

Club Information

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Message of RI President Bhichai Rattakul
at the Rotary Zone Institute Manila 2002 – Oct. 25, 2002

Mr. Convenor, my esteemed colleagues: the past, present and incoming Rotary International Officers and my fellow Rotarians.

I am grateful for the opportunity to appear before you at this Rotary Institute, here in Manila, the Philippines in order to address the future of Rotary and, in particular, the health of Rotary in Zones 4(b), 6(b) and 7(b).

These annual Institute are always meaningful events. They are not only an opportunity to meet many old friends, but to make many new ones. But above all, a meeting such as this gives all of us the opportunity to learn and appreciate more about Rotary philosophy and its timeless principles. The depth of Rotary knowledge and experience that is present among the attendees of a Rotary Institute always inspires me; to think creatively and intensely about what Rotary means – even after all of my years as a member of this organization.

As I prepared for my year as President of Rotary International, I was asked the same question many times: - “What inspired you to offer the Rotary world the theme “Sow the Seeds of Love?”

The source of this year’s theme lies in my belief that any undertaking must have a sense of mission. One must have faith in the cause. It is this sense of mission that infuses our actions with determination, enthusiasm, sincerity and above all – love! These are the things that make our work and our lives meaningful, and in the absence of these we will never have the true sense of satisfaction.

I have personally expressed this to be true in every major endeavor - including politics. I believe it is especially true in Rotary, where we share the responsibility to uphold and enhance our motto: “Service Above Self.” Each one of us who wears the Rotary pin has a duty to honor the high standards of performance that have been set by our predecessors.

I also believe no person, regardless of background or training, can rise to the status of spiritual maturity without discovering this one fundamental truth: it is nobler to serve others rather than to serve oneself.

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PROGRAMME

Call to Order **Pres. Rex Mendoza**

Invocation &
Four Way Test

National Anthem

Dinner

Welcome and
Greetings

Birthday Celebrants:
Emma Kaiser - November 4
Sophia Yee - November 8

Club Singing

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

Fellowship

Adjournment **Pres. Rex Mendoza**

Night Chairman & Master of Ceremonies
IPP Richard Dy

Song for tonight

Santa Claus is coming to town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town!
He's making a list
And checking it twice;
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to town!
He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake!
You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town!

**NOVEMBER is Rotary
Foundation Month.**

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Editor Jerome Gaerlan

ROTARY AND THE AFTER-LIFE

The start of November is marked in our country and many others around the world by the remembrance of the dead. We recognize November 1 as ‘Todos los Santos’, Feast of All the Saints. According to my favorite professional historian, Ambeth Ocampo, the feast day for all the Saints was instituted by one of the early popes, Boniface IV, probably to counteract pagan Celtic-Druid tradition honoring the dead sometime at the end of the year. The date of celebration was finally fixed on Nov.1 by Pope Gregory IV in 835 AD, after being shifted from one date to another probably because a celebration at the year’s end would conflict with Christmas and New Year. One time the feast was set on May 13, my birthday! Nov. 2 meanwhile came to be recognized as Feast Day of All Souls due to efforts of Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, in 998 AD, according to Alejandro Rocces, my favorite amateur historian. We Filipinos however, prefer to visit our dead on Nov. 1, probably hoping that they are saints in heaven and not just ordinary souls who might be elsewhere. Oftentimes, the visit begins at the afternoon of Oct. 31 when a tent is pitched up beside the kin’s grave. Then the family members eat, drink and make merry through the night and to the following day, probably to affirm closeness with the dead relative. In the U.S., meanwhile they have Halloween, which literally means ‘Eve of the Saints’ with celebration on Oct.31 PM stretching into early Nov.1. Their celebration however, has nothing to do with the Saints. Midnight Halloween parties feature guests wearing costumes of witches, vampires and assorted ghouls. Children run around the neighborhood, dressed in the same gruesome way, during Trick or Treat. They ask for candies and other goodies, parodying spirits supposed to be wandering around at this time, appearing before the living asking for a favor (treat) or placing a spell on them (trick).

