

Club Information

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GOALS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

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YOUTH SERVICE

Dir. Jun Tio

Drug Abuse

- One major project on drug prevention and education

Interact/Rotaract

- Involvement of Rotaract and Interact clubs in major club activities.

- One major training program for the Rotaract and Internact clubs

Rotary Academy of Excellence

- Adopt a High School Program dubbed as Rotary Academy of Excellence

* Leadership courses

* Book donation projects

* Repair of School Chairs

RYLA

- Attendance of at least 10 Rotaract and Interact member during RYLA.

TIPS

continuation...

letters of his given and family names and you have also 6/6 letters. And the third president, MANUEL ROXAS- his political troubles started with his advocacy of Americans kibitzing in all aspects of our national survival. Note that his name had a 6/5 ratio, a very heavy burden to carry. He was advised to use his middle name, "A" as in Acuna, his mother's family name, to have a balanced number of letters: MANUEL A. ROXAS. Like Quezon and Osmena, he won his bid for the presidency of the nation; the 6/6 ratio in his name carried him through.

When Pres. Roxas died he was succeeded by CARLOS GARCIA, another 6/6 president; next came DIOSDADO C. MACAPAGAL, a 9/9 president, with his middle initial thrown in with his given name to achieve the balance; then came FERDINAND E. MARCOS, he thought his genius would carry him through, and he won the election but lost it in a popular transition. Perhaps he would have fared better if a numerologist was allowed to come to his rescue by placing the necessary number of letters between his given and family names. After Pres. Marcos was deposed came CORAZON C. AQUINO, a 7/7 combination, with "C" added in the middle of her given and family names. Came JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA. He could not decide whether to use EJERCITO or ESTRADA as his family name. Perhaps, he could have used either, JOSEPH E. ESTRADA, or JOSEPH E. EJERCITO; in the former "E" thrown in to the given or family name to compose 7 letters and balance it with his family name of 7 letters. Perhaps, he could have fared better.

In between the presidents mentioned came ELPIDIO QUIRINO, another 7/7 ratio; and came RAMON MAGSAYSAY, an unhealthy, if not an ominous 5/9 ratio. The ratio won his bid for the presidency but not the preservation of his life- a numerologist could have saved his life and the nation; an honest president.

In the present presidential race the newspapers, surveys, etc., says the leading presidentiable has conveniently left out his middle initial; it is now 4/4 ratio. Perhaps, one of our past presidents in the Club has advised him of the balance ratio theory. So why don't you "rationalize" your name, your may be "it" and save our dear Philippines from perdition.

PROGRAMME

Call to Order **Pres. Rex Mendoza**
Invocation **SAA Ming Yan Jao**
Recitation of
Four Way Test **Treas. Romy Chan**
National Anthem

Luncheon

Welcome and
Greetings **VP Rey Nisce**

Birthday Celebrants:

Ching Ignacio - January 6

PP Aldy Dy - January 8

Fr. Rodel Arellano - January 9

Club Singing **PP Tony Yee**

Friendship Session **SAA Ronald Dy**

President's Time **Pres. Rex Mendoza**

Accomplishment Report & last
6 months Goals

Club Service **VP Rey Nisce/
Dir. Jerry Parlan**

Community Service **Dir. Alan Sy**

Vocational Service **Dir. Ernie Galera**

International Service **Dir. Arnold Ignacio**

Youth Service **Dir. Jun Tio**

Remarks **PDG Ces Mendoza**

Adjournment **Pres. Rex Mendoza**

Day Chairman & Master of Ceremonies
Sec. Reggie Chan

January is ROTARY
AWARENESS MONTH

Centerstage



President Rex Mendoza



Dir. Jerry Parlan



VP Rey Nisce

Club Service



Dir. Alan Sy

Community Service



Dir. Jun Tio

Youth Service



Dir. Ernie Galera

Vocational Service



Dir. Arnold Ignacio

International Service



IPP Richard Dy

Ex-Officio

JAGed

Editor Jerome Gaerlan

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our first Rotary meeting for the year 2003! We hope that you really had a festive holiday minus the splitting headache, bum stomach and the loss of any of your anatomic members. The latter I saw a lot of while I was on duty of the 1st of January. About half of the X-rays that I read featured blasted fingers and limbs from prematurely exploding firecrackers. It seems that the ‘Iwas-Paputok’ program of the DOH was not a total success despite the many savvy ads on print, radio and T.V. I guess the force of tradition should never be underestimated. I myself, lest I be called a hypocrite, greeted the New Year the same way I’ve done since I was a kid- with fireworks. Of course, now I prefer the kinds which just give a dazzling display of color and light, never mind if they are not accompanied by a deafening blast. And I have an ‘alalay’ who lights the fireworks for me using a long stick with a candle at its end. This practice proved fortunate because one of the ‘trumpillos’ we bought exploded like ‘baby dynamite’ instead of turning rapidly and giving us a circular ‘light show’. Of course, I don’t believe fireworks ward off evil and I also had nothing to do with blowing up of the Marcos bust!

