

Club Information

Rotary Club of San Fernando (LU), Inc.  
District 3790  
Club No. 16918  
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Five Avenues of Service		
Club Service - Dir. Jerry Parlan & VP Rey Nisce		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Co-Chairman</b>
Club Attendance	IPP Richard Dy	PP Tony Yee
Classification	PP Canor Salvador	Joel Salvador
Membership	PP Cres Fernandez	Fr. Rodel Arellano
Club Bulletin	PP Jerome Gaerlan	Frank Buenaventura
Program	PP Albert Dy	Mike Paderon
Fellowship	PP Rey Bonifacio	Ninoy Gazmen
Rotary Information	PP Ives Nisce	PP Mark Prieto
Club Awards	Pres. Rex Mendoza	Directors
Sports	Ferdinand Fernandez	Romeo Chan
Protocol	PP Kit Purugganan	Bob Kaiser
Election	PP Rudy Yabes	Vic Ortega
Anniversary	PP Rey Nisce	Tante Licudine
Christmas Party	PP Martin De Guzman III	Dave Parkman
Induction Program	Pres. Rex Mendoza	PP Rey Nisce
Recollection	Romy De Castro	Dave Parkman
Rotary Service Center	PP Albert Dy	IPP Richard Dy
Rotary Awareness	Wynie Manansala	PP Bob Kaiser
Publicity	PP Silver Sarmiento	PP Chito Nibungco
Vocational Service - Dir. Ernie Galera		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Co-Chairman</b>
Career Development	Benny Alo	PP Martin De Guzman III
Vocational Awards	Tim Warden	Romy De Castro
Vocational Training	Bill Teninty	Quiel Guzman
PDG Rudy Nisce Foundation	PP Ives Nisce	Harvey Tan
Rota Brain	Ruel Tana	Ray Espinosa
Literacy	PP Vir Cabading	Frank Buenaventura
International Service - Dir. Arnold Ignacio		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Co-Chairman</b>
WCS/Matching Grant	Frederick So	Edwin Canonizado
Rotary Foundation	PP Arsing Ignacio	PDG Ces Mendoza
Group Study Exchange	Bong Ingalla	PP Ben Ang
Summer Youth Exchange	Ming Yan Jao	Ronald Dy
Polio Plus and Nutrition/ Vitamin A	Paquing Peralta	PP Ferdinand Fernandez
MET Project	PP Rugi Macagba	Billy Teninty
Sister Club	PDG Ces Mendoza	PP Rey Bonifacio
Community Service – PE/Dir. Alan Sy		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Co-Chairman</b>
Livelihood	Edward Dy	Ronald Dy
Rotary Village Corps	Romy Chan	Mike Paderon
Health Education	Jong Komiya	PP Rudy Yabes
Disaster Relief	Arnel Chanpinco	Arnel Chanpinco
Medical Missions	PP Jerome Gaerlan	Edward Gaerlan
Environment	Joel Salvador	Ruel Tana
Continuing Projects	IPP Richard Dy	PP Dan Bolong
Youth Service - Dir. Jun Tio		
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Co-Chairman</b>
Drug Abuse	Ray Espinosa	Anson Sia
Interact/Rotaract	Tante Licudine	Ric Marquez
Rotary Academy of Excellence	PP Albert Dy	Ming Yan Jao
Special Children	Robert Sibayan	PP Jerome Gaerlan
Nutrition Program	Edgar Biteng	PP Andy Astom

PROGRAMME

Centerstage

Call to Order Pres. Rex Mendoza

Prayer &  
Four-Way Test Romy de Castro

National Anthem

LUNCHEON

Welcome & Greetings Rtn. Ruel Tana

**Birthday Celebrants:**  
Carmen Purugganan - Feb. 19  
Brenda Espinosa - Feb. 22

Club Singing A/Sec. Mike Paderon

Friendship Session Dir. Allan Sy

President’s Time Pres. Rex Mendoza

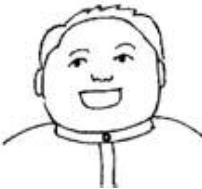
CLUB ASSEMBLY  
A. Increase number of  
Club Directors?  
B. Update on  
membership dues Tres. Romy Chan  
C. Update of the  
Rotary Service Center PP Albert Dy  
D. Business Proposal RSYC Dir. Jerry Parlan

