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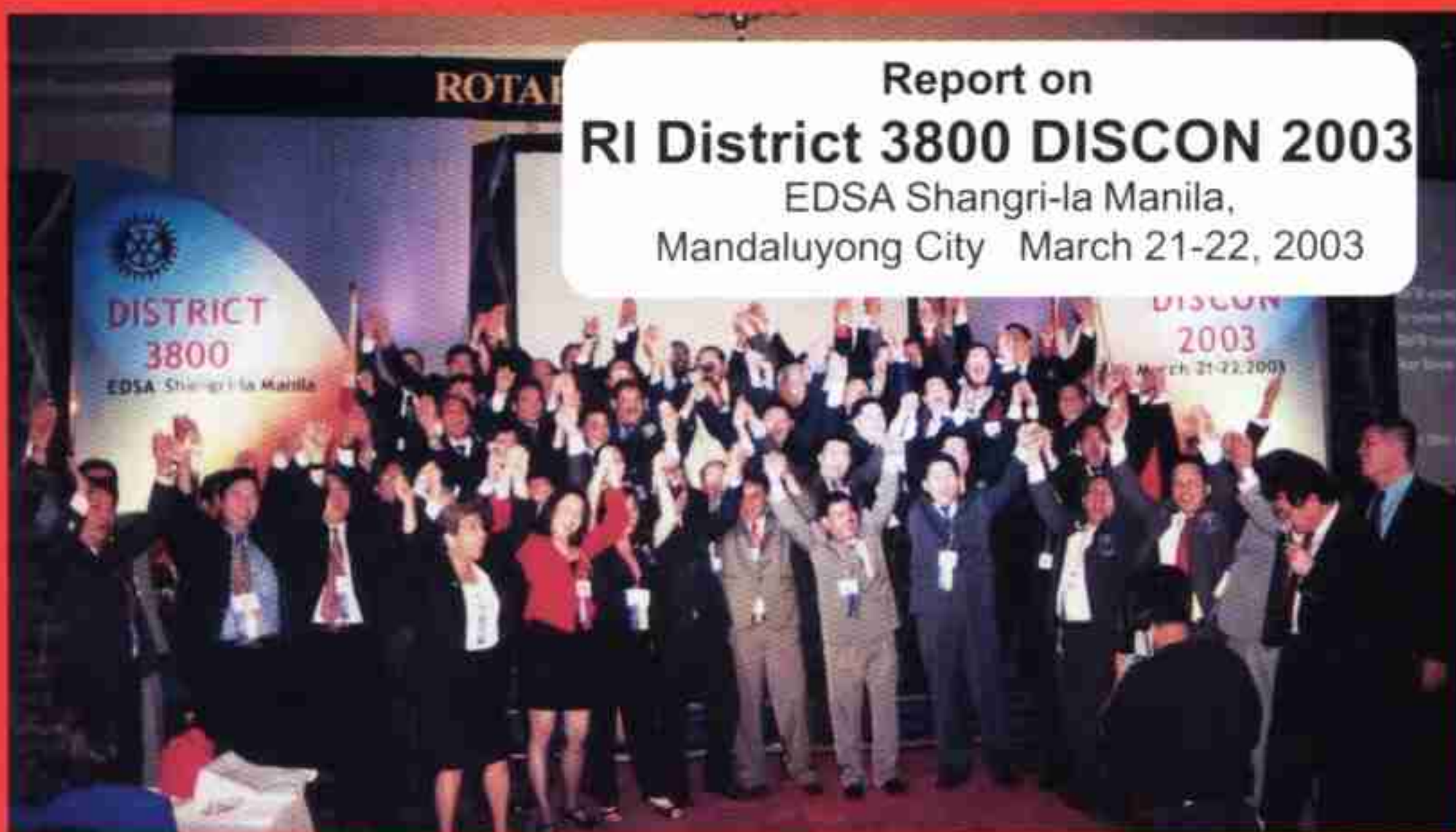
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Report on RI District 3800 DISCON 2003 EDSA Shangri-la Manila, Mandaluyong City March 21-22, 2003





DG Efren O. de Guzman

We cannot begin to thank you enough!

WE HAVE toiled hard and long to ensure the success of the biggest, most important annual event of our district, the DISCON 2003 – from the many months of planning and preparation to the actual carrying out of the activities up to this time, the very final phase of our work, the documentation of what we have done together.

My dear fellow Rotarians and spouses of District 3800: my spouse Pam and I cannot begin to thank you enough. As documented in the succeeding pages, what we have accomplished together is a testimony to the generosity and dedication of all the Rotarians and spouses of District 3800. Pam and I wish to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Due to lack of space, we cannot cite everyone who has contributed to our success. Please allow us to specially mention:

RI Pres. Bhichai Rattakul for his encouragement and for his sending to us RIDE Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita as his personal representatives with whom we have mutually benefited from lessons learned in this conference.

RIPR Aide PDG Ting Tanco and spouse Alice who have gone out of their way to look after the comforts of our honored guests.

DISCON 2003 Over-all Chairman PP Roland Garcia together with all the chairmen and members of the Executive, Working and Spouses committees, Rotarians and spouses of all the Rotary clubs of Marikina Zone for their immeasurable self-sacrifices in contributing their talent, time and treasures.

The Loving presidents, the district officers and their spouses for their dedicated leadership, and all of the 1,286 attendees who whole-heartedly participated in all the activities.

And to the sponsors, donors, and benefactors who gave us the confidence to go for it.

Thank you all for being with us all the way as we “Sow the Seeds of Love” in District 3800.

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

“DISCON 2003: Precise, punctual . . . a festive District Conference”

DAY One began as early as 7:30AM with the **Fellowship Breakfast** of DG Efren de Guzman and spouse Pam with the incumbent club presidents, district officers and their spouses. Preceded by the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of the **Photo Exhibits** and photo sessions, the **Opening Plenary** began amid pomp and colors at precisely 1:30PM. New Rotarians were inducted and Partners-in-service were recognized. Also, recognized were three outstanding clubs in terms of highest contribution to TRF, percentage attendance and net gain in membership.

Speaking extemporaneously in his first major address as in his subsequent speeches, RIPR-RIDE Sushil Gupta mentioned how impressed he was on the precise and punctual proceedings of DISCON 2003. In his 11th time as RIPR, this is the first time he said that he has experienced a festive district conference (and he has not seen yet the talent night presentation scheduled for the second day!). DG Efren de Guzman, with the help of power point presentation, delivered his state of District Address (Appendix B1) where he outlined the accomplishment of the district in the first eight months of the Rotary year.

