

D3800 holds its first-ever V.I.P. Games

The first V.I.P. (Visually Impaired Person) games for D3800 known as the ROTARY PHILSPADA BLIND SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP was held Nov. 30, 2002, 7 am -9 pm. It will serve as a qualifying competition, for international events including the 2003 World Blind Sports Championship in Canada and the 2nd Asean Paragames in Vietnam. This is in line with Rotary International program on Avoidable Blindness to create awareness on the seriousness of eye health situation and District 3800 "Sow the Seeds of Love" sports project for differently abled persons to fully participate and mingle in physical fitness and sports activities.

Chaired by CP Jess Tan and hosted by RC Northbay East under the leadership of Pres. Leo T. Chung, the Rotary Philspada Blind sports Championship at the Philsports Complex, Pasig City was a resounding success.

There were 68 Athletes, 32 Officials/Caregivers from different regions and blind organizations namely, Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro, Cotabato City, Isabela, Iloilo, Naga City, Mandaluyong City, Makati City, National Capital Region, Phil. National High School for the Blind and National Vocational Rehabilitation Center, 108 Rotarians, Spouses and Children of Rotarians, 18 Eye Specialist and Ophthalmologists from the Foundation for Sight Inc., 23 Technical Officials, 10 Officials from Team Ventures and Philspada and 25 supporters, who attended the sports event.

Present during the opening ceremonies were, Dist 3800 Gov. Efren O. de Guzman and Sps. Pam, Hon. Eric Buhain, Phil. Sports Commission, Hon. Michael Barredo Commissioner, Phil. Sports Commission and IBSA-Asia Chairman, Ms. Deanna Gregorio OIC, Philspada, IPDG Edison Ang & Sps. Malen, PDG Teddy Zamora & Sps. Mely, Dist Sec. Fabie Enriquez and Sps. Myrna,



The visually impaired athletes gamely recite the oath of sportsmanship



Pres. Leo Chung of RC NBE lights the games' torch signalling the start of the first V.I.P. Games.

CP Jess Tan-Dist-Chair, Paralympics, Pres. Leon Chung, of host club RC North Bay East, Mr. Emmanuel Penson-Pres. Team Venture Inc., Dist. Officers, Loving Presidents, Rotarians and Guests.

The program started at 9:00 a.m. After the usual formalities, messages were delivered by Hon. Michael Barredo Commissioner-Philippine Sports Commission, Ms. Deanna Gregorio, OIC-PHILSPADA and Hon. Eric Buhain, Chairman-Phil Sports Commission and Dist. Gov. Efren de Guzman for his Governor's message. The Oath of Sportsmanship was led by Mr. Alex Teves of National Vocational Rehabilitation Center. The much awaited urn lighting and the unity ring was led by RC North Bay East

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CP Fabie Enriquez is DGN for RY 2004-2005

District Secretary and Charter President Fabie Enriquez of the Rotary Club of Pasig North is District Governor-Nominee for RY 2004-2005.

He was proclaimed last December 19, 2002 at Club Filipino after the ballots cast by all 72 clubs in the district were canvassed



DGN Fabie

and tallied. It must be remembered that the District Nominating Committee failed to select a DGN from among three candi-

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Calendar of District Activities for January to March

January

- 18 Sat, 10AM GML Editorial Staff Meeting
 19 Sun, Badminton
 Venue: CHUTS Badminton, Dangay St., Proj. 7, Q. C.
 Host Club: RC San Juan del Monte

- 25 **Midyear Review** 1:00 PM
 Host Club: RC Kalookan Ctrl.

- 26 Sun, Lawn Tennis

February - World Understanding Month

- International Assembly, Anaheim, California, USA, held during this month
 Family Week (second week in February)

- 1 * **Deadline for Rotary Peace Program Grant applications.**

- 7 Fri 6:30 PM
 6th Leg Golf Tournament
 Host Club: RC East Rizal

- 8 Sat., Vocational Service Forum
 Host Club: RC Metro Pasig

- 10 Mon., 6:00 PM Valentine's Party
 Venue: Riverbend Hotel
 Host Club: RC Marikina East

- 12 Wed 8:00 AM
 Vitamin "A" Supplementation

- 15 * **Rotary's Anniversary & World Understanding and Peace Day.**

- 18 Tue, 5:30 PM
 GML Editorial Staff Meeting
 Venue: Club Filipino

- 21 Blood Letting, Host Club: RC Pasig

- 23 Sun 98th Birthday of Rotary

March 2003

- 1 Sat 7:30 AM
 Presidents' Breakfast Meeting (5th)
 Venue: Club Filipino

- 2 Sun 1:00 PM
 Start: Billiards Tournament

Venue: Elbow Room, 5th Flr., The Podium
 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center
 Host Club: RC Manda-Central
 (March 2-30, same venue, same time)
 GML Editorial Staff Meeting, 5:00 PM

- 8 Sat 8:00 AM Shootfest

Venue: Armscor, Parang, Marikina City
 Host Club: RC Marikina Central

- 9 Sun 8:00 AM
 Billiards Tournament

- 14 Fri 6:30 PM
 7th Leg Golf Tournament

Host Club: RC Mandaluyong West

- 15 **World Rotaract Week** (week that includes 13 March).