November 1 and 2 also forces us to consider the reality of Death. I don’t mean watching another Wes Craven movie or reading another Stephen King novel. This mean wondering what’s in store for us after Death. Are the atheists correct about death being the end? That the corpse in the coffin is “all dressed up with nowhere to go.” Or do we return to this world in another form, as the Buddhists and Hindus who believe in reincarnation, claim? Jews, Christians and Moslems, however, insist that after death, there is Heaven or Hell. In addition, Catholic Christians include a Purgatory while several Moslem sects believe in several levels of Hell. Concepts of heaven also vary, the most interesting being Muhammad’s promise to those Moslem warriors who are martyred for their faith- 72 beauties with swollen breasts and perpetually renewing virginity as companions in a beautiful vineyard! Anyway, to simplify things, Heaven is where the good people go and Hell is where the bad people are disposed. The caveat there, is that good works are meaningless unless you embrace the rest of the Sacred Scripture- Old Testament for Jews, the whole Bible for Christians and the Koran for Muslims. This emphasis on ‘faith’ has led the fanatics of each Religion to kill others for their God, if only to keep them from espousing a different belief!

Rotary is a secular organization. It is silent on matters of the afterlife but it gives its members the opportunity to be of service to others. Whatever ones creed, people want to uplift their communities and leave a legacy of good. So we have all these Projects, all these Scholarships and Foundations. Beyond that, Rotary brings together people of all creeds in an atmosphere of peace. It shows them that it is possible for a person to be true to ones Faith but respectful of the sincere beliefs of others. After all, no one has succeeded in converting another person by killing him!

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AFTERLIFE JOKES

* A man of many vices died and went to hell. There, he was approached by a demon. DEMON:

Why are you so glum? MAN: I’m in hell, I’ve a right to be depressed. DEMON: Hell is not such a bad place. Do you like to drink liquor? MAN: Very much! DEMON: Today is Sunday, which is also rest day in hell, but tomorrow, Monday, is Alcohol Day. All drinks are on the house and you can have brandy, whiskey, champagne, wine, beer or any concoction you desire. MAN: Wow! DEMON: Do you smoke? MAN: You bet. I’m a chain smoker. DEMON: You’ll love Tuesday which is Nicotine Day. You can smoke any brand you want, Marlboro, Camel, Lucky Strike, even Havana Cigar. MAN: That’s fantastic! DEMON: Do you gamble? MAN: I’m a gambling man. DEMON: Well, then you’ll also love Wednesday, which is Gambling Day. You can play Poker, Black Jack, Backgammon, Dice or any game you desire. MAN: That’s superb! DEMON: Do you do Drugs? MAN: I’m an addict. I died of an overdose. DEMON: Well, you’ll love Thursday, which is Narcotics day. You can sniff coke, crack or shabu, pop Ecstasy pills or amphetamines, any drug you want. You won’t die because you’re already

dead! MAN: Unbelievable. I’m now really glad I’m in hell and not in that boring place called heaven. DEMON: Are you Gay? MAN: No, I’m not. Why do you ask? DEMON: Too bad. Then you’ll really hate Fridays and Saturdays!

* In Heaven, Ex-Beatle John Lennon got a glimpse of his old buddy, George Harrison, who was just entering the Pearly Gates. Immediately a dozen beautiful angels escorted George to a splendid mansion, w/c was to be his perpetual abode. The angels fed him the most delicious food and he was given the best massage while a cherubim chorus sang ‘Here Comes the Sun’ and ‘My Sweet Lord’. John, who had none of these amenities went to St. Peter to complain. “I don’t understand.” John told Peter. “When we were alive, we did the same outrageous things, went to same wild parties and dated the same wild girls! So how come George is given all this fringe benefits, while I still have climb trees to partake of fruit and draw water from a well if I wanted to drink? It is just like I’m still on earth.” St. Peter looked intently at John and said, “George got what he wanted. And you, I don’t know why you are complaining? You always did like to IMAGINE THERE’S NO HEAVEN!”