While the clockwork precision of carrying out the conference activities was among the many outstanding features and innovations of DISCON 2003 which include the one-page supplement in the two leading national newspapers, this conference will go on record in recent memories of D3800 as having the most pre-registered delegates. Held in EDSA Shangri-La Manila, Mandaluyong City, March 21-22, 2003, it was **attended by 1,286 participants**, 877 of whom were registered Rotarians and spouses from ALL of the 72 clubs in the district (Appendix C). The guests included past district governors and their spouses from D3800 and other districts.

Immediately following the opening plenary was raucous fellowship cocktail of singing and drinking followed by a sumptuous dinner - apt prelude to the **Governor's Banquet** where RIPR-RIDE Sushil Gupta, in his second major address, cautioned Rotarians against dreaming and then forgetting. In his response, DG Efren de Guzman mentioned the more than US\$120,000.00 contribution from D3800 to TRF (Appendix B2).

Day Two, again, opened with another **Fellowship Breakfast** - this time DGE Antonio “Tony” G. Puyat, Sr, and spouse Mila with the incoming club presidents, district officers and their spouses. A brief but fun-filled **Rotary Fellowship Games** hosted by a TV personality that tested Rotarians grasp of Rotary information ushered in the **Second Plenary** where a nationally-renowned industrialist,



DG Efren and spouse Pam gave token gifts to RIPR Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita at the Governor's Banquet

Mr. Raul Concepcion, expounded on consumer prices, and the Australian Embassy Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr. Paul Griffiths, talked on trade balances between the Philippines and Australia. DGE Tony Puyat, Sr, together with Spouse Mila was formally presented to the delegates as the D3800 District Governor for RY 2003-2004.

At the **TRF Luncheon**, all the donors, specially the major ones, took center stage for contributing US\$123,589.56 to the Fund - US\$52,758.06 of which were earmarked for Rotary's Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign.

The presentation of the District Nominating Committee started the **Closing Plenary**. Approved by the delegates were seven courtesy resolutions and a resolution creating Philippine Rotary Subordinate Foundation and Philippine Secretariat to address the problems arising from the abolition SEABO. PP Tonipi Parungao submitted a voluminous 26-point revision to the Term of Reference of the District Nominating Committee which the body tabled for in-depth deliberation. CP Fabio “Fabie” Enriquez of RC Pasig North together spouse Myrna was presented as DGN for RY 2004-2005. In his third major speech, RIPR-RIDE Sushil Gupta observed that the content of DISCON 2003 has far exceeded RI requirement for a successful conference. In closing, DG Efren de Guzman (Appendix B3) thanked all those who toiled to make DISCON 2003 A SUCCESS.

Another cocktail fellowship and dinner preceded the **Talent Night** - a presentation by eight zones in the district which showcased the major Philippine festivals, not as a cultural presentation but as a celebration of a people of its culture, thus, ending DISCON 2003 on a festive mood.

By PP Gene Abril, RC Marikina North

Day One, Friday, March 21, 2003

DG Efren Breakfast Fellowship

THE FIRST DAY, March 21, 2003 began with a Breakfast Fellowship hosted by District Governor Efren de Guzman and spouse Pam at the Palawan Room for the Loving Presidents and their spouses, the district officers and members of the DISCON Executive Committee. Guest of Honor was RIPR Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita. The fellowship which was to serve as a warm up of sorts for the long conference to come was capped by a short talk from RIPR Sushil Gupta who expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome he received from the District Governor Efren and Spouse Pam who in turn expressed his appreciation to RIPR Sushil Gupta and Spouse Vinita for gracing the occasion and for representing RI President Bichai Rattakul to the District Conference.

by PP Jun Abellar, RC Marikina East

Registration

Record-breaking pre-registration

REGISTRATION of delegates to DISCON 2003 was officially scheduled to begin at 9:00AM on the first day, but it had to open an hour-and-half earlier to accommodate the early birds who were on their way to the breakfast fellowship of DG Efren de Guzman and DGL Pam with the incumbent club presidents, district officers, DISCON 2003 executive and working committees and their spouse.

Registration continued till 10AM of the following day. The final tally showed a total of 1,286 participants attended DISCON 2003 consisting of 634 Rotarians, 243 spouses, 225 guests, 19 administrative staff, 50 technical/production staff, 50 directors, choreographers and board of judges and 66 partners-in-service. Of these total, 868 were pre-registered, breaking previous district conferences records on pre-registration. Registration was efficiently manned by chairman PP Jun Angeles, RC Marikina Central, and his team of Zone 4 spouses and club secretaries, while the smooth distribution of kits and IDs was chaired by PP Onnie Aguinaldo, RC Marikina, both committees were under the DISCON 2003 secretariat chaired by DS/DGE Fabie Enriquez and co-chair PP Lirio Sandoval, RC Marikina Central

By PP Gene Abril, RC Marikina North

Photo Exhibit

Club achievement in photos

WITH 63 clubs out of 72 participating, the exhibit was opened by DG Efren and DGL Pam, with not less than RIPR Sushil Gupta and his spouse Vinita as special guests, performing the ribbon cutting ceremonies, more than 100 early registrants witnessed the pictorial depiction of the District's contribution to the success of this year's RI theme - Sow the Seeds of Love.

Discon 2003 Photo Exhibit chaired by PP Cris Cruz, RC Marikina North and Co-chaired by PP Jeof Madarang, RC Marikina East was actually a special feature under the Physical Arrangements Committee headed by DG's Aide PP Robert Lopez of RC Mandaluyong.



DG Efren leads a party to welcome RIPR Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita upon arrival at the Airport.



At the Fellowship Breakfast hosted by DG Efren for all incumbent presidents and district officers.



DG Efren and RIPR Sushil cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the club's photo exhibits

The selection of winning entries itself proved to be difficult but in the end the winners had to be chosen and declared, namely RC Marikina and RC Navotas (who tied for 1st Place), while RC Marikina Hilltop ran off with the 2nd Place as RC Wack-wack captured the 3rd spot. The photos included of the various Rotary Services in action, by themselves, proved the efficacy of the Loving work by loving Rotarians under the most Loving District Governor of D3800.

by PP Jeof Madarang, RC Marikina East



DG Efren, center at the back row, leads the Loving Presidents in singing of the district song.

