to walk back out. Then I read the billboard tarpaulin – "Service Tour de Force". Curious, I googled it sans "Service" and got its meaning – "an impressive performance or achievement that has been accomplished or managed with great skill."

"Ok." I said to myself. "I now have a topic to write for my article in our club's newsletter Scoresheet." I left for a lunch meeting and returned back already late afternoon. As I scanned the venue once more, looking for signs that reflect the "Tour de Force" theme, I was constantly disrupted, interrupted by fellow Rotarians whom I have not seen since the pandemic spoiled our usual regular fellowships. I felt happy to get to see each other back. I was recharged! But it has nothing to do with the source of energy that I was seeking as a basis for "impressive performance" as defined.

Then came Marvelous Imaginative Governor Mildred Vitangcol – delivered her State of the District Report. In a brief



moment of her speech, I sensed her vocal delivery, body language radiating pride, and gratitude for her accomplishments as prime leader of District 3830. I could also sense that she tried to express in the most impactful manner how great it was to serve unconditionally Rotary call, "Service Above Self!". Unfortunately, she does not possess the hypnotic, thunderous & maxed out amplified voice of PDG Sonny Coloma. So, not all were locked in listening as others sitting at the outlying areas have decibel levels of chit-chats canceling Gov. Mildred's speech! I bet not everyone heard nor understood her Ubuntu Philosophy humbling herself by saying "I am because we are!" a few times.

The Scent of Happiness



»»» "Where is the Tour de Force?" I asked myself again as I lost my focus due to selective hearing as more fellow Rotarians butted in for more "meet and greet" moments. After a sumptuous dinner and a brief sneak of the Rotary Idol singing contest, I thought briefly this can be a great accomplishment. But "nah" I said. So, I drove home.

There it was! The "Tour de Force" was found inside the Souvenir Program! This one does not apply to the cliché "Don't judge the book by its cover!" Judge the freaking souvenir program by its cover and contents, for Christ's sake! It's thick, the front and back hard covers have paid premium sponsorships – "double walled"! When I measured the thickness of inside

page sponsors, it's almost half of the binded high quality colored printouts! I can hear the cash register ringing!

A Tour de Force, it is! Scanning the contents, I saw densely written projects and no blank spaces can be seen! A lot of Tour de Force basis to say the least!

How did Gov. Mildred do it? She wrote in her report that she "pushed the gas pedal full throttle" from the very day she was elected the "key of the Governor Car" 4 years ago! Using Ubuntu philosophy as fuel, she drove and carried her Marvelous Imaginative Presidents' journey to success!

The above effective approach reminded me of how PDG Edwin Afzelius also went into overdrive the moment he assembled his President Nominees at that time. The Adrenaline rush was so contagious it felt like after a wink of an eye – our term was gone and we were all happy with our collective achievements!

The only difference – Gov. Mildred tagged the efforts a success after – on DisCon. PDG Edwin – before – as he called us "Great Presidents" – without accomplishing a single thing yet!

Congratulations, Gov. Mildred Vitangcol and all Marvelous Imaginative Presidents! Truly, and spot on, an impressive performance or achievement that has been accomplished or managed with great skills!

Mabuhay! 😊😊

– by Past President Noel Guevara
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D3830 Membership Seminar

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2. Relationships with members grow through the years, **discovery continues, and acceptance**. Club is a second family to members where even young members feel responsibility to care for aging members.

3. Remaining **anchored to assigned territory** for 43 years of service projects provides focus.

4. Club prioritizes proper orientation, lively engagement and continuing leadership development of new members.

– **Regatta system** dividing up members into 4 groups ensures high engagement.

– Established **framework** for recruitment and orientation and engagement.

5. In-house leadership training and development **help members become better leaders** and able to serve beyond the club as district officers

6. Strong **Council of Presidents supports incumbent president**, serves as **mediator for internal club conflicts**.

7. Club **avoids partisanship and factionalism**.

8. Being a **FEVA Club** makes it attractive to current and prospective members

F = functioning

E = effective

V = vibrant

A = attractive



9. Some Best Practices in Membership Development

– make membership recruitment the **business of the entire club**, not just of the incumbent president.

