

WCS – First Project Fair Phil 2009

“Road Mapping for a Better Life”



Opening Ceremony with hosts (L-R) D3860 Gov. Tony Ven-
eracion, D3780 Gov. Dulce Coyukiät, D3830 Gov. Sid Garcia,
and D3800 Gov. Rudy San Felipe.



RI Pres John Kenny was amazed with the cooperation of
European clubs.

At the very start, Governor Sid Garcia made it clear that he wanted the clubs to experience the internationality of Rotary and increase their capacity to provide humanitarian service. To attain these, clubs are encouraged to join hands with Rotary Clubs in other districts in the country as well as those in foreign countries.

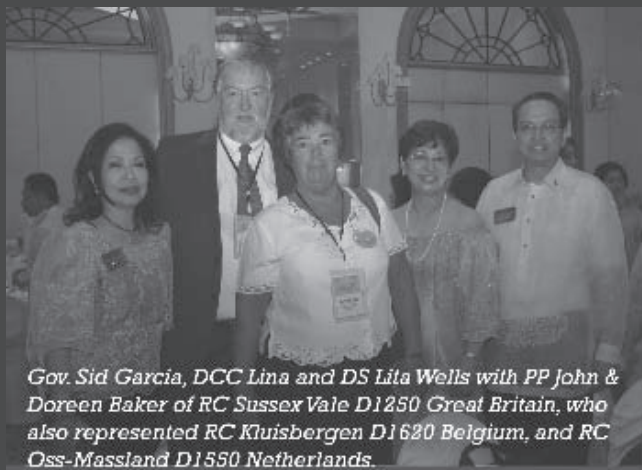
In promoting the internationality of Rotary, clubs are encouraged to engage in international projects, participate in the WCS project fair, apply for humanitarian grants, forge foreign and local matched clubs, visit Sister/Brother clubs, participate in the GSE, the Youth Exchange, and the Rotary Exchange programs, and attend the Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada in June.

Gov. Sid wanted the clubs to feel the joy and vibrant Rotary spirit Rotarians feel when doing international humanitarian projects with clubs from other countries, and develop life-long friendships along the way. International Service is awesome, with a different kind of shine.

And the challenge was accepted with much enthusiasm. The clubs were eager to initiate humanitarian service projects that help provide a better life to the communities that Rotary serves. On this page are some of the shining moments of clubs and the Smiling Visionary Presidents in the area of International Service.



RI First Lady June Kenny views the Project fair photo exhibit.



Gov. Sid Garcia, DCC Lina and DS Lita Wells with PP John &
Doreen Baker of RC Sussex Vale D1250 Great Britain, who
also represented RC Kluisbergen D1620 Belgium, and RC
Oss-Massland D1550 Netherlands.

District 3830

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Gov. Sid's Profile



As A Rotarian

Gov. Sid joined the Rotary Club in 1988 with the classification of Insurance Broking. Over the years, he carried out various functions for his Rotary club. He became Club President of RC Makati in the RY 1997- 1998 under the RI Theme "Show Rotary Cares." Under his Presidency, RC Makati was adjudged Most Outstanding Club (large club category.) He was also chosen as Most Outstanding Club President (large club category.)

Since then, Gov. Sid has consistently been a District Officer and held various committee chairmanships for both his club and the district. To name a few:

- RY 2000-2001: Assistant Governor and Deputy Coordinating Chairman for Major Projects;
- RY 2001-2002: Chairman of the Development Center for the Handicapped Foundation - Stepping Stone Learning Center;
- RY 2003-2004: District Chairman for Task Force Poverty Alleviation
- RYs 2003-2006: District Governor's Special Representative for Rotary-Gawad Kalinga Partnership
- RY 2004-2005: District Coordinating Chairman for International Service;
- RY 2005-2006: Chairman of the District Policy Manual Review Committee;

- RY 2006-2007: District Governor's Representative of District Resource Group which was responsible for promoting the major emphases of RI—Water, Literacy & Hunger, Family of Rotary and the District's emphases— Anti TB and Gawad Kalinga; and,
- RY 2007-2008: Senior Assistant Gwernor for Club Operations.

