

The 4-way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Information

Message from RI President Bill Boyd

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The Rotarian

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The word environment conveys different things to each of us. One person might think of green forests, oceans, and mountains, another of grassy plains and wildlife. When we consider environmental challenges, we may think of recycling or energy conservation, industrial waste, or climate change. We tend to think of issues that are much larger than ourselves as individuals, and they can seem very abstract at times.

But for each of us, our environment is literally what surrounds us: the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we walk on. Our environment is our house, our yard, our street. It is our community, our country, and our planet. The cleanliness of water hundreds of miles away can affect what comes out of our tap. The cleanliness of the air in a distant city can and does affect what goes into our lungs. And what comes out of our cars, chimneys, and power plants affects not just our own families, but families around the world for generations to come.

Environmental concerns are both intensely local and completely global. A garbage-filled stream has the most impact on those who rely on it for drinking water, but it also damages an entire ecosystem. A heavily polluted city hurts the health of its own inhabitants as well as those hundreds of miles downwind. As we learn and understand more about the course of climate change, we become more acutely aware that there are no local decisions. Everything we do touches others.

When we consider what we are willing to do and what we are willing to change to address an environmental problem, we must remember that our decisions never concern only us.

One of the lessons of Rotary is that one person can make a difference. We see this in our clubs and our districts, and particularly through PolioPlus. When we work on small projects that help only a few people, it can be hard to step back and see how we really are changing the world. It can be difficult to see how recycling a newspaper or a plastic container, walking instead of driving, or using less water can really bring a better and healthier tomorrow. But if many people make them together, those small changes will make an enormous difference to our children and grandchildren.

As Rotarians, we know very well that these small changes – these private, individual choices – can add up to something tremendous. The decisions we make may seem small, but they are nothing of the kind. I ask all of you to remember that, because you are leaders in your communities, and you have chosen to help Lead the Way to a better future. In the matter of environmental responsibility, as in all others, we must first lead by example by making the choices that will bring us a healthier tomorrow.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International

Fellowship

Songs

Roll on Rotarians

Roll on Rotarians
Roll on and spread your
good cheer
Roll on Rotarians
Sing so the whole world can
hear
Rotary wheels are moving
Serving both those far and
near
If you want to work with
the Rotary
Join the gang right here!

Pilipinas kong Mahal

Lupang sintang kinagisnan
Pilipinas kong mahal
Dibdib at puso ko'y alay,
Pilipinas kong mahal
Ang dagat at dalatan mo'y
nag-uutos upang ikaw
Ay lagi kong paglingkuran
Pilipinas kong mahal
Ang bayan ko'y tanging
ikaw,
Pilipinas kong mahal
Ang puso ko at buhay man,
sa iyo'y ibibigay
Tungkulin kong
gagampanan
Na lagi kang paglingkuran
Ang laya mo'y babantayan,
Pilipinas kong mahal.



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Highlights of the week

YES-1 cooperators help clean Molawin and UPLB

Student-cooperators from the three schools who completed the YES-1 Training of Trainers (TOT) program joined the club in launching *Oplan: Alagaan Molawin Creek* last March 28.

The project was coordinated by Treas. Beth Beltran. The areas covered include the section of Molawin Creek near the UPLB Library to the Student Union Building and Palma Bridge up to the bridge at Social Garden.

This clean-up activity is a spin-off of the YES-1 program with its 18 modules of Training of Trainers on environmental protection and a lecture series on Humans and the Environment. Student groups and schools represented include the UP Luntian, Kappa Epsilon, Laguna State Polytechnic College (LSPC), Los Baños National High School (LBNHS), Ranchers' Club, and UP Student Catholic Action Group. Some volunteers from UPLB also participated.

This batch of YES-1 will also undertake the lead in the summer program "Outdoor Recreation Education" (ORE) organized annually by the Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems (MCME) scheduled on May 7-12.

ORE is a continuing program of the UPLB College of Forestry and Natural Resources in coordination with RCLB Makiling and sister club RC Makati-Legaspi.

Oplan: Alagaan Molawin Creek has been adopted by the UPLB Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs (OVCCA) as an action project with various student organizations and RCLB Makiling.

The cleaning of Molawin creek will be a good preparation for the UPLB graduation in April. The goal of the project is to entice student organizations in different schools and the entire community to clean our waterways and conserve nature, by starting in our very own backyard--UPLB.



In the coming Rotary year, I ask all of you to join me as we Lead the Way to a better Rotary and better communities.

William B. Boyd, RI President



Today's Program

Meeting 2007-13

Night Chair: Dir. Lynda

Call to order: Pres Lumen

Rotary prayer: Rtn Let

Object of Rotary & The Four Way Test: Dir. Vio

Introduction of guests/Visiting Rotarians: PP Eli

Rotary information/ communication received & excerpts from previous meeting

President's Time and Projects status reports: Pres. Lumen

Treasurer' Report: Treas. Beth

Community Singing: PE Lynda

Adjournment: Pres Lumen

Quote for the day

“Even youth will grow tired & weary, and young men fall & stumble; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like EAGLES; they will run & not grow weary, they will walk & not faint.”