– design an orientation program **implemented over multiple weeks; don't rush the process**.

– make new member orientation a **re-orientation for the entire club**, and a getting to know you process for everyone.

– make the new member Induction an **Affair to Remember**.

ALIG x RCA



One of the ways ALIG, The Alabang Ladies International Group, gives back to the country we live in so comfortably is by sponsoring a child in the ALIG Education Program. We are making a difference in a child's life. ALIG currently has 250 children that we sponsor on a yearly basis. We began this program in 2012.

Sponsorship for a student to attend school is Php8,500 for 1 YEAR, paying for a hot meal every day, transport to and from school, school supplies, uniforms and internet connectivity for the High School students. These diligent students work hard and follow a stringent group of rules to be able to continue as a scholar in this program. We are proud that last year the valedictorian was one of our scholars.

Rotary Club of Alabang has helped by providing an extra treat of bread from Gardenia once a month for our students over the past several years. A few years ago you also helped us when we provided over 1200 pairs of shoes to our scholars and families during the rainy season. Several members of RCA have helped ALIG to support these children so their parents can send them to school to study and become educated. This is the only way to escape poverty.

We would like to thank RCA for the support of our scholars in the past, present and hope for continued support in the future. Please feel free to contact Royce if you would like information on how to sponsor a Child.

– by Ann Lauri Blumenthal

Rotaractor's Report

by Rotaract President,
Charlene Mae Jaleco

This month is a month of a new friendship for the **Rotaract Club of Alabang – Bagong Paraiso**. We held our Twin Club signing via Zoom. We bind new connections and successfully established Twin Club connections from Rotaract District 3790; Rotaract Club of Uptown Dagupan 2000, Rotaract District 3800; Rotaract Club of Malabon Highlands and Rotaract Club of Rizal Mideast, Rotaract District 3810; Rotaract Club of Imus East and Rotaract Club of Babaylan Biñan, and Rotaract District 3860; Rotaract Club of Cebu North – University of the Philippines Cebu. We have partnered in **Project Adbokashi** and **Polio Innovative Project**. We also take the opportunity to get to know each other.

March 12 is MunParLa day for this year as we held our Area project, **Project Sama-Sama: Coastal Clean Up at the Las Pinas – Paranaque Critical Habitat and Eco-Tourism Area**. We had our **first Governor's Visit** at the Parañaque City Public Library. This mass Governor's Visit is part of our day-long Area project. We also made new connections within the district by binding friendship clubs. We end the day with our fun-filled fellowship. It serves as our welcoming party for the opening of World Rotaract Week.

On March 19, we held **Sanduguan** as a partnership project for the last day of World Rotaract Week. The attendees and blood donors are our fellow Rotaractors



and the residents near Barangay Poblacion Covered Court and Barangay Hall. We gave spaghetti packs and snacks to every blood donor. I also got the chance to donate my blood. It was my first time! We are highly encouraging everyone to make it a habit to donate blood every 3rd month after your blood donation. It gives me the fulfillment to save a life without spending.

We are nearing the end of the Rotary Year 2022–2023; we are off to go to the Rotaract Club of Alabang – Bagong Paraiso's new chapter. We are always looking forward to building a stronger foundation for the club!

APRIL



IS MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH MONTH

APRIL

WATER & SANITATION MONTH

2	Sun	MARILENE DE GUZMAN'S BIRTHDAY
4	Tue	LAURI BLUMENTHAL'S BIRTHDAY
7	Fri	BICBIC DUQUE'S BIRTHDAY
8	Sat	ROYCE & BETTY'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
11	Tue	BETTY FABELA'S BIRTHDAY
14	Fri	REQUESTING 150 LOAVES FOR FRESH START FRIDAY AT SOUTHVILLE 3A ELEMENTARY SCHOOL W/ALIG
20	Thu	FELLOWSHIP MEETING
25	Tue	TAK HISSION & LISSA'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
25	Tue	MON DUREMDES' BIRTHDAY

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