

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

RI President Bill Boyd's June 2007 Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Nearly a year ago, I wrote on this page that, as Rotarians, "we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities. We are the ones who ask, Why not us?"

In the last year, I have been privileged to meet thousands of Rotarians who have asked themselves that very question and risen to its challenge. I have seen projects that have astounded me with their creativity and their ambition, and projects that came to fruition through an incredible degree of thought, planning, and insight. I have seen clubs overcome all sorts of barriers to deal with the true problems facing their communities. And I have seen all of this done with warmth, grace, and the skill born of local knowledge – and, often, with the support of our Rotary Foundation.

Every project I have seen has impressed me in its own way. The projects that have impressed me the most, however, have been those addressing a need that no one has been able to meet before, whether because of a lack of resources, a lack of ability, or simply a lack of awareness. Sometimes the problem was obvious and acknowledged, such as an ill-equipped clinic or a polluted water source. Sometimes the problem was never openly mentioned, such as the dilemma faced every month by girls attending schools without bathrooms. What I have seen this year is that whether the need is for water filters, blood banks, HIV treatment, toilet stalls, or literacy, Rotarians are finding what needs to be done – and doing it.

The projects that stand out in my mind the most are those that are meeting real needs and quietly changing lives. I will always remember the Rotary club project that's bringing simple, yet effective, low-cost prosthetic hands to amputees, returning to them employability and self-sufficiency; the Rotary club-supported library in Hsinchu, Taiwan, that gives so many more children access to books; the Rotary club-sponsored classroom that's educating children living in the tuberculosis ward of an African hospital; and the Rotary club-built school for autistic children, for whom there had been no services in the area.

These are just a few of the projects that have truly made a difference. There is no need for exaggeration or hyperbole here: These projects have very literally moved the courses of lives by giving people education, improved health, and a real chance at a better future. In some cases, Rotarians invested tremendous resources of time, energy, and their own funds. In others, all that was needed was a knowledgeable and caring person to step in, look around, and do what needed to be done.

It has been a great joy this year to see how Rotarians all over the world are choosing to Lead the Way. I look forward to continuing with you in this great task for many more years to come. Lorna and I thank you for your many kindnesses to us. This year has changed our lives.

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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Rotary Club of Los Baños Makiling

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Asst. Secretary: Let Africa
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Sports Devt: Let Africa
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Community: Cora Villareal
Kat Lopez
Youth: Lynda Rebugio
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Board of Directors

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Highlights of the week

Club Garner Top Awards at DITAC; Schedules Turnover

This Rotary Year ends with bang! At the recent District Turnover and Awarding Ceremonies (DITAC) held at the Hacienda Escudero in Tiaong, Quezon, the club garnered several top awards, including Outstanding Club, Outstanding President, Outstanding Leadership Award, Gold Award for Excellence for the Self-Help project, a Platinum Award for the club's Livelihood Projects, and a Presidential Citation for balanced, high-impact projects to boot!

These awards show the high impact and quality of projects that the Club has undertaken this year—efforts that have been recognized not only in the District but also by RI President William Boyd.

Credit goes not only to the club's energetic president, Pres. Lumen Gomez, who has provided an inspiring example to all Rotarians, but the behind-the-scenes support from all club officers and members, and the club's partners in the community—

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Pres Lumen

the municipality of Los Baños, the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and other service and voluntary groups, including beneficiary-families and communities.

"The club's success reflects the quality of effort that the members have given to make the projects succeed, the depth of their commitment to serve, and the strong support from the network of community partners," said Pres. Lumen.

The self-help efforts that were recognized by the district, which is the centerpiece of Pres. Lumen's stewardship, are off to a good start. The three-doe goat module, which started with a goat donated by a partner, is already beginning to make an impact in Putho-Tuntungin, the club's adopted community. The does have already given birth to three baby goats (kids), which will be distributed later on to other beneficiary families.

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Today's Program

Meeting 2007-15

Night Chair: PP Eli

Call to order: Pres Lumen

Rotary prayer: Rtn Dinna

Object of Rotary & The Four Way Test: PP Kat

Introduction of guests/Visiting Rotarians: Pres Lumen/PP Eli

Rotary information/ communication received & excerpts from previous meeting: Sec Gina

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

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Beth

Community Singing: PE Lynda

Quote for the day

Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart... Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens.

-Carl Jung

News Bits

Wheelchair donations. This month, the club distributed two wheelchairs donated by the district to two recipients in Los Baños, namely, Florencia Oca, 66, from Malinta, and Alfredo Ramirez, 75, from Mayondon.

Scholarship grantees. Marlon Villanueva and Jessica Txxxx, RCLB Makiling scholarship recipients since 2006-2007, both got a municipal scholarship grant for tuition fee this school year. They are both sophomore students at the Laguna State Polytechnic College, where they are taking up B.S. Secondary Education major in Math.

GK build. The club participated in the GK Build activity of the Upsilon Sigma Phi and Gawad Kalinga Los Baños held last June 23 at the GK Los Baños site in Putho-Tuntungin. More than 100 Upsilon members, sorority sisters from Sigma Delta, representatives from Gawad Kalinga, Couples for Christ, Buklod Loob sa Diyos, local government units, and other volunteers participated in the day-long event, which included a mass, tree planting, and construction with the help of Ms Earth Day beauties and the beneficiary families.