He is currently the Coordinating Chairman of Philippines Rotary Governors composed of 10 districts for the RY 2009-2010.

As a Rotarian for over 20 years now, he has been a recipient of several awards and citations among which are several Governor's Distinguished Service awards and is a Paul Harris Major Donor Level 1. He is a dedicated Rotarian with a passion for social responsibility particularly in uplifting the lives of the poor. The eradication of poverty, utopian as it may seem to others, is a cause Sid believes is worth taking on as it yields to better lives for the less fortunate. He says that "With more socially responsible organizations and individuals fighting poverty, the chances of winning becomes greater."

The Early Influences

Born to the late Dr. Paulino J. Garcia and the late Rosalinda Guidote, Sid credits his Rotarian father as his first mentor in raising his social awareness. A

public servant under four presidents, his father served as Secretary of Health from the mid-50s and the first chairman of the National Science Development Board later serving as the first vice president for research and development of the Ateneo de Manila University.

Sid studied at the Ateneo where he led the high school Ateneo Catechetical Instruction League (ACIL) and participated in the pioneering ventures of the school's Summer of Service Program (SOS) and the "Days with the Lord," together with his brother, Ed Garcia. He was consistently elected Class President all through-out high school and was also a champion middle distance runner excelling in the 800-meter and the 1500-meter runs and the 400m-relays where he learned endurance, dedication and team-building skills.

He enrolled at the University of the Philippines in Manila, where he was elected to the student council. Together with his brother and companions from other universities and sectors of society, he helped to launch the first-ever non-violent movement in the country, Lakasdiwa, in the so-called "First Quarter Storm" where the youth first publicly articulated their aspirations for profound social change.

As A Professional

In 1987, Sid started another innovative endeavor that is Trinity Insurance Brokers, Inc., which is currently among the top ten independent insurance brokers in the Philippines. In 1994 he established a subsidiary- Trinity Healthcare Services Inc. which specializes in providing healthcare coverage programs. He serves as Chairman & President for both companies, and currently also serves as the Vice President of the Association of Insurance Brokers in the Philippines and Vice Chairman for the PanAsian Alliance (an association of independent insurance brokers in Asia and the Pacific Region).

Other business affiliations include Directorship in the following companies:

- Syllabus Inc. (an STI College Franchise)
- Athena Credit Inc.; and,
- 3iii Holdings, Inc.

The UPian

As a UPian, Gov. Sid was President of the UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association in 2002 and 2003. In 2004, the UP Manila Alumni Association picked Gov. Sid as a Professional Awardee in Arts and Sciences. On the same year, the UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences gave him the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his service to his Alma Mater. Dean Marilou Nicolas avers that "Sid is super generous. In the middle of his stuffed schedule, he gave his time and money and effort to serve his alma mater!"

A Family Man

As family man, Sid has been happily married to Tesha Manalansan for 31 years now, with whom he shares a love for dancing and singing. They are blessed with 3 children:

Inigo, Maui and only daughter, Ileana. Despite his hectic schedule, he makes time to spend quality hours with his family. It comes as no surprise therefore that he is an "Uilirang Ama" Awardee, a recognition he received in 1995 from the Sta. Maria de la Strada Parish in Quezon City.

Tesha says that Sid is "God-fearing, and wants his own family to be a good Christian family." He spends his free time enjoying the company of his children, his brothers and sisters, reading, walking and playing golf.

His brother-in-law, Ronnie, says that "Sid has that quality of mind and spirit that manifest confidence and trust, making him an appropriate role model to family, friends, and business associates." Eldest brother, Ed simply puts it as, "a caring brother, constant friend; committed Christian, dedicated family man; competent professional, an inspired leader who brings out the best in others. That's my brother, Sid!"

Son Maui simply says, "My Dad is the best! He is the most generous person I know. He is our rock and our foundation. I love him very much."

His inner life has been nurtured by his involvement with the Couples for Christ movement as well as the community outreach demonstrated by the work of Gawad Kalinga (GK).

A Servant Leader

Sid's leadership qualities are best described by a High School classmate and co-Rotarian, Tito Panlilio: "Sid was very active in the Ateneo Catechetical Instruction League (ACIL) where he eventually became president of that co-curricular activity in our senior year, for which he received a gold medal of service during our graduation day.. Sid was also a perennial class president."