Opening Plenary Session

Grand opening with a bang

DISCON 2003, started formally with the entry of the Loving Presidents and their spouses, District Officers, Past District Governors and spouses, other Dignitaries and Honored Guests, followed by Rotary International President's Representative Sushil Gupta with spouse Vinita and District Governor Efren de Guzman with spouse Pam, who took their places at the presidential table. DG Efren then called the conference to order. The Doxology was rendered by the RC Marikina Choir. Cadets from CEU carried in the Rotary International, Philippines and Indian colors. The singing of the national anthem, of both countries, was led by the RC Marikina Choir and members of RC San Juan and Pasig respectively. After the introduction of guests by DDS Mac Hermoso and the Roll Call by DS/DGN Fabie Enriquez, a brief but meaningful welcome address was delivered by DISCON 2003 Chair Roland Garcia.

Instead of the traditional workshops, a new innovation was introduced in this year's program. Newly organized partners in service clubs were presented by their respective district chairpersons. First to be presented were the newly organized Interact Clubs and their sponsoring clubs by District Interact Chair PP Albert Uy. Then it was District Rotaract Chair PP Carla Dejerer's turn to present the newly organized Rotaract Clubs and their sponsoring clubs. District RCC Chair PP Toto Sto. Domingo presented the newly organized RCC clubs. The District Interact Representative and District Rotaract Representative were also presented by District Community Service Chair PP Tammy Beldia. The top three (3) clubs in the district with the highest net gain in membership, contributions to TRF, and attendance were also presented and recognized by the PP Ferdi Fuentes, PP Tony Sierra, and PP Mel Jose, District Chair-



The noted RC Marikina Choir in solemn rendition of the National Anthem.



RIPR Sushil inducts new Rotarians



DG Efren: "... much have been accomplished". RIPR Sushil: "...Punctual" Discon 2003 Chair Roland: "... Welcome".

persons concerned respectively. The highlight of this part of the program was the presentation and induction of New Members by District Membership Chair PP Ferdi Fuentes, DG Efren de Guzman and RIPR Sushil Gupta.

PDG Ting Tanco, RIPR Aide designate, introduced the keynote speaker RIPR Sushil Gupta. In his initial speech, RIPR Sushil conveyed RI President Bichai Rattakul's greetings to DG Efren and the entire membership of District 3800. He stressed that for the 11th time that he has been an RIPI, this is his first time to witness a very festive DISCON. He also took note of the punctuality of the proceedings, calling it "not Filipino time, not Indian time, but International time". He mentioned the many accomplishments of D3800, giving emphasis on our concern for the physically handicapped with the holding of the Games for the Visually Impaired Persons.

The State of the District Address of DG Efren de Guzman, the most awaited event of the District Conference, was an audio visual presentation of the accomplishments of the clubs in the district prepared by DG Efren himself with the help of IP Dindo Santos and PP Eric Ignacio of RC Marikina. DG Efren stated that for the past eight months, much has already been accomplished, highlighted by the \$121,858.06 contribution to The Rotary Foundation, a vig-

orous Polio Eradication Fund Campaign still going on, and various projects and services continuously being delivered.

The opening plenary was a display of pomp, pageantry and high-tech gadgetry, made possible through the combined efforts of the members of the DISCON 2003 Executive Committee, RC Marikina, DISCON 2003 spouse committee and DG Efren with DGL Pam. Indeed, it was an event that will be hard to surpass in the years to come.

by PP Jun Abellar, RC Marikina East



RIPR Sushil with DG Efren and his fellow District Governors and their spouses at the reception area.

The House of Friendship

Fellowship like no other

FELLOWSHIP Chair PP Joey Sy delivered on his promise during the planning sessions that fellowship during DISCON 2003 will be savored and remembered for a long, long time. Who can forget all that French red wine, J&B whiskies, and Fundador brandy? The drinks were just simply inexhaustible. It was literally "drink till you drop". And all that singing? Or whatever can pass for singing. It was supposed to be an hour of cocktails on the first day, 5-6PM. But by 7PM, everybody was having so much fun, many delegates had their dinner served in the House of Friendship to continue on with the fellowship.

The second day was more of the same, meaning more red wine, whisky, brandy and singing. The fellowship continued on way into the talent night presentation with the waiters serving the drinks in the lobby between the Isla Ballroom and Palawan Room.

By PP Gene Abril, RC Marikina North



A toast to DG Efren and spouse Pam and the Discon 2003 Team!



More toasting ...



... and more singing

DGE Tony Puyat Breakfast Fellowship

THE SECOND day was ushered in by a breakfast fellowship hosted by DGE Tony Puyat and Spouse Mila at the Garden Ballroom for the in-coming Presidents and their spouses and in-coming District Officers. Guests of Honor were RIPR Sushil Gupta with Spouse Vinita and DG Efren de Guzman and Spouse Pam. It was an occasion to introduce the theme for the coming Rotary year "Lend a Hand" to members of District 3800. In his speech, RIPR Sushil Gupta advised the in-coming Presidents on the formula of success, stressing that "One cannot sow the seeds of love without lending a hand." DGE Tony Puyat for his part urged the "Helping Presidents" to start putting all their efforts to prepare for their term.

By IPP Tony Fidelino, RC Marikina



Exuberant DGE Tony Puyat acknowledging his honor guests at the Presidential table.

Rotary Game

A test on Rotary Information

THE ROTARY Fellowship Game hosted gaily by movie and television personality Regine Tolentino and ably assisted by Spouse Agnes Caballa, Zeny Farcon, and Sps. Myrna Enriquez, Cely Hermoso, Beth Lopez, Marissa Padilla, and Inday Santos followed the breakfast immediately. This event was conceived to captivate interests to the game—a review of certain basic aspects of Rotary information, an informative medium of Rotary awareness percentage level among the game participants and the audience, and an entertainment contest that helped bring in desirable attendance for the second plenary session. More than anything else, the game was able to foster such enthusiasms and stronger fellowship from the attendees. The presentation made by a group of Rotarians and spouses acting as dancers heightened the pervading gaiety among the delegates. The group of the brave dancers who danced for every correct answers was composed of Spouses Cely Hermoso, Bebang Piñon, Glen Sia and Baby Coronel, while the group of Rotarians for the wrong answers was composed of Pres. Manny Ching, Cris Chan and Noli Pulhin.

As announced during the previous night, DDS Marcos "Mac" Hermoso dished out several raffle prizes to early risers.

By IPP Tony Fidelino, RC Marikina



Ms. Regine Tolentino with DG Efren, DS Fabie, PP Boy Ong and Discom Chair Roland!