Today's Rotary Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for making me a part of your creation. Thank you for deciding that free will, remembrance, and self-awareness are a part of existence, even down to the smallest particle.



Thank you for making more than one of us, so we can love each other. Thank you for making light a rainbow, instead of just one color. Thank you for letting us have loneliness, so we can come together in love. Thank you

for letting us have ignorance, so we can become wise. Thank you for letting us have childhood, so that we can become mature.

Thank you for letting me see you through the eyes of my children, and letting them see you in my eyes. Thank you for my friends and relations, who remind me to love the whole tapestry of life and not just the prettiest colors. Amen.

Announcements

- District kick-off activity for RY 2007-2008: *Linis Ilog at Tabing Dagat...Magtanim para sa Kinabukasan*, Area 1, June 30, 5:30 am, Turbina, Calamba (near expressway exit). Program includes planting of Rotary Shares trees and signing of pledge of commitment to environmental conservation among District officers, Sharing Presidents, and other partners. Pres. Lumen and incoming Pres. Lynda, with PP Cora and Rtn Dinna to attend the district launch.

- Club-level kick-off activity: clean-up of creek in Anos, with local government representatives and Rotaractors, YES 1 participants, and other partners, June 30, 6:30 am. Assembly point: Jo Lapitan's lechon place in Anos.

Reminders: Induction schedule

July 1, 7 pm – RC San Pedro South	July 2, 7 pm – RC Bauan
July 3, 7 pm – RC San Pablo	July 4, 7 pm – RC Lucena
July 5, 7 pm – RC Metro Lucena	July 6, 7 pm – RC Metro Lipa
July 7, 7 pm – RC Taal Lemery	July 8, 7 pm – RC Bay
July 9, 7 pm – RC Downtown Calapan	July 10, 7 pm – RC Victoria

Happy Birthday, Peachay (June 13)
 Happy Anniversary, Cora and Lynda (June)
 Congratulations! Myrns (UPLB University Registrar effective June 2007)

President's Time

Thank you for a fruitful year! The awards the club got at DITAC say it all. The Outstanding Leadership Award should have been enough, but surprisingly one recognition after another came, culminating in the Pinnacle Award as Outstanding Club. It is an honor for me to be awarded the Top Persona Award too for Outstanding President. For all these, we got a Presidential Citation for balanced, high-impact projects. What made me most happy is the citation written in the Golden Award for Excellence ...where the SELF-HELP project was recognized. It is my centerpiece project—being the sure avenue to meet our goal of improving the quality of life: addressing food availability, health, nutrition, livelihood, family, values, environmental protection, and other concerns that Rotary addresses. I hope funds can be raised for the project through both local and matching grants.

What did it take to get these awards? We started with a coffer of limited resources and ended up full—not with money but with goodwill, gratification from our target-beneficiaries, a sleight of outstanding projects, and productive relationships with partners. From a sagging membership base to one that increased almost a hundred percent, and with lifted spirits. Feeling unlimited, “abundance” thinking, maximum tolerance, counting the blessings every minute, giving without expecting any return, and communing with the Divine of noontime.

Club Garners Top Awards (continued)

The livelihood seminars for various groups of women and youth in the community have resulted in many women and out-of-school youths now having their own businesses to run. This not only helped the beneficiaries to earn their own income, but more importantly, uplifted the quality of life of their families, and for the women and youth to feel good about themselves, knowing that they are contributing to their families' needs.

Many of the other ongoing projects will be continued, especially those that impact on significant sectors of the community. These include the Gawad Kalinga Rotaryville in cooperation with RCLB, the “Maginoong Driver” communication campaign, the livelihood seminar series, and environmental conservation projects with various partners, including the youth. These will be presented during the club turnover scheduled today at the College of Human Ecology (CHE) Research and Extension Center in UPLB.

According to incoming Pres. Lynda Rebugio, “With the help of the club and its strong membership base and partners, I will continue those projects that have high impact on the community, and also resurrect other projects that have lain dormant, but which have the potential to touch the lives of a huge number of people.” For example, the career fair, a project that was started



I sense great joy looking at where we are now—from the transformation into a stronger club. We must all remain determined to maintain that all along. We have a place to meet, an agreed time we all look forward to being together, a plan of projects we vow to accomplish both in the short and in the long term. I

have accepted the great challenge of Membership Chair, and we shall be scouting for highly motivated people to complement our current strengths towards SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

We've accomplished much in sharing our 4 T's in touching lives: Thinking, Talent, Time, and Treasure. We are the club with an extra T (for Technology) which landed us the Platinum Award for LIVELIHOOD. We shall endeavor to hone our competencies farther so we can share such skills to the less privileged.

I will lend full support to the incoming president and will push her to greater heights to double our accomplishments. The road is cleared for her to follow suit. All these we shall all together do for love of humanity.



during the time of PP Cora Villareal, and which became a model for the District vocational initiative, will be organized again this Rotary Year with partner community high schools to help prepare the youth not only for further studies but also for careers in business and other areas.

“Since I am in the field of environmental conservation, my greatest efforts will be in pushing for projects that address environmental degradation and that encourage care and nurturing for the environment, in cooperation with the youth and our local community,” Incoming Pres. Lynda further added. The other projects for implementation have been identified during the strategic planning exercise conducted in April and May in two club assemblies.