* **Deadline for receipt of completed 3-H Grant applications.**

* **Deadline for Significant Achievement Award nomination**

* **Clubs receive RI Convention credentials.**

* **Deadline for forms for club wishing to participate in Projects Exhibition at the upcoming convention.**

* **Deadline for all noncompetitive Matching and Helping Grant applications for the current RY.**

- 16 Billiards Tournament,

- 21-22 Fri-Sat 9:00 AM

District Conference 2003

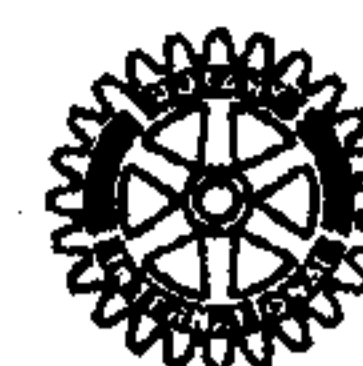
Venue: Edsa Shangri-La Hotel

Host Club: RC Marikina & all Zone 4 clubs

- 30 Sun 1:00 PM Final:
 Billiards Tournament

Venue: Elbow Room, 5th Flr., The Podium

- 31 **Deadline for all noncompetitive Matching and Helping Grant applications for the current RY.**



Rotary International
 District 3800

Efren "Efren" O. de Guzman
District Governor

District Trainer: PDG Lina Aurelio; **District Secretary:** CP Fabie J. Enriquez **Deputy District Secretaries:** PPs Mac C. Hermoso, Joven J. Padilla **Deputy Dist. Governors:** PP Boy S. David, PP Jack U. Malapaz, PP Rudy S. San Felipe; **Asst. Governors:** PP James O. Dee, PP Romy L. Chua, PP Tel D. Manacsa, PP Nonoy de Jesus, PP Jessie K. Simeon, PP Domeng C. Pascual, PP Jun C. Angeles, Jr., CP Boy I. Marigza, PP Manny G. Maglaque, PP Iyeng S. Arriola, PP Menong V. Vocalan, CP Totoy Esguerra, PP Ed Bolinao, PP Dan D. Santos, PP Annette S. Ezparas, PP Ric A. Santos, PP Nelson M. Aspe, PP Jack O. Sia, **District Governor Nominee:** PP Antonio "Tony" G. Puyat, Sr.

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Important events in February and March

February

- 7 Friday, 6:30 A.M., 6th Leg Golf Tournament

- 10 Monday, 6 P.M. Valentine Party
 Venue: Riverbend Hotel
 Host Club: RC Marikina East

March

- 2 Sunday, 1:00 P.M. Billiard Tournament
 Venue: Elbow Room, 5th Flr., The Podium
 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center

Host Club: RC Mandaluyong Central

- 8 Saturday, 8:00 A.M. Shootfest
 Venue: Armscor, Parang, Marikina City
 Host Club: RC Marikina Central

- 21-22 Friday - Saturday, 9:00 A.M.
District Conference 2003

Host Club: RC Marikina
 & all Zone 4 Clubs

Condolences and Sympathy to the families:

*of DDS Mac Hermoso for the untimely death of his mother
 Emilia and sister Elizabeth.*

of Spouse Alvin Manacsa for the death of his father, Ceferino.

The **Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a worldwide fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service



DG Efren O. de Guzman

*“... to provide
substantive
service
for the less
privileged ...
in our
communities
and around
the world ...”*

The challenge of Rotary Awareness

Welcome, 2003!

January is Rotary Awareness Month and it is an essential part of our commitment to success as Rotarians. A combination of marketing and leadership development, Rotary Awareness Month is a four-week catalyst to improve Rotary's public image, provide information at the club level, and stimulate service.

Pundits like to draw a distinction between “perception” and “reality.” In Rotary, our challenge is to erase that distinction, and find ways to make the public perceive the reality of what our goals are and what we have accomplished. We don't need to create a public image; if our communities know precisely what Rotary does, the image will take care of itself.

To attract competent, energetic, community and business leaders, there is need to let the public know that Rotary International is more than just a meal club; our reason for being is to provide substantive service for the less privileged and the less fortunate brothers and sisters in our communities and around the world. And to provide them a better way of life, better education, and to teach them livelihood programs.

Rotary's service programs are worthy of the efforts of today's best and brightest men and women. Our task is to recruit them, and give them the resources to use their skills on behalf of others. The challenge is at the heart of Rotary Awareness Month.

During the remaining six months of this Rotary year, I am asking all Rotarians to “Sow the Seeds of Love” in your club, in your community and in our world.

A Prosperous New Year to all!

Efren “Efren” O. de Guzman
Governor, District 3800, RY 2002-03

DISCON 2003 Talent Night Guidelines

Format and Theme:

The theme for this year's Talent Night presentations is "Celebration In a Filipino Festival".

In Spanish times, the town fiesta was celebrated as a religious festival, usually during the anniversary of the town's patron saint. In the Muslim and other non-Christian areas of the Philippines, annual festivals were held in commemoration of an historic event or a good harvest.

The Talent Night for DISCON 2003 will be a competition among the 8 Zones, presenting/re-enacting festivals from various regions in the Philippines.

Guidelines:

A. Program Approach

The District, through the Spouse Executive Committee has chosen 8 regional Festivals, representing the three major islands of the country Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. They are:

1. *Obando Fertility Festival* - - Zone 2
2. *Sinukwan Festival* - - Zone 6
3. *Grand Cordillera Festival* - - Zone 7
4. *Kamundagan Festival* - Zone 8
5. *Sinulog Festival* - Zone 5
6. *Pintados Festival* - Zone 1
7. *Kadayawan Festival* - Zone 4
8. *Lami-Lamihan Festival* - Zone 3

B. Presentation requirements:

1. The presentation should have two basic components:
 - a. Procession or parade component
 - b. Dance Component
2. The required minimum number of participants from each Zone are 24 Registered Rotarians/Spouses. Only registered Rotarians and Spouses may participate.

Their names, including the name/s of their Director and/or Choreographer, should be submitted to the Discon Excom on or before March 15.

3. Each Zone is required to submit to the Excom a brief introduction to their presentation on March 8. This introduction will also have to be read to in front of the audience on Talent Night just before the Zone's presentation.

4. Each Zone should submit their technical requirements to the Excom on or before March 8.

5. Each Zone should CLEAN UP after their presentation. Therefore, Cleaning implements are the responsibility of the Zone.

6. Each Zone will receive 5,000 pesos as incentive from the District.

7. The Zones are required to attend one rehearsal day at the EDSA Shangri-la before the Talent Night. (date and times for each zone will be circulated). All zones are required to follow their rehearsal slots strictly. All Zones are required to respect the privacy of a zone in rehearsal.

C. Presentation Rules:

1. A Director may only be hired to do work for ONE zone. No two zones may have a common director for their presentation.
2. The Zone Director may direct the lights and sound from the technical control section.
3. Timing: Each zone is allowed only 12 Minutes of performance time. 10 Points will be deducted from a zone exceeding its allowable time.

Start of presentation means immediately after the emcee announces: "Zone your time begin now"

End of presentation means after the past performer and stage prop/set have left the floor.

There will be a (1) one-minute transi-

tion music gap between presentations to allow the succeeding zone to prepare. The first zone to perform will not be allowed to set up for its presentation until after the emcee has announced their one-minute preparation time like all the rest.

D. The District will provide the following technical support* for all Zones:

- a) Performance Stage with uniform backdrop
- b) Performance lights
- c) Microphones
- d) Playback machines
- e) Dressing areas
- f) Technical Staff (However, Production staff, ie: Production Assistants, Floor Directors, etc shall be the responsibility of the Zone) All hired hands should have I.D.'s from the Discon Excom, which should be displayed prominently on their chests at all times during the entire Discon including rehearsals and presentation time. They are not allowed to join the performers on the floor during presentation time. Their names should be submitted to the Discon Excom for processing by March 5.

*The District will circulate a more detailed technical list all zones after the Discon budget is finalized. Zones with special facilities outside of what the District is providing must pay for cost of such services.

E. Criteria for Judging:

Production design - 40%; *Credibility of Presentation* - 40%; *Audience rapport* - 20%

F. Prizes:

1. There will a 2nd runner-up, a first runner-up, and an overall champion.
2. There will be a special prize for the Participating Zone with the most number of registered participants, which will be decided on a prorated basis. All clubs in the zone must be represented.



Committee chairmen of DISCON 2003 listen intently as DG Efrén stresses a point during an ExCom meeting at the Marikina Rotary Youth Center.

All Set For DISCON 2003!

It's now official! The 2003 District Conference will be held on March 21 & 22 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

This single, most important, and much-awaited annual gathering of Rotarians in District 3800 promises to be the most informative, entertaining, enjoyable and innovative District Conference in recent memory. The DISCON 2003 Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of PP Roland Garcia of RC Marikina and with the guidance provided by DG Efren de Guzman, has been meeting regularly since October 2002 to insure that DISCON 2003 will be so.

Indeed, what can one expect from DISCON 2003? Well, in words of PGMA, "Plenty"! Hi-tech presentations, fantastic fellowship, inspirational addresses, great speakers, drinks overflowing, balloon danc-

ing & Talent Night shows, serious discussion of Rotary matters, more drinks, recognition for outstanding contributions, endless coffee, food of course, Rotary Information, game shows, drinks again, important resolutions, jokes, plenary sessions, ceremonials, drinks, and more drinks!

You can be a part of this great experience by pre-registering now for only Php

2,800.00 (1,800.00 for Spouses). This pre-registration rate will last up to February 28, after which the registration rates will increase to Php 3, 500.00 & Php 2,500.00 for Rotarians & Spouses, respectively.

Together, we can make DISCON 2003 the best-ever! So, let's rock & roll!

by PP Tonipi Parungao, RC Marikina North
DISCON 2003 Vice Chair

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DISCON 2003 Chairman PP Roland Garcia presiding over the meeting with DG Efren, DISCON 2003 Secretary DS Fabie Enriquez and DISCON 2003 Vice Chair PP Tonipi Parungao.

Facts about the District Conference

- Held Annually in each district.
- Staging of the DISCON is one of the most important responsibilities of the Governor.
- The purpose of the DISCON is to further the program of Rotary through:
 - a) fellowship
 - b) inspirational addresses,
 - c) and the discussion of matters relating to the affairs of clubs in the district and Rotary International.

SOME ELEMENTS OF A DISCON:

- It must be two or three days in duration
- Participants are Rotarians, family members, Rotaractors, Interactors, RCC members, and other guests.
- must have at least NINE HOURS devoted to Rotary, in the form of Plenary sessions and group discussions, which should include innovative and thought-provoking presentations on Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation, and district activities.
- An RIPR is assigned to attend the conference and must address the conference on three occasions during the course of

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the conference:

- 1) Major address: 20Minutes at the Plenary Session
 - 2) Report on Rotary: 15Minutes at the Governor's Ball.
 - 3) Final Remarks: 10Minutes at the Closing Plenary Session.
- Aim to achieve maximum attendance & involve other clubs in the programs and activities.
 - Schedule Spouse events

PROGRAM PLANNING:

- The success of the conference hinges on the strength of it's program. Regardless of how well the meeting is organized, a stale, lifeless program will generate neither the interest nor the enthusiasm necessary for a succesful meeting. A FRESH & CREATIVE APPROACH IS NEEDED. The Governor shall maintain complete control of the program.
- Consult Rotarians, even Past District Governors, & Past DISCON Host in designing the program. What topics are relevant, and what methods to be used in the presentations are very important in the design.
- Employ a variety of different formats: panel discussions, skits, audio-visual presentations—to enliven the program. A

session on Rotary information could be presented in a quiz show format, with rotarians from various clubs in competition (ala Weakest Link).

- Have a Balanced Program. DON'T OVERLOAD.

PROMOTING THE CONFERENCE

- Those who have organized outstanding conferences have begun by asking "WHAT WILL ENCOURAGE ROTARIANS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE." One key to their success was that they promoted not only furtherance of rotary program, but attending a conference would likewise be beneficial & enjoyable as well, both to rotarians, spouses, & non-rotarians.
- Generate enthusiasm for the conference which must be focused. Here the enthusiasm of the HOST CLUB members will go far in promoting the attendance. The members themselves have to generate interest for the conference among the rotarians from other clubs. Involve different clubs and their members in the various aspects of the conference program.
- Adopt a good publicity program like brochures, newsletters, posters, etc.
- Keeping the conference's cost to a minimum is very important in promoting attendance.

by PP Roland Garcia, RC Marikina
DISCON 2003 Chair



DG Efren and PDGs Teddy Zamora, Pepe Peralta and Edison Ang receive plaques of appreciation from the City of Manila for projects undertaken in the **Home For The Aged**.



Election of DGN. Canvassing of ballots held of the three candidates.



Terms of Reference Forum was held at Club Filipino last November 26, attended by 157 Rotarians from different Clubs in the District. Photo shows PDG Teddy Zamora answering a question during the open forum. Others in photo are (from left) Pres. Ernie Garcia, DG Efren de Guzman and PP Tonipi Parungao. The forum was hosted by RC Kalookan.



The members of the **District Nominating Committee** for R...



Kythe Project. DGL Pam de Guzman and AG Spouse Elena Dee, Project Chairman posed with other spouses and Rotarians during the Project Kythe.



Home for the Aged Unveiling of the pla...



at Club Filipino under watchful eyes of the representatives



Mexican Christmas Party. DG Efren and DGL Pam being accorded a round of applause as they enter to start the plenary during the Christmas Party.



2002-2003 during their meeting held at Club Filipino.



Donation of electric fans, college books and science magazines to Navotas Polytechnic College. In photo are Ms. Rebecca Reyes, of Navotas Polytechnic College and members of the **Rotary Club of Dagat-dagatan** namely Dir. Rudy Salvador, Pres. Ed Rojas, PP Liw Rojas & PP Bert Carlos. July 19, 2002



ue for projects undertaken this Rotary Year at the Home For The Aged.



Christmas day gift-giving. Hundreds of children and even adults coming from various Barangay of the City of Marikina and nearby Municipalities were treated to a Christmas delight by the **Rotary Club of Metro Marikina**, spearheaded by Pres. Raul Evangelista and IPP Charing Santos. With some officers and members of the newest club in Marikina Zone brought the less fortunate individuals to a day of fun, food and gift-giving. This annual activity called "Share a Gift for Christmas" is organized by IPP Charing Santos who relentlessly shares her blessings for the under-privileged.

D3800 goes Mexican for the Christmas Party

For the first time, our district held its Christmas party with "Mexican" as its theme. There were around 280 Rotarians and spouses who came in their colorful Mexican Costumes.

Venue

As we entered the ballroom of Marikina Riverbend Hotel one will be awed by the beautiful physical arrangement done by Sps. Nanette de Rivera Multi-Colored Banderitas with various designs decorated the place. At the center of the ceiling, a little donkey or "Burrito" was dangling Authentic Mexican hats and paper mache Cactus were used as backdrop. Each table was adorned by bananas and sliced pineapples through the courtesy of Christmas Party Chair Sps. Cely Hermoso.

In Mexico, the breaking of a Pinata

accompanied almost every festive occasion. For this affair, the smashing of the pinata was done by District Governor Efren de Guzman.

Food

The generous District Couple, DG Efren & his Lady Love Pam hosted the Christmas Party of their LOVE TEAM, consisting of their Loving Presidents and Loving District Officers. A sumptuous Spanish buffet meal was prepared for everyone. The main attraction in the buffet table was the famous Paella. Later, Tamales and Nachos were also served on each table courtesy of Sps. Cely Hermoso and PDG Lina Aurelio.

Programs & Games

Sps. Zeny Farcon was the main emcee for the night and she had five co-emcees who are all loving Presidents, namely, Aaron

Miravalles (RC Pasig South), Joy De Leon (RC Valenzuela), Tony Nichols (RC Rizal Mideast), Jun Lugtu (RC Suburban East Rizal) and Chris Chan (RC Valenzuela West.)

The eight zones were grouped into four and they presented a song, dance, commercial or a gag.

There were also games played in between the presentations and the Game Masters were Liny and Joey Sy, Nida Magno and Tiffany Simeon.

An instructional dance which is the latest craze now, was presented to the audience by PP Joey and Sps. Liny. This dance was the Asereje, also known as Ketchup. Those who gamely joined were DG Efren, DS Fabie and PDG Paul Honorio. The audience loved this part of program because they finally learned the new dance steps.

Special thanks was given to the ever supportive Sps. Alvin Manacsa who acted as the director for the night.

Raffle

There were numerous raffle prizes given away that night. Thanks to all the generous AG's spouses donors who contributed to the fund which Sps. Alice San Jose and her committee used in buying functional and decorative items. Special mention is given to Sps. Cely Hermoso, the Over-all Chair of the Christmas party who gave away a 14 k bracelet with 9-pc diamond worth P15,000 and also to Sps Myrna Enriquez who donated a washing machine. Sps. Evelyn Dee donated a travelling bag.

Awards

Recognition was given to all those who were best dressed. First called were the group of District Governors led by DG Efren, then PDG Pepe Peralta, Teddy Zamora, and Paul Honorio. Other winners were Vic and Helen Buencamino, Chito and Alice San Jose Jun Aguila, Marivic Garcia and the Valenzuela zone were given special prize for wearing uniform attire for the Presidents and Spouses.

Fellowship

It was nice to note that the Loving President were all relaxed that night and enjoying the food and the drinks prepared for them by the District First Couple. For them, it was "A Night to enjoy, a Night to be Merry" and a night to Remember. "Feliz Navidad y prospero año Nuevo."

By Sps. Zeny Farcon
RC Marikina



DG Efren breaks the piñata to signal the start of the celebration as DGL Pam looks amused.



DG Efren with PDGs Paul Honorio, Pepe Peralta & Teddy Zamora and DGE Tony Puyat

105 golfers participate in 3rd Leg of D3800 Golf Tournament

About 105 Rotarians golfers and their guest were put to test on the short but hazard laden Par 70 lay-out of the Executive Course of the Valley Golf and Country Club in Antipolo City last November 8, 2002. These golfers vied for individual and team honors in the 3rd leg of the RI District 3800 Golf Tournament hosted by the Rotary Club of Taytay.

DG Efren O. De Guzman took time off from his busy schedule to lead other dignitaries in the ceremonial tee off which include

PDG Teddy Zamora and IPDG Edison Ang.

None of the participants went home empty handed as each of them received at least one (1) minor raffle prize. The major raffle prizes included one \$100 Paul Harris Sustaining Membership paid by the host club in the name of the lucky winner, Rtn. Martin Lim of RC Valenzuela.

Based on the official results furnished by the District Golf Chair, PP Joey Sy, the results of the tournament are as follows: TEAM EVENT, Champion; RC Taytay (the

counted players were PE Anching Pastor, PP Tony Sierra, Rtn. Chito Esguerra and Sps. Al Concepcion). The golfers of RC Valenzuela came in second. The host club has already won two of the three legs of the tournament held thus far.

In the various Individual categories the winners are: CLASS "A"; Champion Red Mendoza, Runner up Art Alarilla; CLASS "B"; Champion Peter Chua, Runner-up Joey Razon, CLASS "D" Champion Anching Pastor, Runner-up PDG Teddy Zamora; CLASS "E" Champion PP Jun Sebastian, Runner-up PP Celso Montalla.

PP Mark Santos, RC Taytay

More on the Mexican Christmas Party ...

As early as 6:00 in the evening of December 20, 2002, Rotarians and spouses began arriving at the ballroom of the Riverbend Hotel in Marikina City wearing colorful ponchos or serapes draped over their shoulders and wide brimmed *sombreros* over their heads. Their spouses also came in varied and colorful costumes reminiscent of the clothes worn by Thalia in her television series. The occasion? It was the annual District 3800 Christmas party and the theme this year was Mexican. DG Efren de Guzman was himself *muy guapo* in his black, silver and white costumes of a Mexican gentleman as he greeted each arriving Rotarian and spouse. DGL Pam, likewise, was appropriately attired as a modern Mexican *senora*. Regardless of whether their costumes are authentic or not, Loving Presidents and District Officers and their spouses all came to party.

And what a Christmas party it was! With the Rotary Spouses Executive Committee as host and under the able chairmanship of Spouse Cely Hermoso, there was never a dull moment. After DG Efren broke

the ceremonial *piñata* to officially start the party, the fun began. There were games such as the rope-lassoing contest, comedy skits and other entertaining production numbers, came the unending announcements of winning numbers drawn for the raffle. It seemed that the organizers would not run out of prizes to raffle off.

Later, a panel of judges headed by PDGL Mely Zamora and assisted by PDGL They Peralta and DGE spouse Mila Puyat, awarded prizes to the Rotarians and spouses who came in their most authentic Mexican costumes: Declared winners were PP Vic Buencamino and spouse Helen of RC Mandaluyong Central, PP Chito San Jose and spouse Alice of RC San Juan West, Loving President Jun Aguila of RC Wack Wack and spouse Marivic Garcia of RC Marikina.

During a short break in the program, Spouse Agnes Caballa announced that the theme of this year's Discon 2003 Talent Night contest would be the presentation of the different festivals in the Philippines. There was drawing of lots after the an-

nouncement, and the 8 Zones in the District drew the following assignments:

- Zone 1 Pintados Festival (Tacloban City)
- Zone 2 Obando Festival (Bulacan)
- Zone 3 Lami-Lamihan Festival (Basilan)
- Zone 4 Kadayawan Festival (Davao City)
- Zone 5 Sinulog Festival (Cebu)
- Zone 6 Sinukwan Festival (Pampanga)
- Zone 7 Gran Cordillera Festival (Baguio)
- Zone 8 Kamundagan Festival (Naga City)

There was no ballroom dancing scheduled for that night but it did not prevent PP Joey Sy from holding an impromptu dance clinic as soon as the catchy hit song *The Ketchup Song (Asereje)* by the *Las Ketchup* was played. With PP Joey and DS Fabie atop the stage demonstrating the hand, hip and feet movements to accompany the music, DG Efren and spouse Pam led Loving Presidents, officers, and spouses in forming a circle in front of the stage and danced to the beat of the music. PDG Paul Honorio was also carried away by the music and, he too, joined PP Joey and DS Fabie on stage demonstrate his own dance version of the popular song.

It was a fitting end to a night of fun and fellowship.

By Sps. Evelyn E. Reside, RC Marikina Hilltop



"Best Dressed Mexicans" awardees



One of the skit presentations that delighted the crowd.

REMINDERS

To: **ALL ROTARY CLUBS**
From: **CP Fabie J. Enriquez**
District Secretary
Subject: **Important Reminders for
the Month of January 2003**



DS Fabie J. Enriquez

Tournament on January 10, 2003, at Eagleridge Golf & Country Club, General Trias, Cavite hosted by RC Marikina West.

2.7 Join the District Songfest on Saturday, January 11, 2003 at the Kaban ng Hiyas, Mandaluyong City Hall to be hosted by RC Mandaluyong-North with PP Ronnie Almestas as the event chair.

2.9 Participate in the Badminton Tournament on January 19, 2003 at CHUTS Badminton, Dangay St., Proj. 7, Quezon City, hosted by RC San Juan del Monte.

2.10 Attend the Mid-Year Review on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at Riverbend Hotel, Marikina City to be hosted by RC Kalookan Central with PP Benny Sayo as the event chair.

2.11 Prepare for Discon 2003 and avail of the Pre-Registration discount.

3. Club

3.1 Observe Rotary Awareness Month in January and World Understanding Month in February

3.2 Conduct another club assembly.

3.3 Review club's program of activities and prepare the mid-year progress report.

3.4 Send statement of club dues to all members, record collections and issue membership cards.

3.5 The Rotary Club officers report form must be received by the secretariat or the service center, no later than January 31, 2003 to guarantee inclusion in the next edition of the R.I. Official Directory if not, current officers will be likely listed again.

3.6 Coordinate with your AG for possible joint/zone meetings or joint/zone projects.

3.7 Secure from South Pacific office or download from the Rotary website needed forms and supplies like membership proposal and application cards, membership ID's, membership data forms, change in club information report form, etc.

3.8 Answer all correspondence promptly after proper consultation with the president

3.9 Adopt in your club the approved District 3800 Continuing Rotary Education Program (CREP) for Rotary Year 2002-2003.

3.10 Submit your club's nominee for members of the District Nominating Committee for RY 2003-2004 on or before Jan. 31, 2003.

1. Rotary International

1.1 Address and Phone numbers:

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197 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

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1.2 Prepare semi-annual report, and send it directly to Southwest Pacific Service Center. Include first semester per capita dues of US \$ 17.50 and US \$1.00 to Council Legislation plus US \$6.00 for the Rotarian magazine. In lieu or in addition to The Rotarian, club members are encouraged to support the regional magazine by subscribing to the Philippine Rotary Magazine by subscribing to the Philippine Rotary Magazine at PHP 480.00 per year. (New conversion rate: Jan. 1, 2003 P54.00 - \$1.00)

1.3 Report new members and terminated members (if any)

1.4 Report change of data of members, changes of officers and/or club meeting information (if any)

1.5 Confirm receipt of your club's payment of the first semester R.I. dues and other assessment from the Southwest Pacific Service Center.

1.6 Turn over contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

2. District

2.1 Forward the attendance report within 15 days of the last meeting of each month to the District Chair for Attendance PP Mel Jose of RC Pasig East of PP Joe Toreja of RC Pasig North or the District Office.

2.2 Forward the monthly membership report to District Chair for Membership Task Force PP Ferdie Fuentes of RC Pasig South or the District Office.

2.3 Submit 3 copies of the weekly bulletin to the District Chair for Club Bulletin, PP Jun Abellar of RC Marikina East or the District office not later than 10 days after the last meeting.

2.4 Submit photos with appropriate captions of news-worthy club projects and activities for publication in the GML to Editor-in-Chief PP Eugenio Abril or the District Office.

2.5 Accomplish and submit Club President's Monthly Report not later than ten (10) days after the last meeting of each month to your respective Assistant Governor or to the District Office.

2.6 Participate in the Rotary District 3800 5th Leg Golf

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Club Performance Report

For the month of
November 2002

		No. of Members			%	No. of Meet	Rank
		7-1-02	11-30-02	Inc. (Dec)			
I	Dagat Dagatan	18	29	11	76.25	4	33
	Malabon	47	44	-3	75.00	4	34
	Malabon East	46	49	3	67.00	4	41
	Navotas	25	31	6	91.14	4	8
	Northbay	20	32	12	87.00	4	12
	Northbay East	26	29	3	86.00	4	14
	Total Zone I	182	209				
II	Caloocan Monumento	23	23		66.00	4	42
	Caloocan Silangan	16	17	1	N.R.		
	Grace Park	38	38		70.00	4	40
	Kalookan	35	34	-1	89.00	4	10
	Kalookan Central	28	30	2	60.00	4	51
	Kalookan North	22	26	4	70.00	4	40
	Metro Novaliches Cal.	16	16		79.50	4	27
	Sampaguita Grace Park	22	21	-1	29.00	4	53
		Total Zone II	200	204			
III	Greater Valenzuela	15	14	-1	87.50	4	11
	Metro Valenzuela	28	28		85.00	4	15
	Valenzuela	31	33	2	91.00	5	9
	Valenzuela East	28	31	3	78.00	4	30
	Valenzuela South	17	17		83.30	3	19
	Valenzuela West	37	44	7	92.00	4	6
	Total Zone III	156	167				
IV	Marikina	58	61	3	86.90	4	13
	Marikina Central	18	20	2	98.60	5	2
	Marikina East	27	27		92.00	4	6
	Marikina Heights	24	25	1	87.00	4	12
	Marikina Hilltop	30	40	10	91.45	4	7
	Marikina North	41	47	6	100.00	4	1
	Marikina West	30	29	-1	79.30	4	28
	Metro Marikina	23	26	3	83.00	4	20
		Total Zone IV	251	274			
V-A	Cainta	25	23	-2	75.00	4	34
	Cainta Brookside Hills	18	1	-1	86.00	4	17
	Cainta East	23	25	2	92.83	4	4
	East Rizal	39	43	4	70.75	4	39
	Lakeshore Rizal	26	26		62.00	4	45
	Rizal Centro	29	28	-1	100.00	4	1
	Rizal Mideast	18	19	1	85.00	4	17
	Suburban East Rizal	27	31	4	92.52	4	5
		Total Zone V-A	205	213			
V-B	Angono	33	27	-6	80.00	5	26
	Antipolo Centro	15	22	7	N.R.		
	Binangonan	12	21	9	64.00	4	43
	Cardona	29	29		94.00	4	3
	Metro Antipolo	15	18	3	78.00	4	30
	Morong	27	28	1	80.36	4	25
	Rizal Uptown	18	22	4	84.00	4	18
	Tanay	23	29	6	82.07	4	21
	Taytay	29	33	4	80.40	4	24
	Teresa	22	25	3	N.R.		
		Total Zone V-B	223	252			
VI	Mutya ng Pasig	18	23	5	52.25	4	49
	Ortigas Center	32	32		51.75	4	50
	Ortigas East	18	18		71.62	4	38
	Pasig	65	63	-2	47.25	4	52
	Pasig East	16	21	5	62.00	4	45
	Pasig North	33	33		100.00	4	1
	Pasig South	19	18	-1	75.00	4	34
	Pasig Sunrise	17	19	2	76.32	4	32
	Pasig West	14	13	-1	86.25	4	23
	Metro Pasig	25	30	5	87.00	4	12
	Valle Verde	11	15	4	55.00	4	47
	Total Zone VI	268	288				
VII	Downtown San Juan	18	22	4	82.00	4	22
	Greenhills	26	30	4	74.90	4	35
	San Juan	22	24	2	N.R.		
	San Juan Del Monte	22	25	3	N.R.		
	San Juan Metro	13	13		N.R.		
	San Juan North	27	33	6	N.R.		
	San Juan West	31	34	3	83.00	4	20
		Total Zone VII	159	172			
VIII	Mandaluyong	48	51	3	72.50	4	36
	Mandaluyong Central	19	24	5	86.00	4	14
	Mandaluyong East	16	16		53.00	4	48
	Mandaluyong North	18	18		77.00	3	31
	Mandaluyong Uptown	11	17	8	59.25	3	46
	Mandaluyong West	13	16	3	72.00	4	37
	Man-Pa-San	25	25		63.00	4	44
	Wack Wack	29	34	5	85.00	4	16
		Total Zone VIII	179	202			
	T O T A L	1823	1993	170	77.50% Ave. for November		

CP Fabie ...

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dates; hence, under the revised Terms of Reference, each club in the district is now tasked with the selection of the DGN via the system of "Ballots by Mail". This new election process uses the single transferable ballots system with the candidate obtaining a majority of the valid votes cast shall be declared the winner. The deadline for submission of ballots was set for December 17, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.

The canvassing and tallying of votes were held under the supervision of a nine-member Balloting Committee appointed by DG Efren de Guzman and headed by PP Lorna Kapunan of RC Sampaguita Grace Park and PP Ver Farcon of RC Marikina as vice chair. Also present were representatives of the three candidates; DG Efren de Guzman and spouse Pam; and other interested observers.

After verifying the credentials of the non-committee members who were present, PP Lorna Kapunan proceeded to explain how the committee would go about the canvassing process and how the single transferable ballot system would be used. A candidate that obtains 50% plus 1 of the votes cast will be declared the winner. Based on the tabulation of ballots cast by the different clubs in the district, PP Dave Santos of RC Metro Valenzuela, chair of Validation, reported that all 72 clubs is 81. The 50% plus 1 majority, therefore, was set at 42 votes. Thereafter, the individual ballots were removed from their respective envelopes and the tallying of votes began with PP Romy Cabungcal of RC East Rizal reading the votes cast by each club and PP Romy Chua of RC Northbay East tallying each votes.

There was failure of election in the first canvassing of first preference vote as no candidate obtained the required 42 votes to be declared winner. However, DS Fabie Enriquez obtained the required majority votes when he obtained most of the second preference votes cast for the candidate that was eliminated during the canvassing of first preference votes. Thereafter, PP Lorna Kapunan formally declared DS Fabie Enriquez winner and District 3800 DGN for RY 2004-2005, Rotary's Centennial Year, and formally presented to DG Efren de Guzman the Balloting Committee's official tally sheet signed by all the members of the Committee.

As the saying goes "all's well that ends well". It may have the District that long select a DGN but the system place and there seems to be no significant fault in the system. We commend all the candidates for the manner in which they comported themselves during the long election process, more so after the results were known. Likewise, we commend and congratulate all 72 Loving Presidents and their respective Clubs for performing their duties as Rotarians.

And lastly, congratulations to DS and DGN Fabie. As you lead the District into its second hundred years of Rotary Service during your term, you can be assured of our full support. Cheers!

*By PP Renato "Rene" Reside
RC Marikina Hilltop*

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loving President Leon Chung, with Rotary Clubs Loving presidents, Visually Impaired Athletes, Dist. Gov. Efren de Guzman and Guest. Then Pres. Leo Chung of the host club declare the Games Open.

After the opening ceremonies, Commissioner Michael Barredo, led the tandem cycling demonstration and the formal competition was started with the Athletics game of 50m, 100m dash, put, Long Jump, Discuss & Javelin throw, men/women B1 & B2 at the track & field oval. Showdown demonstration was conducted near the pool area, while the power lifting demonstration was done at the Dorm. I Gym simultaneously. After the lunch break, the games played were Chess at the meditation area, Swimming for the 50 meters freestyle & breaststroke, men/women, B1 & B2 at the swimming pool and the must awaited Goalball at the multipurpose arena. After the Goalball competition which lasted up to 8:30 in the evening, the Battle of the Blind Band followed, 2 bands participated in the said competition and the PNSB Stars Band garnered the top spot against the NVRC. The Philippine National School for the Blind clinched the over-all Championship award. Medals (Gold, Silver & Bronze) were awarded also to individuals winning athletes after each games, Dist Gov. Efren de Guzman, RC Northbay East Rotarians and Philspada Officials awarded the medals.

During the competitions the Eye Diagnostic Clinic was conducted by the Foundation for Sight Inc. with 18 Eye specialist & Ophthalmologist headed by Ms. Cosette Realica, Executive Director, at the cabana beside the pool, with 78 patients seen, classified, treated, given free medicines, advice to wear glasses, with some patients refer to Ephpheta Foundation for the Blind for cataract surgery and other diagnostic findings



Rotarians and spouses posed with DG Efren before the lighting of the games' torch..

that could help improve their sight conditions. A message therapy was also conducted by blind athletes to Rotarians and Guests during the games for a minimal fee, as one source of their livelihood.

As an overview of the organization and logistics provided, as early as July 2002, preparation for this Blind Sports Championship has commence with weekly and monthly meetings were held by the organizing committees, from the Rotary Club of North Bay East, Philspada, Phil. Sports Commission and different organization and school for the blind. Last Nov. 23, a care giving orientation for the visually impaired persons was conducted at the Philspada office with Rotarians and Officials participating. As early as Nov. 28, Nov, 29 athletes from the provinces started arriving and we have to meet them and book them at the Philsports dormitory for their accommodation, and provide them with electric fan, purified water and their food, breakfast, lunch and dinner during their stay up to Dec. 1, 2002. Lunch and snacks, morning and afternoon was also provided during the November 30, competition with give away from our sponsors, like Speed bar soap, Shark en-



The VIPs are all concentration in the chess games

ergy drinks, Bags and also Free T-shirts as Uniform during the games and transportation allowances was provided to the Athletes, Care giver, and Officials. With the success of the first ever ROTARY PHILSPADA BLIND SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP, all the preparation and hard work have been greatly rewarded. To our Major Supporter, our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Yuan Shan Dist. 3510, Philippines Sports Commission, Phil. Charity Sweepstakes and Phil. Amusement and Gaming Corp. thanks for your generosity. Our special thank to DG EFREN DE GUZMAN and company for staying with us from morning till evening and giving as the opportunity to host PARALYMPICS 2002. To all Rotary Club's Rotarians and Friends, who "Sow the Seeds of Love" by Supporting a Blind Athlete, MABUHAY!!!

By CP Jess Tan, RC Northbay East



The visually-impaired athletes, with the help of their care-givers were very competitive in the 100-m dash