The "Sex Bomb (?)" dancers ...



Winners of the "Rotary Feud"



... and the "sex bombed"

A simply irresistible evening with the Governor

Looking like colorful blades of plant opening upwards, straining to embrace the rays of the sun that give life, the "Sow the Seeds of Love" logo is all these and much more. There's red, orange, blue, yellow and green-hues that reflect a gamut of powerful human emotions, vibrant colors splashed across that giant canvass called life.

And at the Governor's Ball held on the first night of the District Conference, it was as if that giant canvass came to life... as 64 couples dressed in hues of green, blue, oranges, black and white whirlad and swayed for the elegant Rigodon de Honor.

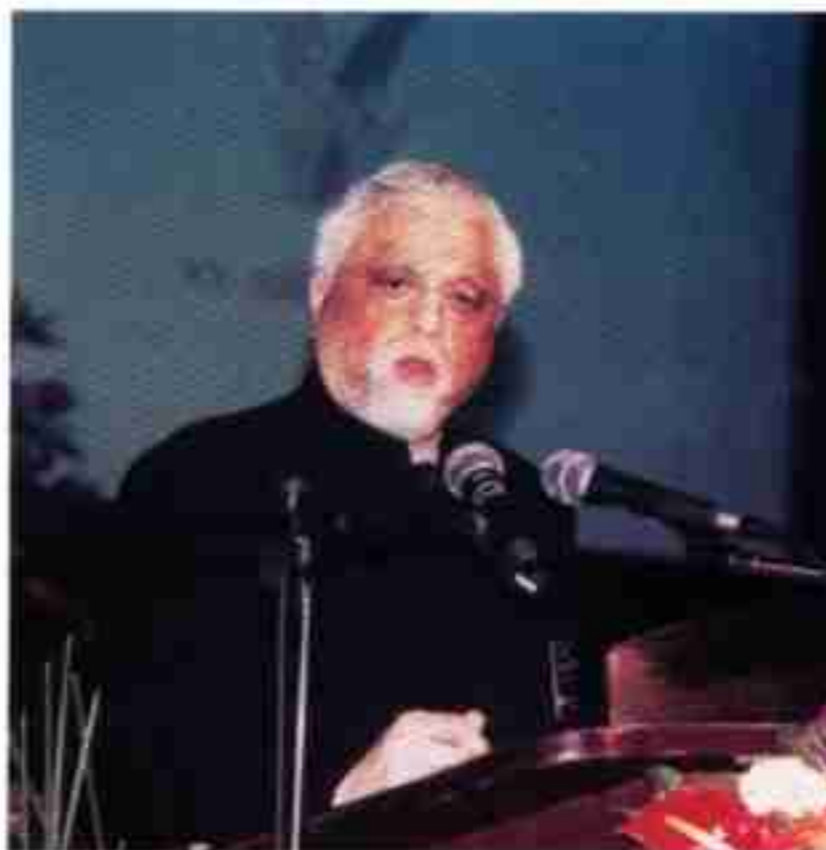
Led by our indefatigable District Governor Efren de Guzman and Spouse Pam, the District Officers Loving Presidents and Spouses danced to the rhythm of the romantic rhumba, the passionate tango, the perky cha, cha, the suave foxtrot and the stately waltz.

Dubbed "Simply Irresistible," the Ballroom Dance Medley, choreographed by District 3800's favorite, Ms. Budjing Danao, served as the highlight of the Governor's Banquet and Ball. Masters of Ceremonies PP Arlu Gomez of RC San Juan Metro and Spouse Tiffany Simeon of RC Valenzuela adeptly steered the proceedings for an evening of entertainment and camaraderie. The Governor's Banquet started at 8 pm. After the preliminaries, PDG Ting Tangco introduced Rotary International President's Representative Sushil Gupta and Spouse Vinita. RIPR Sushil, who belongs to a renowned family of Amritsar who took active part in the freedom struggle of India, was a former District Governor and member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest. He delivered an Interesting Major Address, where he cautioned Rotarians against becoming the dreamer who dreams and forgets. Let us be the dreamer, he said, who dreams and says "Why not?" He then encouraged everyone to dream on for a better world by sowing the seeds of love in our hearts and letting it sprout outwards and into the whole world.

The Man of the Hour, DG Efren de Guzman, followed with a Response, thanking the Rotarians and their Spouses for supporting his programs and projects, particularly for helping him raise US\$123,589.56 for the Rotary Foundation. A Token of Appreciation was then handed by the Governor for RIPR Sushil. The Loving Presidents also surprised DG Efren and Spouse Pam with a special gift and the evening drew to a close with raffle and some ballroom dancing.

It was, indeed, a simply irresistible evening with the Governor...truly a night for deepening ties and friendships, the Rotary way.

Didet F. Urbano, RC Metro Valenzuela



RIPR/RIDE Gupta delivers his second major address ... DG Efren with his response.



DG Efren and spouse Vinita starts the ballroom dancing *Portrait gift from the Loving Presidents*



Ribbon cutting of the Photo Exhibit



Club presidents do the "Ballroom Dance Medley" with their loving spouses ...



More club presidents with their spouses performing the "Ballroom Dance Medley" ...



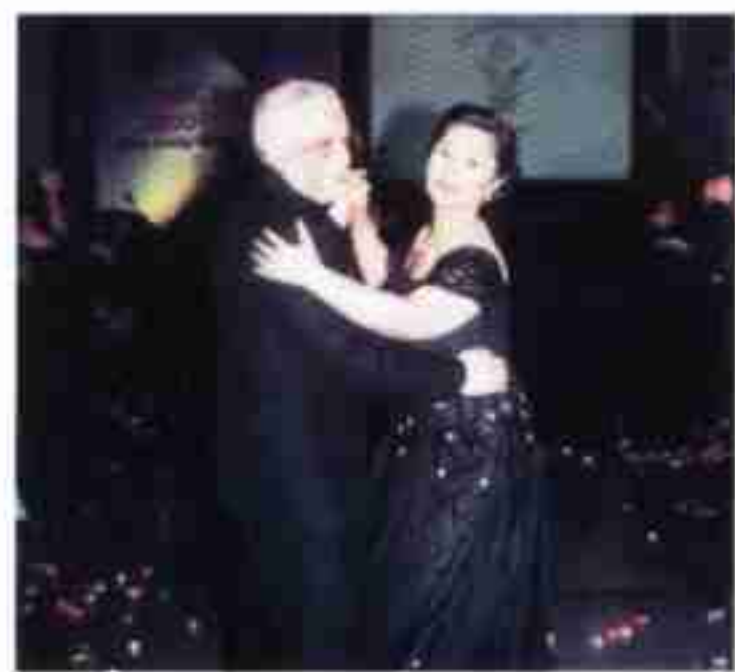
... and the Talent Night winner is ... the Obando Fertility Festival - Bulacan by Kaloookan Zone



1st Runner-up: Sinukwan Festival - Pampanga by Pasig Zone



2nd Runner-up: Kamundagan Festival - Bicol by Mandaluyong Zone



... RIPR/RIDE Gupta cuts the rug with Spouse Pam



DG Efren and spouse Pam show 'em how!