From his Chief of Staff and his Company's Senior Vice President, Rico Ocampo says: "As a man with vision, he remains focused on his goals. As a leader, he leads by example. As a friend, he is loyal and trustworthy. As a Christian, he is God-centered and God fearing. As a family man, his family is his priority. To his clients, he is a man of integrity and a solutions provider."

District Secretary Lita Wells has a mouthful in describing (and sums up) the leadership of Sid as she says,

"Sid is a very focused and organized man. He consults, and listens to other people's opinions. His leadership style is easy and relaxed while maintaining a very strong sense of purpose.

His genuine concern for others around him, be they family, friends or subordinates is very endearing. His positive outlook and strong spiritual foundation are evident in the way he works and deals with people. When I get stressed and anxious, I have a tendency to be very pushy, and when that happens, he looks at me with an amused smile, repeats his now famous line, "Lita, relax.. God is in control."

How can a man with such qualities fail in any undertaking he decides to pursue? He is determined, serious, and purposive, yet he is charming, sweet, and thoughtful." An epitome of a Rotarian's service to community and country, Sid undertakes his diverse commitments with a ready smile and an attitude of respect for all.



District 3830

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Stories of Love & Service: Toward the Centennial of Rotary in the Philippines



Chairman Lin's keynote entitled "Stories of Love and Service: Toward the Centennial of Rotary in the Philippines" during the 2010 District Conference last March 28, 2010 at the Sofitel Manila manila on the edge corner of the Rectory View this year. While it obviously does not do justice to all the numerous projects undertaken by the clubs in the Governor himself mentioned, it nonetheless reflects the District's overwhelming passion of service above self.

PRELUDE

Rotary International President's Representative PDG Frederick Lin and spouse Jane, my loving spouse Tessa, my fellow District Governors, Rotary International Past Director Paing Hechanova & spouse Mely, Past District Governors, Future District Governors, my Smiling Visionary Presidents, Rotarians, ladies and gentleman, it is a great honor for me to address all of you this afternoon as my fellow Rotarians! Our esteemed organization, though greater than the sum of its members, continues to grow in strength and service mainly because of its members then and now who placed service above self. It is humbling and privilege to be addressing you fine men and women.

This 10th District Conference is another page in Rotary's

continuing story. For 9 decades here in our country, this continuing stories of Love and Service has brought us to this culminating point where we are now just 1 decade away from the centennial of Rotary in the Philippines!

In the Handover last June, I spoke of this Rotary year being every Rotarian's opportune time to serve and lead in light of our country facing a global economic downturn and an environmental malady called global awarming that threatens our planet. We need to transform these challenges into opportunities so that we can, in our modest ways, help as our country prepares to elect a new set of leaders this May.

The Greeks have word fot his opportune time – Kairos. As Rotarians, we are constantly presented with the right time and opportunity or the kairos to make a

difference as we have done in the District year in and year out.

I spoke of our plans and thrusts during the Handover as they are our compass from where our efforts will be validated. It has been 9 months since then and our labors have given birth to many stories of Love and Service. Let me share with you this new page in Rotary's continuing story.

THE MEMBERSHIP STORY

Among the core values of Rotary is Diversity. The basis of our classification is our vocation. With more diverse vocations, we can learn and see more perspectives on how Rotary work can be done better and more effectively. To be invited to Rotary is to be recognized as one who has excelled in a given profession or vocation. This is why I have always personally believed that Rotary is not for everybody. Rotary is more about quality members rather than quantity. It is for this reason that we pegged a modest target of 100 new members and focused more on retention of quality members. As of February, the Philippine Consulting Center shows that the district gained 151 new members. We also retained our quality members and now the district is comprised of about 2560 Rotarians. You will be pleased to know that our District gave birth to 2 new clubs (recognize them!) namely the Rotary Club of Puerto Princesa Central under CP Amie Lustre.; and the Rotary Club of Cosmopolitan Las Pinas under CP Vhell Arias. We are now an 84-club strong District!