Open Forum

Adjournment Pres. Rex Menoza

Day Chairman &  
Master of Ceremonies Sec. Reggie Chan

February is World  
Understanding Month



President Rex Mendoza



Dir. Jerry Parlan



VP Rey Nisce

Club Service



Dir. Alan Sy  
Community Service



Dir. Jun Tio  
Youth Service



Dir. Ernie Galera  
Vocational Service



Dir. Arnold Ignacio  
International Service



IPP Richard Dy  
Ex-Officio

FIESTA TIME

February is the month of Love. But for the City of San Fernando La Union, February is Fiesta Time. So our Mayor, Mary Jane Ortega, in her regular radio spiels, entices visitors to come this month and experience the ‘magic.’

Fiesta time is really a time of ‘magic’ for many towns and cities in our country. The word, ‘fiesta’ most probably comes the Old French word, ‘feste’ which means ‘to give immense pleasure.’ This is also probably the origin of words like ‘feast’ and ‘festival.’ So during this periodic celebrations, people are treated to ‘immense pleasure’ in the form of abundant food, entertaining shows, music and dancing, sports events, trade fairs and carnivals. People are made to temporarily forget their problems by ‘assaulting’ their ‘senses’ with all sorts of ‘goodies.’ That is why some people consider ‘fiesta time’ a ‘bane’ rather than a ‘boon.’ If I’m not mistaken it was the late Senator Raul Manglapus who partly blamed our backwardness on our ‘Fiesta Mentality.’ We go hungry the whole year round and then suddenly we splurge our savings in a few weeks on ‘non-essentials!’ Other people, however, consider ‘fiestas’ a necessary outlet. If not for this periods of enforced ‘optimism’ our people would sink into deep depression and perhaps engage in orgies of violence. As far as I know, there are no ‘fiestas’ in Rwanda, where scores of ‘Tutsis’ and ‘Hutus’ were massacred or in Sudan where civil war has led to the deaths of two million citizens. At any rate, filing a Bill to ban ‘fiestas’ in our country is like filing a Bill to ban ‘typhoons!’

‘Fiestas’ are of course, part of our Spanish heritage. Before the Spaniards managed to ‘Christianize’ the country, many of our people were engaged in ‘ancestor worship.’ Statues representing ancestors or ‘anitos’ were kept in many households. The wily Spaniards facilitated the process of colonization by replacing the ‘anitos’ with statues of ‘saints.’ Of course, to this day the Roman Catholic Church, we

inherited from the Spaniards, denies that it is promoting idolatry by this practice. Statues of the saints are not to be worshipped but are set up as reminders of holy men and women whose lives prove that human beings can follow the example of Christ. And we can ask this saints, who are in heaven, to pray for us just like we can ask a living friend to pray for us. However, the fine line between ‘veneration’ of saints and ‘pagan idolatry’ is often crossed as shown in the movie ‘Tatarin’ based on Nick Joaquin’s ‘Summer Solstice.’

Our ‘Fiesta’ is in commemoration of St William the Hermit ( St. Guillaume in French and San Guillermo in Spanish.), who died on February 10, 1157. He was a French soldier who led a life of dissipation before becoming a ‘penitent’ and spending the rest of his days praying and fasting. He was the patron saint of a sitio at the foothills of the Cordillera. The people of this sitio fled to San Fernando then known as Pindangan, from ‘pindang’ meaning dried fish, to escape marauding Igorot head-hunters. They were later joined by people from the coastal sitio of San Vicente, who were fleeing from roving Moro pirates raiding their place. Pindangan, as it expanded, was renamed, not San Guillermo or San Vicente, but San Fernando in 1786, in honor of King Ferdinand of Spain. Even then, Politics, played a big role in naming places! Nevertheless, our ‘fiesta’ falls on February 9, the last day of the novena to St. William the Hermit.

For the Rotarians of the City of San Fernando, ‘Fiesta Time’ is not just the time that the Club President gets to kiss the reigning Miss San Fernando while the rest of the members ‘ogle’ in envy- although, admittedly, that was part of my motivation in accepting the Club Presidency during my time! Our Club is among the strongest NGO partners of the local government in making our place a truly vibrant community.