Talent Night

“You’re all welcome to perform at the Fort!”

Thus, declared a visibly impressed Mr. Oscar P. Palabyab, Undersecretary for Tourism Services of the Department of Tourism and chairman of the board of judges after watching a spectacular and magnificent performance by all 8 zones of District 3800 in their interpretation of the various regional festivals of the Philippines during the Talent Night, the culminating activity of DISCON 2003.

The choice of the Philippine regional festivals as the theme for this year’s Talent Night is very timely and appropriate. Following the declaration by the World Tourism Organization (WTO) that the Philippines is a featured tourist destination for 2003, the Department of Tourism (DOT) launched a campaign dubbed “WOW PHILIPPINES” to attract foreign as well as local tourists. As part of the campaign strategy, the DOT brought the various regional festivals of the Philippines nearer to Manila, to the Pueblo Filipino at Fort Santiago, Intramuros, in particular, where the different regional festivals are held and presented, albeit on a smaller scale.

USEC Palabyab and the other members of the board of judges— Mrs. Susan Calo Medina, noted producer and TV host of Travel Time, Dr. Larry A. Gabao, president of the Philippine Folk Dance Society, Ms. Edna Vida, a noted choreographer, writer and dance critic; and, Mr. Ferdinand Jose, artistic director of the Bayanihan Philippines, have every reason to be impressed. Each performance by a zone was well choreographed and all participants attired in appropriate and colorful costumes and props that speak well of the caliber of the choreographer hired by each zone and the long hours of practice and research that went into each performance.

First to perform was Zone 6 which presented the Sinukwan Festival of Pampanga, followed by Zone 5 for the Sinulog Festival of Cebu., Zone 3 for the Lami-lamihan Festival of Basilan and the T’boli Tribal Festival of South Cotabato, Zone 1 for the Pintados Festival of Tacloban, Zone 7 for the Grand Cordillera Festival of Baguio, Zone 2 for the Obando Fertility Festival of Bulacan, Zone 8 for the Kamundagan Festival of Bicol; and

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2nd Plenary Session

Of consumer prices and trade balances

Even before the feeling of conviviality from the just-concluded Rotary Fellowship Game could disappear into the air, it was again time for the serious portion of the convention—the second plenary session. The personalities assigned to do their parts in the program did well their assigned portions, namely: IPP Ronald “Pope” Solis (Invocation); DDS Marcos “Mac” Hermoso (Introduction of Guests); PP Virgilio “Jun” Farcon, Jr. (Introduction of the First Keynote Speaker) and

Mr. Raul Concepcion clarified that monitoring the prices of consumer goods should be the concern of the private sector.

Mr. Paul Griffiths, secretary in the Trade and Economics Section of the Australian embassy in Manila discusses the state of bilateral trade between Australia and the Philippines, its components, and expresses his hopes for a more improve balance of trade in the near future. At present, we have more import more than we export to Australia.

DG Efren “Efren” de Guzman presented tokens of appreciation to the speakers who both expresses their gratitude to the Rotarians of District 3800 for the opportunity to address the convention.

For break, PE Francis “Kiko” Pe Benito rendered a medley of Jack Jones, after which came the time to officially present DGE Antonio “Tony” G. Puyat, Sr. to the delegates. His comprehensive biography, dating back from his early childhood education, college days, adult years in corporate businesses, civic, religious and other affiliations, and Rotary service, was read by IDS Ferdie, interspersed with power point presentations of photos highlighting those significant moments in his life. DGE Tony delivered his awaited acceptance



Mr. Raul Concepcion on consumer prices



Mr. Paul Griffiths on trade imbalance.



Presenting ... DGE Tony Puyat and spouse Mila and their lovely children and grandchildren

speech, and formally presented his lovely spouse Mila and their children and grandchildren—his family—the extended members of his Rotary family who will join us and see him through perform his district duties as our governor of RI District 3800 in Rotary year 2003-2004.

By: IPP Antonio “Tony” B. Fidelino, RC Marikina

Spouse Workshop

“No to Ageing”

THE afternoon was filled with lots of interesting information and humour. There were a total of 137 spouses and to our surprise, some few loving Presidents came in to attend the Spouses Workshop “No to Ageing”



Dr. Gary Sy: “No to Ageing”

The guests in the presidential table consisted of RIPR Spouse Vinita Gupta, DGFL Mila Puyat, PDG Spouse Alice Tanco, and the event was successfully conceptualized by our very own DG First Lady Pam de Guzman at the helm. The guest speaker was Dr. Gary Sy, a famous gerontologist and a radio-TV personality who works together with Rotarian



Spouse Pam presents a gift to RIPR Spouse Vinita as Emcee Ellen Gnanathurai enthusiastically applauds.

Don Manolo Favis who was also with us that afternoon. The crowd of enthusiasts who wants to know the secret to eternal youth were the loving spouses past district governor spouses, AG Spouse, spouse committee members and guests who did a full coverage and pictorial of the event. There were lots of gifts that were raffled off after the event, totaling 120 including gold jewelries

and south sea pearl and coral pendant. Everybody enjoyed the afternoon bringing home packs of household detergents and nobody went home empty handed. There were lots of generous donors for the gifts not mention the chi-chiria peanuts, and cornik that were consumed by mouthfuls.

Because of time constraints, our guest speaker was not able to elaborate on his topic within the time frame given him. Thus, requests for a part two series were aired by our enthusiastic crowd.

Until the next spouses' workshop, keep smiling. This is your emcee for that event reporting. Tata!

Spouse Ellen Gnanathurai, RC San Juan North



DGL Pam de Guzman keynotes the spouse workshop.