contributed by PP Jerome

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(Crosswords & Other Puzzles for Enthusiasts)

Answers to Brain Teasers (OCT 22, 2002)

1. Incorrectly
2. 1:45. The man gave away a total of 25 cents. He divided it between 2 people. Therefore he gave, a quarter to two.
3. None, the boat rises with the tide.
4. White. If all walls face south, the house is in the North Pole. Therefore, the bear is a polar bear.
5. Three. It seems that it could be either but if

Dir. Jerry Parlan

you follow the mathematical order of operations, the division comes before addition. So half of 2 is 1. Then add 2 which gives 3.

Answers to Brain Teasers (OCT 29, 2002)

1. The letter E
2. It’s impossible to dig half a hole. Either you have a hole or you don’t.
3. A bed
4. The temperature.
5. One. If he combines all his haystacks, they become one big haystack.

TIPS

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

LIFE: Amidst Death and Dying

In the thick of the observance of All Saints' Day, I was about to summarize the clinical experience of Dr. Elizabeth Kublet-Ross, a noted Psychiatrist, contained in her book, ON DEATH AND DYING, dealing with terminally-ill patients in the United States. But what else is a better source of lesson than the teachings of the Holy Bible on our subject?

There are at least two things that are sure in life: death and taxes. Although we can cheat on both, we can only prolong the agony on the former, and leave the problem of the latter to the BIR.

Death is in fact a part of life, a step to eternity. The Bible said that it is appointed for all men to die and after it the judgement. It also said that Jesus Christ came, that we may have life and that we may have it more abundantly,

for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but will have everlasting life. And so man who is doomed to die can live a meaningful life, here and hereafter, through the merit and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus also claimed that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus said to Martha on the death of her brother Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies..." John 11.25

It is comforting and reassuring indeed, this belief! Amidst wars and rumors of wars in the world scene, and deaths and bombs around us, the good news is that death and dying is not the final destiny of the believer in Jesus Christ. It is life and life eternal.

Rtn. Romy de Castro

TEST

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

NBA All Star Trivia Challenge – Test your All-Star knowledge with this quiz.



1. Who was the youngest player to be named MVP in an All-Star game?
2. Who holds the record for most points scored in all All-Star game?
3. Which team has the most players selected to the All-Star game?
4. Who is the only player to record a triple-double in an All-Star game?
5. Who has won the most All-Star MVP awards?
6. Which player owns the record for most All-Star Game appearances?
7. Which player recorded the most assists in an All-Star game?

8. Who owns the All-Star record for most points scored in one quarter?
9. Who is the youngest player to play in an All-Star game?
10. Who is the oldest player to appear in an All-Star game?

Answers last issue:

1. Pinocchio
2. The Wizard of Oz
3. Tom Sayer
4. Heidi
5. Robinson Crusoe
6. Black Beauty
7. Treasure Island
8. Gulliver's Travels
9. Swiss Family Robinson
10. Alice in Wonderland

Rotarian Ruel T. Tana

Answers on next issue

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

Sec. Reggie Chan

Attendance was not so bad last Tuesday. Although we missed the company of PP Jerome, PP Albert and Dir. Jerry, the Vision Team with appointed Day Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, Rtn. Terry made it sure our meeting was fun, exciting and worth our time. After Cute President Rex called the meeting to order, Rtn. Ruel led the Invocation and 4 Way Test followed by Rtn. Ric who led the singing of our National Anthem. PP Tony once again did what he does best by singing a few familiar and unfamiliar tunes from the not so distant past. The friendliest of them all, Rotadoc Edward gave a warm Welcome and Greetings. Creative as the person he is, saved the best for last or should I say almost forgot to introduce the dignitaries at the head table. Club singing followed led by PDG Ces... PDG Ces ?!! He said it was 40 years ago since the last time he