Part of the ‘magic’ of San Fernando during ‘Fiesta Time’ is the ‘magic’ of Rotary!

LOGICAL REASONING?

DENTIST: Try to relax. I’ll pull out that aching tooth in just five minutes.

PATIENT: How much will this cost?

DENTIST: About five thousand pesos.

PATIENT: Five thousand pesos! Just for five minutes of work!

DENTIST: Well, if you prefer it, I can pull it out very slowly!

JUNIOR: Dad! I’m here!

DAD: What took you so long?

JUNIOR: You see dad, instead of riding in the jeep, I just ran beside the jeep and saved five pesos.

DAD: That wasn’t very smart, son.

JUNIOR: Why, dad?

DAD: Well, you could have run beside a taxi instead, and save fifty pesos!

*contributed by President Rex*

The Lone Ranger and his Indian sidekick, Tonto, decided to camp in the desert and after

setting up their tent, they quickly fell asleep. Some hours later, The Lone Ranger wakes up and proceeds to awaken his faithful friend.

LONE RANGER: Tonto, wake up. Look up at the sky and tell me what you see.

TONTO: Me see millions of stars.

LONE RANGER: What does that tell you?

TONTO: ( Ponders for a minute and then answers ). Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Chronologically, it appears to be approximately a quarter past eleven in the evening. Theologically, it’s evident that the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Now, Kemo Sabi, what does the sky tell you?

LONE RANGER: Well, it tells me that someone has stolen our tent!

*contributed by Director Jerry Parlan*

COPE (Crosswords & Other Puzzles for Enthusiasts)

PD Tim Warden

WORDFIND - LOOK FOR THE NAMES OF TEN (10) BARANGAYS ( VERTICAL, HORIZONTAL & DIAGONAL ONLY; FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS; NO CROOKED LINES ) IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, LA UNION.

9-10- EXCELLENT

7-8 - VERY GOOD

5-6 - GOOD

3-4 - FAIR

1-2 - POOR

0 - YOU SHOULD NOT BE A RESIDENT HERE

A D J O R O P O Q R S  
N B C A R L A T A N A  
E S C E K X R A A P N  
G B B S F L I S C D A  
N E I T E G A G F G G  
A H D I U V N N Y J U  
B T A N Q U I I M Z S  
T K Y L M N V L H N T  
A O P Q R S T W L I I  
C U V C A B A R O A N

\* GET ANSWERS FROM OUR SECRETARIAL AIDE, LYDIA

## Prex

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very well and let everyone of us, both the members and our ladies, laugh, love and play. In the past, our valentine party was focused on our talents; this year, the showman focused it on our ladies and our relationships.

I saw Rtn. Joel and his spouse very proud indeed in their terno dress and in candle light dinner at the far end of the hall; Spouse Jei serving PP Jerome his controlled dinner; PP Ives and Spouse Rose teasing each other, most probably like in their old days; Spouse Tita guiding PP Canor in the Program; PDG Ces and Tita Min dancing like a newly wed couple; the singing couples like Dir. Jerry and Spouse Marijo, Dir. Jun and Spouse Tess and IP Rey and Spouse Cathy; and the young couples seem to be learning and enjoying from the Seniors.

The chocolates sold to us by the Inner Wheel Club members made a significant mark on that Fellowship and Valentine night. They forced us to buy one for them but looking back it's nice that sometimes our Spouses have to remind us what they want – their corny and loveable wants – it serves as a reminder for both husband and wife. The chocolates also forced us to give (the real essence of Valentine) and to be thoughtful once more to our Spouses.

The sing-alis, the table choral (?!?) contest and other games made us realize the essence of Rotary, that is, fellowship.

For sure the group of PP Jerome, the Pro-Active team is preparing another BIG FELLOWSHIP NIGHT for all of us. But check it out, in the past few months, they were the group who always have ladies as guests, always fully packed and are the highest in terms of home club attendance. I bet they will use that same gimmick (?) again.