The untiring, ever-loyal spouses of D3800

TRF Luncheon

District 3800 Raises US\$123,589.00 for The Rotary Foundation

PP TONY SIERRA, the district's Annual Giving Chair, very proudly announced during the TRF Luncheon of the District Conference that the district had already raised the total amount of US\$123,589.56 as of 20 March 2003. Of this amount, Rotarians from all over the district had contributed US\$52,758.06 for TRF's Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign, with more contributions expected in the following months. By any standard, the foregoing are exemplary accomplishments indeed.



PP Tony Sierra

Accordingly, PP Tony Sierra proceeded to recognized 12 Rotarians who became Paul Harris Fellows and/or contributed US\$1,000.00 after the Annual Giving Dinner last November. These generous Rotarians include PDG Tony Co of RC Mandaluyong, PP Mac Hermoso of RC San Juan North (for daughter Kristine), PP Luz Cotoco of RC Ortigas Center (for mother Nelly), PP Esteban Co of RC North Bay East (for Ms. Jennifer Ong), CP Patrick Tanco (RC Metro Marikina), PEFC Chair PP Jun Zafra (RC Rizal Centro), Loving Presidents Eric Cruz (RC Grace Park), Aaron Miravalles (RC Pasig South), Totoy Villamayor (RC Angono), and Manny Chua (RC Tanay), as well as Rtns. Christine Barroga (RC Wack Wack) and Pres. Orlando Violan (RC Metro Novaliches Collocan).

Subsequently, the district's newest Major Donors, namely, Governor Efren de Guzman, PDG Teddy Zamora, and CP Marilou



The new Paul Harris Fellows ...



... and the new TRF Benefactors with RIPR Sushil

Co were recognized by no less than PRIPR/RIDE Sushil Gupta himself. Each of them received their respective personalized crystal balls with their names engraved thereon during the recognition ceremonies.

It was interesting to note that several issues were raised dur-

ing the Luncheon that may have an adverse effect on the extent of TFR contributions by the district. Cited were the inconvenience cause by the closure of the Service Center in the Philippines, the apparent declarations by R.I. officials that such centers merely receive contributions and may not allow access to records, and finally, the MOA entered into R.I. with the U.N. in which R.I. pledged to financially support the latter's campaign for artificial family planning.



GSE Outbound Team to Japan presents the Pandanggo sa Ilaw.

This was followed by a brief but interesting update on the Polio Plus program made by PP Martin Matinez.

Finally, District GSE Chair PP Bobby Tanyag presented the Inbound GSE Team from R.I. District 2530, Fukushima, Japan, led by their team leader PP Michio Ajito was likewise introduced. Folk dances performed capped their presentations and the TRF Luncheon program.

by PP Anthony "Tonipi" N. Parungao, RC Marikina North



GSE inbound from Japan and outbound teams

Closing Plenary Session

All's well that ends well

Announcement of DGN for RY2004-2005

AFTER the "on to Brisbane Promo" by PDG Paul Honorio and the announcement of IDS Ferdie Fuentes on PETS and DISTAS 2003, PP Lorna Kapunan, Chairperson of the Balloting Committee reported that, in the election of the DGN for RY 2004-2005, Rotary's Centennial Year, the District Nominating Committee (DNC) chaired by PDG Teodorico "Teddy" Zamora, duly observed the rules and procedures prescribed by the approved Terms of Reference (TOR) for the selection of the DGN. Unfortunately, the DNC failed to select the DGN from among 3 qualified candidates. For this reason and under the TOR, the selection of the DGN was now left to the 72 clubs in the District who would vote for the DGN by mail.

The canvassing and tallying of ballots were held on 19 December 2002 with DG Efren de Guzman and other district officers in attendance, as well as representatives from the 3 candidates as observers. PP Lorna Kapunan announced that District Secretary and CP of RC Pasig North, Fabio "Fabie" Enriquez is elected DGN for RY 2004-2005.

Courtesy Resolutions

PP Virgilio "Ver" Farcon, Sr. opened the floor for the DISCON 2003 delegates to submit any motion or recommendation for approval of the body.

Upon motion made by PP Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr. of the Rotary Club of Marikina, the delegates unanimously approved to thank and express the gratitude of all Rotarians in District 3800 to the following personalities for their support of DISCON 2003:

- RI President Bichai Rattakul – for his unwavering support to DISCON 2003, to District 3800, for his inspiring message and for appointing RIDE Sushil Gupta as his President's Representative.
- RIPR/RIDE Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita for graciously accepting the appointment as RIPR, and for his well-thought-out inspirational and informative addresses to the delegates
- Industrialist Mr. Raul Concepcion and Deputy Head of the Australian Mission Mr. Paul Griffith for graciously accepting the invitation to be guest speakers at DISCON 2003
- DISCON 2003 Chair, PP Roland Garcia of the Rotary Club of Marikina, for his superb leadership; and the different chair and members of the Executive Committee and the various Working Committees, for providing a well organized, well attended, exceedingly high-tech, enjoyable, informative and highly successful District Conference for RY 2003.
- Spouses Executive Committee headed by DGL Pam de Guzman and co-chaired by Zeny Farcon and Ms. Myrna Enriquez, for their active participation and support that contributed immensely to the success of DISCON 2003.
- PDG Arsenio "Ting" Tanco and spouse Alice for their exemplary performance as aides to RIPR Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita.
- DG Efren de Guzman and spouse Pam, the Loving Presidents, District Officers, Distinguished Guests, Rotarian Delegates, Spouses, Friends of Rotary and the 8 host clubs in the Marikina



PP Lorna Kapunan



PP Ver Farcon, Sr.



PP Tonipi Parungao



RIPR Aide PDG Ting Tanco



"A job well done": Discon 2003 Executive and Working Committee.

Zone, for their invaluable and untiring support that contributed to a highly successful and memorable DISCON 2003.

Resolution Endorsing the Creation and Organization of the Philippine Rotary Subordinate Foundation (PRSF) and a Philippine Secretariat

PP Virgilio "Jun" Farcon again took the floor to read a resolution entitled "Resolution endorsing the creation and organization of the Philippine Rotary Subordinate Foundation (PRSF) and a Philippine Secretariat" that was jointly sponsored by RC San Juan and RC Marikina. There ensued a discussion of the proposed resolution on the floor as a delegate requested the proponent to explain further the need for such a resolution.