Isaiah 40:30-31

Attendance



March 23, Regular meeting

- Serge Baldos
- Beth Beltran
- Eli Libas
- Kat Lopez
- Diane Martinez
- Vio Quintana
- Lynda Rebugio
- Gina Santos

- Lumen Gomez
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- Gina Santos
- Eves Reyes

March 28, *Oplan: Alagaan Molawin Creek*

- Serge Baldos
- Beth Beltran
- Lumen Gomez
- Lynda Rebugio

March 24, *Maginoong Driver seminar*

- Beth Beltran

Today's Rotary Prayer

Creator God, we are about to end and begin another month of service, and we do so with the awareness that without your Divine Presence here at the center



of our work, our projects, our endeavors, and also within ourselves, our work will be empty.

Teach us to act firmly and wisely, with humility, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give us strength to bear the fatigue of the coming days with all that they bring. Direct our

will, teach us to pray.

Grace us with your Wisdom and Vision; gift us with Humor and Humility so that all our lives may be a meeting place for your Kingdom. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Communications/Announcements

• Invitation from RC Legaspi Central re: TABANG-BUHAY (Sagip-Buhay) Golf Tournament at the Summit Pointe Golf and Country Club, at Brgy. Plaridel, Lipa City, Batangas on March 30

• Reminder for payment of Philippine Rotary Magazine (PRM) subscription

• Reminder for Presidential Citation deadline on April 1

• District Assembly (DISTASS) venue moved from Dalampasigan Beach Resort in Sariaya, Quezon, to UPLB College of Engineering and Agricultural Technology (CEAT) Electrical Engineering Auditorium in Pili Drive, UPLB on April 14

Reminders

April 1 – Presidential Citation deadline

April 10 – Cut-off date for TRF giving

April 22, 8 am-5 pm – Area 1 Year End Report at Pedro Guevarra Memorial High School, Sta. Cruz, Laguna

April or May – Club assembly to discuss projects and plans for Rotary year 2007-2008

May 7-12 – Outdoor Recreation Education (ORE), E. Barreto National High School, Pansol, Laguna

Happy Birthday!

PP Eli Libas, April 4

Rtn Myrns Carandang, April 5

Rtn Ritz Laude, April 29

RCLB Makiling supports three community projects with the UPLB College of Dev Com and partners

This school year, the club supported and/or organized three community projects with the UPLB College of Development Communication, namely the Maginoong Driver communication campaign, SUKI or *Sumusulong at Umuunlad na Kabuhayan para sa Inyo*, and an environmental campaign on waste management through the DevCom 180 (Educational and Communication Programs) class under Ms Mia Cabral.

The Maginoong Driver project was formally launched on February 25 at UPLB in cooperation with UPLB, the municipality of Los Banos, and five drivers' groups.

SUKI, a communication and educational program for the community intended to provide participants with skills that would help them earn additional income, was held on March 18 in cooperation with the Mayor's Office. It



Project updates

Adopted day care — Pres. Lumen represented the club during the graduation ceremonies of the Kiddie Care and Learning Center (KCLC) at Brgy Putho-Tuntungin. She provided gifts and food items for the graduates. The KCLC is one of the day care centers that the club had adopted and supported this Rotary year. Earlier, the club had organized a dental health seminar for the children who also received toothbrush kits.



focused on teaching the rudiments of food processing to women and young entrepreneurs, The workshop-demo covered making fresh pork native longganisa, fresh chicken longganisa, canton sausage, siomai, and pastillas de leche. Resource persons included among others, Pres. Iluminada V. Gomez, a professor at UPLB and a micro- and small-enterprise development specialist, and son Chef Oliver John V. Gomez, a culinary arts expert.

Meanwhile, the club supported the campaign on solid waste management by helping design and produce posters on environmental conservation for the community.



Gawad Kalinga Los Banos Ville Livelihood Center

— A matching grant proposal on the establishment of a livelihood center for Gawad Kalinga Los Banos Ville is in the works. Dr Ruben Villareal of RCLB had requested UPLB Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development to develop a design for the center, which will be the centerpiece of RCLB Makiling's interventions for the GK project. The Club had committed to raise funds to build one unit (P60,000) and also to spearhead livelihood and income-generating efforts for the beneficiary-families.

Gatasang Kambingan — With the help of sister club RC Makati-Legaspi, the club launched the project "Gatasang Kambingan" for a farm family in Brgy Putho-Tuntungin. The project aims to establish a model set-up to show that sustaining family needs can be done by raising three does even on limited land. Goats, being the "poor man's cow", could provide a family with nourishing milk which could be processed into value-added products.

Former UP President and Agham partylist representative Dr. Emil Javier, made a pledge of one doe. RC Makati-Legaspi also pledged a doe.