## TEST (Ten Exercises for Students of Trivia)

**World War I Trivia** – This is a very nice quiz on the mechanics of the war.



1. Many people are familiar with the assassination of Franz Ferdinand but what terrorist group was responsible for this death?
2. Which country had the largest empire at the time of the war?
3. Airplane use in warfare became popular during World War I and the Red Baron often comes to mind. Who was the most famous American ace of WWI?
4. Which country immediately entered the war under the order of the dominion when Britain did?
5. While certainly not the only reason for U.S. entry into WWI, the sinking of this British passenger liner caused a stir in North America.
6. What neutral country was invaded by Ger-

many, which brought Britain into the war?

7. What type of ground warfare most characterized WWI?
8. Who developed an apparatus that allowed machine guns to be mounted and fired through moving propellers of WWI era aircrafts?
9. The combined casualties of this July 1916 battle alone numbered approximately 1 million men. Where was this battle occurred?
10. In what country was the Treaty of Versailles signed in?

*Answers next issue*

*Answers last issue*

1. Saint Valentine
2. He was Valentine's jailer
3. Pope Gelasius
4. Charles, the Duke of Orleans
5. Cupid
6. Dove
7. They mate for life
8. Ophelia
9. Sleeve
10. Rudolph Valentino

**Rotarian Ruel T. Tana**

## Prex

### Welcome to our Club Assembly!

Today's activity will be very tough, I will learn parliamentary procedure in a democratic rotary way and we will once again make history in the club. Just one rule of thumb for today, just bear in mind that what we are doing is for the Club, for Rotary and the community we live in, in general. We hope to settle at least two issues, as follows:

a. Amendment of the RCSFU. Inc., constitution and by-laws by

- adding the Rotary's program for new generations, the youth as service program of RCSFU, Inc., with a director to focus and direct the Club activities

- adding two (2) directors from the existing seven (7) members of the Board of Directors (President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Director for Club Service, Director for Community Service, Director for

**PRESIDENTS' CORNER**  
**President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.**

Vocational Service and Director for International Service) to include Director for Youth Service and Club Secretary as a part of the governing body of the Club

b. Sourcing out funds for completion of the Rotary Youth and Service Center and possible Inauguration and turn over to the Board of Trustees on July 1, 2003.

As we always say in our democratic country, let us exercise our right, our freedom of speech and the freedom to be heard. And we hope and pray that whatever legal decision of the general membership will be accepted by each and every member of the club wholeheartedly.

I am now counting my remaining number of days as the President and we are on the second half of the Rotary term; for sure we will expect the declining number of Rotarians attending the regular Club meetings, thanks to the different HOST TEAMS preparing different programs every meeting to sustain attendance and special thanks for exerting extra effort in our fellowship nights, we already have three, the last of which was the Valentine Program last February 11, 2003, at CAP building.

The Vision team headed by the Master Showman PP Canor Salvador did their job

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**e-QUIP** (Quotes from the Internet)

**Sec. Reggie C. Chan**

*"It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny"*

**- Jean Nidetch**

## R2 D2

(Review of Rotary Details & Dynamics)

PVP Frank C. Buenaventura

### Subject: Summarized COL Approved Enactments and Resolution

Below are some of the approved resolutions and enactments:

#### Club Meetings:

01-04. To allow the Club Board to cancel up to four regular meetings in a year and allow the cancellation of not more three consecutive meetings.

01-16. To allow the cancellation of a regular meeting due to the death of a club member.

01-530 To allow regular meetings to be cancelled due to armed conflict.

#### Attendance:

01-26. To remove the automatic termination provisions for failing to attend 60% of regular meetings.

01-38. To allow attendance credit for a member who attends less than 60% of a regular meeting when the member is unexpectedly called away from a meeting. 300-185

01-39. To allow attendance credit for attending a club sponsored community event or meeting or a club board or service committee meeting. 374-124

01-76. To allow the club board to determine the conditions and circumstances under which a member's absence may be excused. 341-53

#### Club Administration:

01-111 To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to allow clubs to merge together. 398-88

01-125 To provide for a new club officer: Secretary- Elect 321-177

01-130 To clarify the procedures for appeals and arbitration within clubs. 355-127

#### Types of Membership

01-148 To reduce the types of membership in clubs to active and honorary while retaining the classification principle.

01-160 To allow for transfer of membership

01-186 To allow the implementation of pilot projects chartering Rotary Clubs based on new model.

01-187 To preclude clubs from limiting membership based on gender.

01-192 To request the RI Board to encourage clubs to have two genders.

01-202 To amend provisions pertaining to honorary membership.

01-203 To provide that no person shall simultaneously be a Rotarian and a Rotaractor.

01-207 To provide for termination of membership at the discretion of the club board for failure to pay dues in a timely manner.

#### Programs

01-230 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs and districts to ensure continuity in their projects and programs.

01-231 To request the RI Board to consider opportunities to enhance the public awareness of ROTARY.

To request the RI Board to consider enhancing the importance of vocational service initiatives as a top priority.

01-234 To request the RI Board to consider enacting formal requirements concerning the selection and orientation of Youth Exchange students.

01-240 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to establish Youthact Clubs for youth ages 11 to 14.

01-241 To request the RI Board to consider adding "Youth Service " as fifth avenue of Rotary Service.

01-243 To request the RI Board to consider adopting Rotary Youth Programs of Enrichment as an official program for New Generations

01-249 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to support projects for rehabilitation of polio-disabled children

01-254 To request the RI Board to encourage Rotarians to promote Preserve Planet Earth by planting and fostering plants.

01-266 To request the RI Board to consider initiating a program to commemorate the memory of Past President Arch Klump.

*to be continued next issue*

## Fireside Chat

PDG Ces Mendoza



### My Job as District Chairman of Rotary Foundation

My first acquaintance with ROTARY FOUNDATION was in 1977 when I became a Paul Harris Fellow. As required by Rotary International, the District Chairman should preferably be a Past District Governor and a District Governor should submit to The Rotary Foundation, under the umbrella of the Rotary International, the names of the Chairman and members of the subcommittees under it such as GSE, Grants, PolioPlus, Alumni, Annual Giving, Scholarship and Permanent Fund six months before his term as Governor. The District Chairman supervises the chairmen of the subcommittees under it. The DRFC (District Rotary Foundation Chairman) plays a critical role in furthering the Rotary Foundation's objective of world understanding and peace by reaching out to the clubs sharing the foundation's important message and helping to realize the Foundation's goal.

To be effective as Chairman, the DRFC must have continuity of leadership, therefore, the DRFC should be appointed for at least a three year term. The DRFC must have a significant knowledge, commitment to, and experience with Rotary Foundation activities. The DRFC members should be appointed based on their commitment to The Rotary Foundation as demonstrated through program participation and financial contribution.

In 1987-88, during my term as Governor, I could hardly find one to be the DRFC, not even my closest PDG friend, because as PDG he knows the big responsibility. I appointed in name a PDG to be the chairman and I did the actual job, being aware that a current Governor cannot serve a DRFC at the same time.

The main thrust of Rotary then was to raise funds for Polio. I have worked and worked to

reach my goal set by R.I. in the amount of US \$ 95,150.00. I was able to raise US \$ 70,518.37 with pledges of US \$ 28,000.00 which I was to collect the following year after my term as Governor, being appointed as DRFC. I would have completed my goal if I had the capital to advance to R.I. the amount to cover up post-dated checks, but I didn't have it.

As I attended International Conventions and Zone Institutes, I became more knowledgeable of the workings of the Rotary Foundation. I have heard speeches to include recipients of the programs of Rotary Foundation and have seen tapes as well. All these have encouraged me to work more and more.

In Rotary Year 1995-1996 during the term of Gov. Nelson Yuchongtian, I was able to raise US \$ 98,000.00. I exerted all my time, effort and resources because I promised myself that was my last term as chairman. I had the money then to use as capital. I had PHP 500,000.00 to advance postdated checks that were encashed six months after the term of Gov. Nelson.

I continued to work as Chairman up to this time for a total of thirteen (13) years excluding the three (3) years gap in between terms. But after this year, NEVER again as chairman. In my observation of 13 years, RF contributions are based on friendship and more importantly on dedication. We were able to convince presidents of different clubs to become Paul Harris Fellows and past presidents to honor their spouses making them PHFs and even their parents and children. Asking for contributions to RF should be personalized- the most effective way. Let's Sow the Seeds of Love thru RF and more BLESSINGS will come to us; helping people we don't know and will never meet. That's how I convinced Rotarians to share what God has given them.