PDG Jose "Pepe" Peralta, district representative to the Council on Legislation in 2004 explained that during a meeting of the Philippine Council of Rotary Governors (PCRG) last January 2003, it was noted since the abolition of the SEABO, it has become very difficult for Rotarians to remit their TRF contributions and for districts to control and monitor the use of these contributions. In addition, complaints have been received of contributions that cannot be accounted for. The creation of the PRSF and the Philippine Secretariat to provide administrative support will solve the problem, as all TRF contributions will pass first through the PRSF. PDG Pepe Peralta further informed the delegates that to date, 8 out of the 10 Rotary districts in the Philippines have already approved the resolution during their respective district conferences.

Following the explanation of PDG Pepe Peralta, the proposal was unanimously approved.

Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the District Nominating Committee and the Revised Terms of Reference on the Selection of the District Governor-Nominee

PP Anthony "Tonipi" Parungao, Discon Vice-chair, presented to the delegates a long list of proposed amendments (26) to the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the District Nominating Committee (DNC) as well as the revised TOR on the selection of the District Governor-Nominee (DGN). He explained that there is room for further improvements in the TORs and his proposals aim to rationalize, facilitate and remove ambiguities in many provisions.

In the lengthy and spirited discussion that followed, several points in the proposals were further clarified and debated upon. In the end, there being no objections to the proposals as presented, all the amendments were then approved by the body. The revised Terms of Reference, as amended, will be published in the souvenir program of the 2003 District Assembly, and will be effective beginning RY 2003-2004.

Right: DG Efren de Guzman bangs the gavel to adjourn the Discon 2003

Closing address of RIPR Sushil Gupta

For the 5th time in two days, RIPR Aide PDG Ting Tanco introduced to the delegates RIPR Sushil Gupta his last major address who began with "everything must come to an end" He noted that everybody is so full of Rotary information that the prescribed 9 hours for Rotary content in a district conference has been greatly exceeded. He liked all the conference programs, particularly the recognition given to the Rotary Community Corps, Rotaractors and Interactors, and the clubs with 100% attendance, increase in membership and TRF contributions. He also commended DG Efren de Guzman for his major contribution to the TRF, adding that if you do not give, you cannot ask.

He informed the delegates that RI is concerned about what happens after the conclusion of the Polio Plus program. He said that meetings are being held to agree on a common program after Polio Plus, and in this regard, he encourages every club to send in its suggestion. He enjoins every Rotarain to be committed Rotarians and to pin their Rotary pins everyday.

Lastly, he thanked PDG Ting Tanco and spouse Alice for taking good care of him and his spouse Vinita during the duration of their stay. He said it surely must be tough for PDG Ting to introduce him 5 times during the 2-day conference. He rated the Discon as "excellent".

Closing Remarks of DG Efren de Guzman

DG Efren de Guzman thanked RIPR Sushil Gupta and spouse Vinita for their presence, all Rotarians and spouse who attended the district conference, the program participants and the Spouse Executive and Working committees for contributing greatly to the success of the conference. He particularly commended and thanked DISCON 2003 Chair Roland Garcia, the members of the DISCON executive committee and the various chairmen and members of the Working committees for a job well done and called each member onstage with him to be recognized. Afterwards, he banged the gavel to adjourn DISCON 2003 at 5PM as scheduled. The colors exited at 5:20PM.

By: Renato "Rene" R. Reside, RC Marikina Hilltop





RIPR Sushil with DG Efren, spouse Vinita with spouse Pam at the presidential table during the Opening Plenary

Impressions on DISCON 2003

Gov. Efren and Lady Pam,

Congratulation for a very successful Discon. You and your executive committee have set a precedent difficult to surpass. Mabuhay!

- Gov. Pepe Reralta, RC San Juan

So far the best among all the past Discon's. Very well organized, no loopholes. A Discon you can be very proud of.

- PP Boy Santos, RC Kalookan Central

I have practically attended all District Conferences since I became a Rotarian in 1988. I can categorically say that Discon 2003 have attained its set objectives and was a very successful and innovative one.

- AG Ric Santos, RC San Juan West

Fun! Fun! Fun! for a change no forums to attend, so everyone had a change to mingle and have fellowship. The idea of Philippines Festival is great. Our foreign guests truly enjoyed the presentation. The Rotarians and their children are excited to see and learn about the festival of the different regions.

- AG Annette Esparaz, RC San Juan Del Monte

Congratulations to Discon 2003. More power to you Gov.!

- Pres. Eric Cruz, RC Grace Park

Gov. Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

- Pres. Obet Quizon, RC Kalookan North

Congratulations to Governor Efren & Discon 2003 Team. It was a very wonderful & meaningful experience for me and all the participants. God Bless You and Pam.

- Pres. Loy Vargas, RC Kalookan Silangan

Gov. Efren and Spouse Pam, for us, Discon 2003 is well organized and full of fun. the minor problem on short of snack is not hindrance to the true meaning of fellowship. It was indeed enjoyable and success for District 3800. Congratulations to all

committees in-charge and to both of you. Gov. Eren and DGL Pam! we are grateful that you are our Governor. Congratulations!!

- Pres. Manny Chua and Spouse Merlie, RC Tanay

As expected, Discon 2003 of R.I. District 3800 ended with a bang. Not with a wimper!!!! it's success was overwhelming and unprecedented!!! it was a well-balanced presentation of Rotary in Action!!

Obviously, all the Rotary Clubs in the District did their very best! without doubt, the success is attributable to the District Officers, but most especially to the unselfish, wholehearted and untiring assistance and inspiring of R.I. District Governor Efren de Guzman!

- Pres. Celso P. Ylagan II, RC Pasig

I am amazed at the dedication of the Rotarians which was shown during the talent night. All were enthusiastic and very well-prepared... They look like professional performers!

- Pres. Tito Francisco, RC Mandaluyong West

Discon 2003, a viable avenue for camaraderie. A total success! indeed, Discon 2003, the most awaited affair/event of the Rotary Club, was the fondest, memorable and enjoyable! the preparations had been long and tedious but everything was truly compensated-from the rehearsals, pre-registration and registration period, the Governor's Ball and the Talent Night were properly planned and orderly implemented. The Discon Executive Committee and the other working committees led by the over-all chairperson, Roland Garcia and all the Rotary Club President's of Markina Zone and the Spouses' Committee should be commended for a job well done.

The Loving President, District Officers, Club Officers and all Rotarians as well, and their Spouses have given their unselfish share and cooperation that contributed immensely to the success of the affair. The Purpose for which the event was meant for was achieved more than what was expected. The awards or recognition received will not equal the friendship, the camaraderie, the bonding and every moment shared together as one family!