The move to bring the Rotary Academy to the Clubs is the primary reason for the success in membership retention and enhancement of new and old members alike. For the good service they have rendered to their fellow servant leaders, the district is indebted to our District Trainor PDG Sonny Coloma, Rotary Academy's Executive Director DGN Sue Sta. Maria, and Rotary Leadership Institute's Executive Director PDG Jimmy Cura. Their collective efforts to further Rotarize all of us yields into more motivated Rotarians. More motivated Rotarians generate service without boundaries like that of the Rotary relief operations for the typhoon Ondoy victims. A few days after Ondoy struck, 21 Rotary Clubs from the District led by RC Makati under SVP Felix Amparo took part in the relief mission handing out bags of goods to at least 3500 families in 26 sites in the hardest hits areas within Metro Manila and its neighboring towns. Pres Felix together with his SVP classmates; RCC, Rotaractors, and many Rotarians in our district gave not only money, goods, their time but more importantly comfort and compassion to the thousands affected by Ondoy.

WHEY

In the Handover, we pledged to engage in priority areas that in general will help improve the lives of the poor. This was summed up in an acronym: WHEY.



- W for Water, Sanitation, preservation and protection of our Environment
- H for Health, Nutrition and Wellness
- E for Education and Literacy
- Y for Youth service and care, and enhancement of their values

We kept our commitment and addressed these thrusts. For the sake of brevity, let me just share few milestones.

Stories on Water / Sanitation / Environment

Our District has always been involved in providing the communities we serve access to clean water knowing too well that water is life and that 90% of diseases afflicting children are borne in dirty water. This year, more clubs engaged this thrust head on.

Yet, global warming is a new challenge we confront causing extreme weather conditions worldwide. We are not spared. Currently we have a severe case of El Nino. We take this challenge seriously. In fact, the entire Philippine Rotary structure, its 10 districts, forged with the DENR and pledged to plant a million trees! A million trees to hold clean water and prevent soil erosion, a million trees that convert carbon dioxide to oxygen, a million trees to curb global warming.

Also, a District Green Conference chaired by SVP Emi Pulido of RC Makati Nielsen culminated with all SVPs pledging their commitment to save Mother Earth. The unveiling of the District's Environment Iconic Logo: "RGreen RLives RFuture - Save Mother Earth" is a long

term project which reflects our commitment to this thrust.

Stories on Health / Nutrition / Wellness

In June 2009, the 10 Districts of Rotary Philippines affirmed the Rotary Declaration Against TB commitments made in 2005. The Anti-TB initiative spearheaded by the very capable District Chairman Puno Peña has had many successes throughout the years and continually gains ground thus benefiting so many of our poor countrymen. In spite of winning so many battles against TB, the war still rages on as the statistics still remain alarming. I dream that someday tuberculosis will be Rotary's new polio.

Another project that directly benefits the communities we serve is the District medical caravan led by SVP Mike Macatangay of RC Makati McKinley. This initiative was borne out of a partnership among the district's chartered clubs and the Pharex Group of Companies. It aims to provide medical, surgical, dental, and optical services to the indigents within our district.

Stories on Education and Literacy

All clubs participated in the International Day of Literacy last September with the theme "PRISM: District Literacy Summit 2009" led by PRISM Chair SVP Danny Abinoja of RC Alabang Lampara. This was an awareness campaign for the need to sustain focus on education and literacy projects. Some clubs showcased their literacy programs to offer both information and inspire other clubs as education and literacy is a basic necessity that so many simply cannot afford. This is why we are persistent in creating the awareness so more can pitch in and initiate projects on this thrust.

And then you have the Super Pinoy Kid launched by RC Muntinlupa Central led by SVP Rene Aclan in cooperation with RC Makati and the Paulino J. Garcia Foundation. The project involves the publication and distribution of the Super Pinoy Kid Korniks in barangay day care centers. The central theme is to create awareness among children on the 4-Way Test in a most effective and interesting manner. Super Pinoy Kid is a role model the children can look up to and emulate as he champions the causes of moral values which molds the character of the children for the better.

Stories on Youth Service

As the future of Rotary and the world ultimately rest upon the hands of the youth, the District Rotaract Interact Assembly 2009 held at the Asia Pacific College was aimed at instilling in the youth the RI thrusts and its significance with the expectations that these thrusts and the Rotary core values become imbibed in the future. Rotary leaders that they are and as future global citizens. The attendance for this assembly was the biggest in the district's history.

And then you have the NewGen Conference last September which was led by RC Makati Paseo de Roxas under SVP JoYap. It was the very first Inter-District NewGen Conference in partnership with and hosted by RC San Carlos Cebu of District 3860 aired LIVE via webcast and held simultaneously at the University of Makati and the University

of San Carlos. A rousing success, 800 young men and women attended the conference which zeroed in on skills and competence building; and good values formation in the hope that it helps the attendees become globally competitive and succeed in the future.

INTERLUDE

My fellow Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen, I have just covered the Membership story and a few stories about WHEY. I hope the Smiling Visionary Presidents can forgive me as these short stories do not do justice to the amount of self sacrifice and the numerous projects and initiatives the District has undertaken this year. I do, however, have a few more stories. Don't worry. They are short.

THE RCC ASSEMBLY STORY

The biggest gathering of Club Presidents, district officers, and members of the Rotary Community Corps took place in the RCC District Assembly attended by more than 500. This Assembly is the first and unprecedented in the District. Its primary objective was to align the RCC Projects with the RI thrusts so that the RCC are empowered and become more effective Club partners in the communities. With the enhanced partnership, the consequential benefits to the communities we serve will be enhanced as well.

STORIES ON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The 1st Project Fair Philippines 2009 held last November at the Dusit Hotel in Makati was meant for all the Rotarians and the clubs to experience the internationality of Rotary by encouraging the clubs to engage in international projects to promote goodwill, international understanding, and peace, and to work together with other districts in foreign countries to achieve them. The event was a great success that no less than RI President John Kenny had this to say about it and I quote, "This project fair is the best pre-institute activity!"

One of our objectives this year is to have more sister club agreements with districts outside of the Philippines and you will be pleased to know that our sister club agreements have grown. From 80 at the start of the Rotary year, we now have 108 as of today. (recognize DCC Lina Hilario & DC Cha-cha Camacho.)

I recently came from Malaysia and Taiwan and at this point I would like to recognize District Governor Leslie Abdullah Salehuddin of District 3300 Malaysia and his party who are here with us today. Governor Leslie and I recently signed a sister district agreement during his district conference in Malaysia. Also here with us is District Governor Choi Jun Ho of District 3620 of Korea and his party. District 3620 of Korea is another sister district and have helped us through the years with our matching grants projects.

I also would like to recognize 2 GSE Teams who are here with us today: the GSE Team from District 1910 Vienna, Austria led by Team Leader Peter Gregor. Also with us is GSE Team from District 7,500 New Jersey, USA led by Team leader Clifford Sporn.

Gentlemen, Welcome to the Philippines!

STORIES OF SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

RVote

Another unprecedented project, RVote is an advocacy for voter education and responsible citizenship. Spearheaded by DC Nenette Aseniero, this initiative is in preparation for the coming May 2010 National and Local elections. On September 15, 2009, the first RVOTE FORUM was seen on Philippine television through our media partner, the Global News Network or GNN. Candidates for various positions have been invited to present their platform on Rotary concerns. We also invited Comelec representatives to explain the voter automation process. It also aims to encourage the participation of the youth. And in partnership with the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting, mobilize poll watching volunteers so that the sovereign mandate of the people prevails.

Gawad Kalinga

Our district continues to strengthen our partnership with GK for poverty alleviation as we aim to address the root cause of extreme poverty by engaging the poor in a partnership of development by building not just houses but productive communities as well. Today, the Rotary-GK partnership is in 30 communities within the District. This service partnership has transformed and continued to enhance what once are squatter colonies into emerging productive communities.

Paranaque Rotary Homes

An offshoot of the Save Paranaque River Project, the Paranaque Rotary Homes initiative was brought about by the realization that in order to save the river, the cause of its pollution must be addressed. And thus the informal settlers who dump their garbage and waste on the river were offered relocation in a 4-hectare property by the Paranaque City Government where 1000 homes are to be built in 3 to 5 years in partnership with Gawad Kalinga. You will bear witness to the formal launching of this project today.

TRF

As of March this year, the District's total TRF contribution amounts to USD 129K. As we are in the last quarter of the Rotary year, I congratulate those clubs who have already achieved and surpassed the USD100 per capita initiative. To those who are almost at the 100-dollar mark, the District appeals to your generosity. We have 3 months more to go so please dig deeper into your hearts and into your pockets. You are assured that your generosity will only bear more and more stories of love and service.

On behalf of a grateful District, I would like to thank all major donors: the new Paul Harris Fellows; and, the sustaining Paul Harris Fellows. Thank you too, to the Clubs who gave to the Polio Plus; and a big advance thank you to Rotary International Past Director Paing Hechanova who pledged another USD 100K for Polio Plus this year!

TOWARD THE CENTENNIAL OF ROTARY IN THE PHILIPPINES

And now, one final story.

Last February 23, the District held the 90 years of Philippine Rotary Celebration at the Mall of Asia. The bash was hosted by RC Makati San Lorenzo led by SVP Jing Sarao; RC Makati South led by SVP Dars Padilla; and RC Las Pinas East led by SVP Debbie Magbanua. This is by far the grandest Public Image program we did this year. Congratulations to the host clubs for a job well done!

During the celebration, I cannot help but reflect on the immeasurable acts of love and service Rotary has done in the last 9 decades. I realized that we must beam with pride for the contribution of Rotary Philippines to Rotary International as a whole. For me, Philippine Rotary accounts for 3 major contributions to Rotary International as a whole and these are:

Rotary Philippines produces Rotary leaders. We have had a Filipino RI President in RIPP Mat Caparas; former U.N Secretary General Carlos P. Romulo also served as Vice President for RI; Gil J. Puyat who served too as vice President for RI; Dr. Sabino Santos who served as RI Vice president as well; and our very own RIPD Paing Hechanova

The eradication of Polio from the face of the earth is likewise one of Philippine Rotary's great contributions. Started in the City of Makati in September 1979, it transformed into a Rotary worldwide cause. Polio is now only present in 4 countries.

Finally, the RCC. The RCC was a program proposed by then RIPE Mat Caparas which was then adopted by the RI Board in 1988 and thus formally became a Rotary worldwide undertaking.

These are but 3 fountains from which we can draw inspiration from. As we eagerly anticipate the 100 years of Rotary in the Philippines, we can stand tall and be proud and continue to strive to be an agent of change for a better community, a better country, and a better world.

POSTLUDE

In the Handover 2009, I quoted the prophetic words of Dr. Sabino Santos, a Rotary icon, when he said: "I sincerely believe that God is using Rotary to bring life and joy to a world at peace. Although we see this vision dimly and through a haze, God assures us that this will come to pass. . ."

Now is our opportune time to take stock and rejuvenate ourselves and do greater things. Now is our Kairos! Today is our opportunity to serve bigger and better. Let us collectively level-up our passion and commitment. Let this 10-year homestretch towards our centennial be the brightest and the most illustrious! With more passion, more commitment, and more dedication, Philippine Rotary will have much more to celebrate come its 100 years!

Truly, the future of Rotary is in your hands!



District 3830

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ROTARY HOMES



L-R Spouse Techa, SVP Boy Bernabe, Parañaque Mayor Jan Bernabe, RI District 3830 Gov. Sid, & Spouse Janie during the District 3830 2010 Annual Convention Manila, March 18 to 20, 2010

Parañaque City Mayor Hon. Florencio Bernabe Jr., Rotary International District 3830 Governor Isidro G. Garcia, and Gaward Kalinga Community Development Foundation Inc.'s Mr. Francisco Balagtas led the ground breaking of the Parañaque Rotary GK Village last April 15, 2010 in a 4-hectare parcel of land located in Barangay La Huerta, Parañaque City. This property is intended to be the relocation site for the 1200 informal settlers along the Parañaque River. The Rotary Homes project became a necessary project borne out of the Save The Parañaque River initiative with the rationale that the root of the river's pollution must be addressed. Thus, the combined efforts and resources of the Local Government Unit, the Rotary International District 3830, and Gaward Kalinga with the common goal of building decent homes and clean environment for the under privileged and addressing their needs in health, education, and livelihood not only benefits the poor but also the vier and the environment.

RI District 3830 Senior Assistant Governor Sally Tongson, SVP Boy Bernabe of RC Parañaque BF Homes, SVP Mel De Leon of RC Parañaque Palanyag, SVP Art Cabrera of RC Parañaque Metro South, SVP Ruby Rodriguez of RC Parañaque Metro, SVP Alamat Besuello of RC Parañaque East, SVP Pen Galang of RC Las Piñas West, other Rotarians and city government officials and employees joined in this important undertaking.



Gov. Sid reading the plaque of appreciation given to Hon. Jan Bernabe.

PHILIPPINE ROTARY WATCH

Philippine Rotary Watch is a national project of all Rotary Clubs in the Philippines. The basic objective of Philippine Rotary Watch is to advocate and increase the level of consciousness by citizens of the fact that the quest for peace and order is as much the community's responsibility as it is that of the police. In addition, Philippine Rotary Watch aims to promote among citizens the need to reduce the level of tolerance for those who violate the law.

"Obey the Law--Philippine Rotary Watch" is the project motto. Philippine Rotary Watch volunteers are tasked to identify and report to the Philippine National Police (PNP) matters relating to such common violations as reckless driving, smoke belching, drug abuse, crime as it occurs, traffic infringements, mulcting and other matters as may be identified by the Philippine National Police.

Philippine Rotary Watch as a national project became a reality with the support of DG Sid Garcia whose vision was for Philippine Rotary Watch to be adopted as a collegial project by all Rotary Clubs in the Philippines.

The alliance between the PNP and Philippine Rotary Watch has boosted the police force by about 21,500 with the



signing of a memorandum of agreement by PNP Chief Jesus Verzosa and Philippine Rotary Watch Chairman Albert Garcia on June 29, 2009.

Philippine Rotary Watch has a human infrastructure of 10 District Administrators and 804 Club Officers and the support of all 10 District Governors. This adds up to a total potential force of about 21,400 Rotarians, all helping to promote peace and order and make our country a safer place to live in-for ourselves and our children, and for the visitors who come to our shores.

RVOTE: ADVOCACY FOR VOTER EDUCATION

Our vision is of good governance for Filipinos. Through Rotary meetings we will help inform the nation of the state of the communities through the eyes of Rotarians involved in community work and bring these (RI thrusts) issues to men and women who are seeking public office. We will work to be seen and ensure that our issues are heard.

On September 15, 2009, the first RVOTE FORUM was seen on Philippine television through the Global News Network. Twenty-one Rotary clubs in District 3830 would take turns hosting the forum that will feature candidates running for public office engage in discourses on Rotary concerns on water, health, environment, youth ethics and good governance. To date, the RVOTE Forum is aired nationwide every Saturday at noon and every Sunday at noon and at 9 in the evening. We have featured Representatives running for the Senate and representatives of Party lists. The RVOTE FORUM also featured COMELEC officials and SMARTMATIC-TIM representatives demonstrating the use of the PCOS (Precinct Count Optical Scan) machine to Rotarians.

Our mission is to encourage and persuade the youth



and our Rotary communities to consciously and collectively use their vote in charting the future of our country through the ballot. We will educate them on their civic duty and their right to choose the leaders of this nation. We will campaign for registration. Through assemblies in our Rotary communities, we shall roll out voter education modules that will include lectures on voters' rights and the electoral process, and end with an actual demonstration of the new automation process.

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Felix B. Arapazo
RC Makati



Elsie B. Cabete
RC Makati Edsa



Michael Sherwin
Macatangay
RC Makati McKinley



Carlos D. Baltes
RC Makati Eastwood



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RC Makati Ayala



Effer Arapan
RC Makati San Antonio



Lourdes Mendiala
RC Makati Tamara Hills



Haroldo Dacanay, Jr.
RC Makati Panthers



Mildred Villanov
RC Makati Crown



Ma. Lucia G. Acas
RC Makati Westwood



Eugenio S. Gonzalez
RC Makati Pioneer Park



Richard G. Mayjica
RC Makati Robinson



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RC Makati Eastwood



Karolita Pilogul
RC Makati Greenbelt



Vic M. Kusalea
RC Makati North



Patricia Obiang
RC Makati Legaspi



Sylvia
District Governor Elect
RC Makati Prince Boy



Michael Elbert
RC Makati
RC Makati Saint Nicolas



Honorio Tulacillo
RC Makati Northward



Roland L. Zambrano
RC Makati Bel Air



Aldrin Casimira
RC Makati East



Reynaldo Gonzalez
RC Makati Parson's Gate



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RC Makati Rockwell



Roberto M. Blean
RC Makati Gregorio



Emma Rivera
RC Makati Jones T. River



Fernando Peña
RC Makati West



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RC Makati Four's



Ismael S. Camacho
RC Makati Gregorio Tiller



Josephine EH S. Yap
RC Makati Deane de Torres



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Josefina V. Alagao
RC Marikina Ikalambutan



Josefina R. de Guzman
RC Marikina Multinational



Felix C. Besuello
RC Marikina East



Antonio Z. Tolentino
RC Marikina Southwood



SID GARCIA
District Governor



Arthur C. Calerna
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Melia South



Gregory Glenn Gosco
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Roberta Rodriguez
RC Parañaque, Melia



Ma. Timoteo de la Cruz
RC F. Quezon South



Armando Mejada
RC Bacalarque Central



Felix Pocosob
RC San Antonio Parañaque



Taniel E. de Taron
RC Parañaque Triunvirato



Mercedes R. Montor
RC Parañaque Robinson



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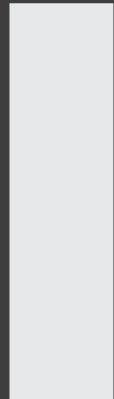
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District 3830

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The Ondoy Experience: Service Beyond Boundaries

In late September 2009, a typhoon named Ondoy came a-visiting, dumping in a day what weathermen said was a month's worth of rain. By the time it exited the country, most of Metro Manila was under water. Low-lying areas like Marikina, Pasig, Taguig, Pateros and Taytay were in particularly pitiful straits-entire houses were submerged, forcing people to spend the night on rooftops, without food and water. It took days for the floodwaters to subside, and when it did, it revealed the extent of devastation and ruin Ondoy had wrought-hardly anything was spared, not the cars nor the appliances nor the furniture, not even clothes. The scenes, the stories, broke the heart and drained the spirit.



But not for long. It is true, after all, that the worst of times brings out the best in people.

If the rains came in buckets, help came in tons-on planes and ships, container vans, trucks and cars and trailers, crates and boxes, baskets and bags-from virtually every corner of the planet. Given the extent of damage, the work looked daunting. Luckily, there was no shortage of volunteers – everyone wanted to lend a hand, to help fill the gaps in the lives of those who had lost practically everything.

as command center. There RC Makati Rotarians, Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors and secretariat staff sorted out and bagged the goods and later loaded them onto vehicles for eventual distribution to designated communities.

By the 5th of October, 21 clubs had sent in their donations – RC Makati, RC Makati Bel-Air, RC Makati Bonifacio, RC Makati Dasmariñas, RC Makati Edsa, RC Makati Greenbelt, RC Makati Guadalupe, RC Makati JP Rizal, RC Makati Metro, RC Makati Northwest, RC Makati Nielsen, RC Makati Paseo de Roxas, RC Makati Poblacion, RC Makati Rockwell, RC Makati San Antonio, RC Makati San Miguel, RC Makati West, RC Parañaque Merville, RC Taguig South, RC Taguig Southwest and RC Taguig West. Together they brought relief goods to a total 3,500 families in 26 distribution sites in 14 cities and towns – Antipolo, Bay-Laguna, Baras-Rizal, Cainta-Rizal, Makati, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Pasay, Pasig, San Mateo-Rizal, Taguig, Tanay-Rizal and Taytay-Rizal.

RI District 3830's Response

The gravity of the situation was not lost on District Governor Sid Garcia. He immediately called on his SVPs to join hands and pool their resources for a concerted relief operation. He designated his home club, RC Makati, as lead club and, turning to it for support, secured permission to use the MRCFI Building