Our family also observed other New Year’s Eve traditions. We stocked up our fridge with a lot of food, which is supposed to bring prosperity for the coming year but which is really an excuse to indulge in gluttony. We placed 13 round fruits at the center of our dining table again for prosperity’s sake but really it was those fruit vendors who made a killing, taking advantage of the Law of Supply and Demand to scalp last-minute buyers! Of course our Rotarian colleague, Wynie, was not in this category.

I also asked my kids to jump up and down a few times in the hope that they would grow into

6 footers and maybe spare me from paying for their college tuition by getting basketball scholarships. Our diminutive President, Gloria Macapagal, had earlier did her leaping- out of the Presidential race- and this did increase her stature, not physically but morally. Let’s hope that this bodes well for our country the coming year.

Most of the New Year traditions we practice are really a way for us to cope with the mixed feelings we have at year’s end. Pessimists look back with guilt and frustration at the mistakes they made and look forward to the future with anxiety. Optimists remember their successes and consider the future an opportunity to do better. By the way, President Rex is asking Club Members, preferably the Optimistic kind, to accompany him to Leisure Coast Resort, Dagupan this Jan. 11, for the Mid-Year Review. There we will review our achievements the past year and look for opportunities for further service in 2003.

The looking backward and forward that characterizes the first month of the year is the reason why it was named January, after the Roman deity, Janus who was characterized by a statue with two faces. One face was old-looking and faced backwards and the other was young-looking and faced forward. The chief temple of Janus in Rome ran east and west, where the day begins and ends, and had two doors between which stood his statue with two faces. Curiously, the doors were closed only when Rome was at peace.

Finally, let me end this piece with something for the Pessimists. Don’t focus too much on the threatened fireworks display of Presidents George Bush and Saddam Hussein. Remember instead what President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, born January 30, said to raise the demoralized spirit of American people during the Depression years, “ there is really nothing to fear but fear itself!”

Prex

PRESIDENTS’ CORNER
President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.

Happy New Year! Happy New beginning!

Happy with the few days of resting and dreaming? Yes, dreaming. It is the most precious GIFT from GOD. He lets us rest during HIS visit and allows us to experience HIS love and once again DREAM.

And now, He is waking us up to make those DREAMS come true.

WAKE UP! Let us work once again and make those DREAMS come true. But check our motives first – is it for ourselves or for others? Is it for our glory or for HIS glory? Is it for our riches on earth or in heaven? Is it our plan or part of the Divine Plan? If its for US, then let the MAN in us work, if it is for HIM, then let HIM work in our life.

Today, our Club Assembly, we will review our accomplishment vis-à-vis our goals. We printed them here in our Goldleaf. Please take time to read and suggest. Based on our plan, we still have a lot of things to do and a lot of things we need. If its part of the Divine Plan I know that the CHRIST in us will work for its accomplishment. And as I always say when I pray,

“My heavenly Father, thank you for making them COME TRUE. I now claim them..... for your greater Glory, Honor and Power.... forever. So be it!”

R2 D2

PVP Frank C. Buenaventura

(Review of Rotary Details & Dynamics)

Test your Rotary knowledge

- 1.What is the largest private international scholarship program?
- 2.What was the first Rotary service project?
- 3.What is Rotary International’s service organization for secondary school-age youth?
- 4.How much money (in US\$) will Rotary have contributed to polio eradication by 2005?
- 5.What is the latest region of the world to be declared polio-free?
- 6.Rotary International is the world’s oldest service club organization (True or False).
- 7.Every dollar contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent on humanitarian and educational programs. (True or false)
- 8.U.S. Rotarians make up half of Rotarians worldwide. (True or false)
- 9.Almost 50 Rotarians helped draft the United Nations charter. (True or false)
- 10.The first Rotary club to be chartered in a non-English-speaking country was in Cuba. (True or false)

Quiz Answers

- 1.Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships
- 2.A public toilet outside Chicago City Hall
- 3.Interact
- 4.About US\$500 million
- 5.Europe
- 6.True
- 7.True
- 8.False. Approx. one-third
- 9.True
- 10.True

UPCOMING DISTRICT AFFAIRS

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| Jan. 11, 2003 | Mid-Year Review
w/ DNC Member Selection |
| Host: RC Downtown Dagupan | |
| Feb. 7-9, 2003 | R Y L A |
| April 4-6, 2003 | DISCON 2003 |
| June 21, 2003 | Year-End Review |

TIPS

(**T**idbits, **I**nformation & **P**ractical **S**uggestions)

NUMEROLOGY

Numerology is the study of the occult significance of numbers; some irreverent souls associate it with magic, astrology and other practices involving divination. But we leave it to you to make your own definition. In simple and uncomplicated words numerology is used to take a stab of the future. Take it as a coincidence that arrangement or re-arrangement of the letters in your name make for a bright future or a darkened horizon.

When the late Pres. MANUEL L. QUEZON had doubts about the success of his bid for election for the presidency of the nation against the venerable Gen. E. Aguinaldo, it is said that one of his advisers, and public figures never run out of advisers, suggested that he consult a numer-

PDS Marc Prieto

ologist. And he did and was told to change the way he presents his name to the electorate. Surely, he was told quite frankly, that if he persists in using "MANUEL L. QUEZON" he would lose the election and even his erection with his girl friends. The election did not matter very much for him but when told that even his erection would be affected, he lost no time in following the advice: eliminate the word "L" between his given and his family names: make it simple - MANUEL QUEZON. Note that by eliminating "L", he achieved a balanced 6/6 name. History revealed that the advice won for him both of his cherished wishes: his election and his erection.

Apply the same rule to the second president of our Republic: SERGIO OSMENA, count the

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TEST

(**T**en **E**xercises for **S**tudents of **T**rivia)

Book Trivia – Here's a quiz on all sorts of books. Let's see how well read are you.



1. Who wrote "The Three Musketeers"?
2. Which book did Alex Haley describe as FACTION, somewhere between fact and fiction?
3. At which sporting event do terrorists explode a nuclear device, in Tom Clancy's "The Sum Of All Fears"?
4. What story would you be reading if you came across characters such as Hobbits, elves, Gandalf The Wizard, and Gollum?
5. In what book would we read about a character called Captain Nemo?
6. Which Michael Crichton novel was the name for a 1994 sexual thriller starring Demi Moore and Michael Douglas?
7. Which of John Grisham's novels was the ba-

sis of both a feature film and a short-lived TV series?

8. "Apollo 13", the 1995 blockbuster space survival feature, was based on what non-fiction novel?
9. Which Italian astronomer wrote "The Starry Messenger"?
10. Which came first, according to Genesis 1:20-22, the Chicken or the Egg?

Answers on next issue

Answers last issue

1. Christ Mass
2. 4th Century
3. Martin Luther
4. Germany
5. Apple tree
6. Appearance or Manifestation
7. Greece
8. Turkey
9. Gene Autry
10. Massachusetts

Rotarian Ruel T. Tana

C.P.R. (Club Pass & Review)

Last December 23, 2002, we had a 2-phase Christmas Program to cap the year.

The first part of the program consisted in gift-giving done at the Bauang Plaza. About 1000 families were the beneficiaries of goodies which were distributed. Our Club contributed cans of sardines and packs of noodles, while Mayor Martin de Guzman, who is also one of the stalwarts of our Club took care of the rest. It was a good feeling to make 1000 families happy this past Christmas.

The second part of our Christmas program was done at the family resthouse of the De Guzman clan beside the former Cresta Ola Resort. It was a little "salo-salo" with Director Jerry Parlan as the emcee. Mayor Martin being

PP Jerome Gaerlan

the gracious host gave an impromptu welcome speech, which was a breeze for him since he comes from a political clan.

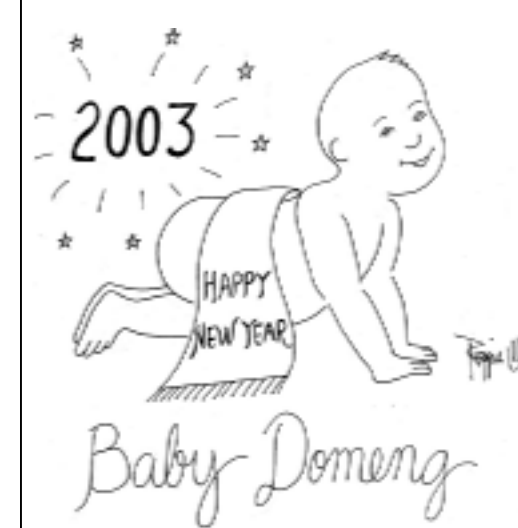
Our President Rex Mendoza then gave us his Christmas Message and reminded us of the other December projects like the free film for poor kids at the Eso-Nice Cinema of the Nisce family, scheduled on December 26. In his PREX today, President Rex mentioned about Christ giving us a vacation break during the Season of His birth. Actually President Rex and the other Club die-hards continued working while others were making merry and resting.

The food prepared by Café Esperanza was as usual delicious. Kudos to the culinary talents of the Ann of Director Jerry, Marijo.

A third part of the Christmas program came after the eating- we followed Rotarian Doctor Edward Gaerlan to the beautiful home he was constructing in Bauang. With his new residence, maybe Edward can run as Martin's Vice- Mayor.

WE CARE

(Weekly *Cartoon* Editorial)
Sec Reggie Chan



e-QUIP (Quotes from the Internet)
Sec. Reggie C. Chan

"Count your blessings not your troubles."

-Anonymous