- Pres Jun Aguila, RC Wack-wack

Congratulations to a very successful Discon 2003. We saw a spectacular opening ceremonies and the whole program & proceed-



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District Governor

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PDGs and their spouses with DG Efren and spouse Pam: Ting and Alice, Edi, Ruf and Baby, Tony and Marilou, Edison and Malen, Teddy and Mely, Pepe and Thesy, Santy and Marsh, Paul and Nita, Benny and Nona.

ing was well-planned and no moment wasted.

- PP Lulu Sotto, RC Sampaguita Grace Park

I am very inspired to attend and see the Discon of District 3800. It was very wonderful and beautiful. I believe it is the Most unique and pleasant Discon in the World. You know How to Enjoy Rotary.

- Michio Ajito

GSE Team Leader, R.I. District 2530,
Fukushima, Japan

I enjoyed seeing the dance competition very much, I became to love the dance. Thanks a Lot!

- Masahiro Sakuma, GSE Team Member

The two days of Discon were the most enjoyable and interesting for me. I want to come back again here. Thank you very much!

- Junichi Tsunoda, GSE Team Member

I've never seen such an interesting dance. I hope I would like to come back again. Arigatou Gozai Mashita.

- Tae Mizutori, GSE Team Member

I can't forget the Discon R.I. District 3800. I learned how to enjoy.

Thank you very much!!!!!!

- Toshio Minakawa, GSE Team Member

Discon 2003 was a memorably scintillating celebration full of high spirits, friendship, and a well-planned high-tech programs and activities Rotarians can be very proud of. It sparkled with color, wit, class, and enthusiastic and meticulous preparations showing reciprocal outpouring for the thoughtfulness and generosity of a loving Governor and his Spouse.

- PDG Spouse Nita Honorio, RC Pasig South

"Fantastic!" the best word that I can use to explain "Discon 2003," as a spouse of the Rotarians for three years now, and had been attending the past Discon, this year was the most enjoyable, more fulfilling and exciting "Discon" that I have attended, and I've also observed it to all the other Loving Spouses.

- Pres. Spouse Dee Nicholls, RC Rizal
Mideast

A big success- a catapult of the positive synergy which emanated from all the various clubs, committee and individual that took part in this event. One of those activities which will truly make a Rotarian proud even more.

- Pres. Spouse Myrna Onglengco, RC Pasig
East

1. Well Organized
2. Well attended by rotarians
3. Plenty of raffles
4. Enjoyable
5. 100% supported by the Loving President and Spouses

- Pres. Boy Acurantes, RC Valenzuela South

Dear Governor Efren,

Allow me to commend your well-balanced and excellently prepared DISCON 2003. It was a pleasurable experience.

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Santi and Marsh Chua

Dear Gov. Efren

It was a pleasure to have attended your District Conference last Friday, March 21, 2003. From all indications and based on my own personal observation, it was a very successful event that was very much enjoyed by your Rotarians and guests. Allow me to congratulate you for a job well done. Here's wishing you the best on the remaining months of your term as Governor.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

PDG Guiller E. Tumangan

First time ever that I had attended an affair as exciting as this. Never boring, always expecting for the next "pakulo" It introduces many Firsts in the history of Discon e.g. the Rotary Feud, the induction of new members by RIPR. Not to be outdone, is the excellently prepared Governor's Ball and the colorful and wonderful presentation of different Zones at the talent night.

Congratulations my dear Governor Efren and Pam for a job well done. We love you..

Pres. Susie Luchan, RC Northbay

DISCON 2003 sets a standard for all future District Conferences to follow-- a fitting tribute to the remarkable leadership of Governor Efren de Guzman, to the amazing dedication and expertise of the members of the organizing committee and to the unwavering support displayed by the Rotarians of District 3800. The knowledge acquired as well as the fun and frolic experienced during the conference will be forever etched in the minds of all those who attended the Discon 2003.

PP Robert V. Chinjen, RC Pasig Sunrise

"Excellence is not being the best, it's doing your best."

District 3800-DISCON 2003 is a great Achievement; the fulfillment of a dream, the fruit of being decisive, focused and committed to Sow the SEEDS of LOVE.

It was a successful conference with the team doing its best. All in all, despite minor hitches the affair was EXCELLENT!

PP Juliet D. Quan, RC Valenzuela West

The DISCON 2003 was very informative, fun and entertaining. A very good atmosphere of fellowship

AG Jack Sia, RC Mandaluyong North

You are all ...

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lastly, Zone 4 for the Kadayawan Festival of Davao.

One of the highlights of the evening was the introduction of every past district governors and their spouses of District 3800. The past governors, in their formal barongs and their spouses, in Filipiniana gowns, were called individually onstage, introduced and honored. As their names are announced, their Rotary term and theme were also announced.

The winners of the best photo exhibit were also announced. First Prize was awarded to RC Navotas and RC Marikina; Second Prize went to RC Marikina Hilltop; and RC Wack Wack won Third Prize.

And then it was time to announce the winners. Based on the tabulation by the auditing firm SGV of the scores of the board of judges, the following zones were adjudged winners: second runner-up went to Zone 8 with an average score of 81.8% for their

Tied for 3rd runner-up are:



... Malabon-Navotas Zone ... Pintados- Tacloban



... Rizal Zone, Simulog - Cebu



... Marikina Zone, Kadayawan - Davao

performance of the Kamundagan Festival of Bicol; first runner-up went to Zone 6 with an average score of 82.8% for their performance of the Sinukwan Festival of Pampanga; and first place, with an average score of 84.8%, was awarded to Zone 2 for their lively performance of the Obando Fertility Festival. Zone 6 was also the winner of the special prize for the most number of participants in their presentation.

DGL Pam de Guzman and her team of hardworking spouses must be congratulated for a well-thought-out theme for the Talent Night that contributed largely to its success and to DISCON 2003 in particular. Congratulations too to Spouse Zeny Farcon, Chair of the Spouse Executive Committee and the Talent Night, to Spouse Agnes Caballa, Consultant of the Spouse Executive Committee, who developed and conceptualizes the talent night theme, the contest rules and criteria for judging; and lastly, to PP Raymond Samson of RC Pasig South and Spouse Jo Halili-Rivera of RC Mandaluyong Central for their superb job of emceeing the Talent Night.

By Sps. Evelyn E. Reside, RC Marikina Hilltop



... San Juan Zone, Grand Cordillera - Baguio



... Valenzuela Zone, Lami-lamihan - South Cotabato



... and the panel of judges with Spouse Mely Zamora. Not in photo was spouse Thesy Peralta.