did this. Perhaps to catch up for those lost years, he introduced a 2-page song that sounded like a long prayer. Just in time for All Saints Day, don't you think? Anyway, mabuhay ka Tito Ces! Thanks for being a good sport. PP Tony was on the scene for the second time doing the Friendship Session. Good guess! "Name That Tune" was his game as this has always been his favorite. And as usual, his songs were difficult to name, which was of course done intentionally to acquire huge collection. We had a good time anyway and that's what matters most. Lovable President Rex then gave greetings, announcements and reminders. PP Canor who was tasked to introduce our Guest of Honor and Speaker did not even show a hint of being "sipsip" to his Big Boss but presented him as the great and distinguished person that he truly is. Mr. Sonny Vicente, Executive Vice President, North and Manila Division Head of the CAP Inc. gave a report on facts concerning their company's stability and dependability, disproving the rumor that CAP was going bankrupt. He also gave an inspiring message on how to manage change. PP Aldy gave a befitting Response and at exactly 2:05 pm. President Rex adjourned the meeting.

WE CARE (Weekly Cartoon Editorial)



e-QUIP

(Quotes from the Internet)

Sec. Reggie C. Chan

"Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean."

-David Searls

Club FulFILMent



Livelihood Project at Woman Center in Bauang



Water project at Ilocanos Sur



Philhealth Card Distribution in Tubao, LU



PP May Alfonso as Guest of Honor & Speaker



Medical & Dental mission at Aringay, LU

- editor

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Indeed, today is a dream come true! Our first informal and fellowship night for this Rotary year. Whatever will be the program, for sure we will end up happy, meeting the lighter side of our co-Rotarians. One rule of thumb in every fellowship activity, let the CHILD IN YOU play, forget about yourself and be happy! Last week, I campaign for Rotarians to join us in different community activities, only thru those activities that we will realize and feel the value of being a Rotarian.

For this week, I just hope that I won't sound too bossy or too ambitious, because once again, we will ask you to contribute your MONEY to the following worthy projects, as follows:

- Sharing PHP 450.00 per Rotarian for the Literacy Project of the Province – we will distribute at least 1 set junior table and chairs to the different barangays in San Fernando, let us help in educating some children within our community
- Sharing PHP 5,000.00 for our Rotary Service

PRESIDENTS' CORNER President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.

Center – the Center is our legacy, we own it, its our home, help build our home

- Sharing at least \$100.00 for Rotary Foundation – support the last fund raising of the RI for the Polio Eradication Project – the future depends on us Rotarians
- Finally share your last Peso for our Club dues, that is our life blood

I may sound rich, with a lot of money, but to tell you frankly, I started my term with just a few peso in my pocket, with just only 6 students in our new school as our source of income, no vehicle, no office and nothing to start with, but WE do PRACTICE THE DIVINE AND UNIVERSAL LAW, the MORE YOU GIVE THE MORE YOU RECEIVE! And true enough, WE are receiving MORE – more friends helping, more students, more projects, more ventures to open and a very healthy and happy family.

To the rich and happy people in the CLUB, tell me if I am wrong

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(Review of Rotary Details & Dynamics)

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of RI is a not-for-profit corporation that receives contributions totalling more than US\$70 million annually and distributes some \$65 million each year in support of humanitarian and educational programs implemented by clubs and districts. Contributions from Rotarians go to the Foundation's **Annual Programs Fund**, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs, and the **Permanent Fund** an endowment from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long-term viability of the Foundation.

PVP Frank C. Buenaventura

Every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds the humanitarian and educational programs that enable Rotarians to extend their service internationally. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out many worthy projects worldwide.

The Rotary Foundation's mission is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs.