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e-equip (Quotes from the Internet)

“Ability can take you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.”
-Anon

Sec. Reggie Chan

PROGRAMME

Centerstage

6:00 PM	
	Cocktails
7:00 PM	
Call to Order	Pres. Rex Mendoza
Invocation & Four Way Test	Fr. Rodel Arellano
National Anthem	
7:10 PM	
Welcome and Greetings	Pres. Rex Mendoza
Introduction of the Guest and Visiting Rotarians	PP Vir Cabading
7:30 PM	
Governor’s Message	DG Macky Macabulos
Awards & Recognition	Rtn Edward Gaerlan
8:15 PM	
	Dinner/ Entertainment
9:15 PM	
Introduction of Guest of Honor & Speaker	PDG Ces Mendoza
Address	
	RIDN JOCELYN “Joc-Joc’ BOLANTE
Presentation of Awards and Gifts	Pres. Rex Mendoza
10:15 PM	
Adjournment	Pres. Rex Mendoza
	Master of Ceremonies Rtn. Bong Ingalla Asst. Sec. Mike Paderon

NOVEMBER is Rotary
Foundation Month

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* Chairman, Northern Foods Corporation
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* Acting Chairman, National Irrigation Administration
Livelihood Corporation
Strategic Investments & Development Corp.
* Director, National Power Corporation
Land Bank of the Philippines
Member, Investment Coordination Committee
Dept. of Budget Coordination Committee – NEDA
* National Intelligence Board
* Presidential Agrarian Reform council
Civic affiliation
Charter President, RC of Paranaque South; Most Outstanding Club President of RI District 3810, RY 1990-1991; Recipient of the R.I. Four Avenues of Service Citation, the R.I. Service Above Self Award and the TRF Citation for Meritorious Service
Zone 7 Coordinator, R.I. Membership Development Committee, RY 2001-2002
President, Rotary Village Corps (RVC) Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. 1998 to Present
Vice-Chairman, World Community Service Task Force, R.I. RY 2000-2001
Vice-Chairman, R.I. Presidential conference 2000
Member, Asia Pacific Affairs Committee, R.I. RY 2000-2001
Member, Rotary’s Dream for the Future Regional Task Force of Rotary International, RY 1998-1999
Member, Programs and Emphases Committee, Rotary International, RY 1999-2000
Chairman, Council of the Philippine Rotary Governors, RY 1997- 1998
District Governor, R.I. District 3810, RY 97-98
Newly Elected RI Director, RY 2003-2004

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A TIME FOR US

“A time for us, someday there’ll be. When tears are shorn, of courage born of a love that’s free. A time when dreams so long denied will flourish, a dream of shining hope for you and me.” That was taken from the theme song of the film adaptation of Shakespeare’s most famous play, ‘Romeo and Juliet’. The song speaks of time and love, two ephemeral concepts, difficult to grasp and pin down. Hence, they are deeply troubling to the left side of the brain, the seat of logical thought and mathematical precision. In the case of time, the logical mind has sought to allay its lack of comprehension by dividing it into measurable units. These units are arbitrary and based on the motion of selected objects. So now we have seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. A year is the time it takes the earth the complete one revolution around the sun. It is the favorite unit of time we use to mark memorable occasions of our life, like our birthdays and anniversaries. It is time that we pause, reflect, remember and say ‘thank you’. ‘Thank you’ for still being alive, for having a relationship that is still going strong or for having a valued organization that remains very relevant.

About forty-two revolutions of the earth around the sun have passed since a couple of idealistic businessmen and professionals decided to band together and bring the Spirit of Rotary to the province of La Union. I think it would be proper if all of us connected in some way to the Club they started, should now pause, reflect and remember these men and their lasting legacy. To help you remember you can turn the pages of this newsletter and read the excellent articles of Past Editor-in-Chief, Edward Gaerlan, and Past President, Rudy Yabes. Beyond remembering, I think some ‘thanks’ are also in order. I hope that no one now would begrudge me for saying ‘thank you’ on their behalf.

Editor Jerome Gaerlan

‘Thank you’ from the people of the city of San Fernando and the whole province of La Union, for the numerous service projects of RCSFU which have been of great benefit to the local populace.

‘Thank you’ from the officials of the municipal and provincial governments of LU, for being such a great NGO partner that has made the task of running a town, city or province much easier.

‘Thank you’ from the members of the other Rotary Clubs of La Union; the ‘mother club’ has directly or indirectly been responsible for their current existence. This is, in fact, the theme of today’s celebration.

‘Thank you’ from District 3790, RCSFU being a consistent top performer in all categories, contributing a lot to the past and current prestige of our District.

‘Thank you’ from Rotary International, since RCSFU is truly a ‘model organization’ which has continuously promoted the legacy of Paul Harris and the other pioneers of RI.

Finally, ‘thank you’ from the members of RCSFU through the years, myself included. The existence of this Club has given us numerous occasions for meaningful fellowship and countless opportunities for service and ‘sowing the seeds of love’.

Love, like time, is not so easy to fully comprehend. Behaviorists, who like to study feelings and sentiments by their external manifestations, say that love occurs when one is willing to share one’s time, effort and resources with another person(s). Looking at it this way, love, can perhaps be measured- the number of hours or the monetary value of resources that we are willing to share. Personally, I think that love, like the legacy of the pioneers of RCSFU, is more than this. It is the sharing of one’s self. As such, it is immeasurable and shall remain so, at least, until the end of this lifetime.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

* A man was asked by his friend what he planned to give his wife for their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The man replied, “ I plan to bring her to Africa for a Safari Tour.” The friend said, “ that’s an expensive gift. How about for your Golden Wedding Anniversary?” The man answered, “ if we live that long, I might go back to Africa and fetch her!”

* A Filipino married a gorgeous American woman and just before their first Wedding Anniversary, he asked her what she wanted for a present. *Filipino:* Do you want a Rolex watch, honey? *Wife:* No, I’m not interested. *Filipino:* Maybe you would be interested in a 40-carat diamond ring with a matching pearl necklace. *Wife:* Sorry, I don’t want that. *Filipino:* How about a Jaguar with a chauffeur to drive you around? *Wife:* No that’s not what I have in mind. *Filipino:* What do you have in mind? *Wife:* A divorce! *Filipino:* Sorry, I don’t have enough money for that!

* A couple were celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. During the party, the hus-

band was asked by an admiring young man about the secret of their lasting relationship. The husband replied, “ it all started during our Baguio honeymoon. We each rode a horse around the city. While admiring the scenery, my wife’s horse stumbled but managed to get up.” My wife said, “ that’s one!” The husband continued, “ later on while we were enjoying the scent of the pines, my wife’s horse stumbled again and took a while to get up.” “ That’s two!” My wife said. The husband then concluded, “ finally, my wife’s horse stumbled a third time while she was savoring a cool breeze. She then took a pistol out of her purse and shot the animal dead. I was shocked and told her that what she did was heartless.” She put the pistol back in her purse and looked at me intently and said, “ that’s one!” *contributed by PP Jerome*

* A man went to the Department Store and asked the salesgirl where he could get a gift for his wife. “What’s the occasion?” The salesgirl asked. The man replied, “ it’s our tenth wedding anniversary.” The salesgirl pointed to a corner and said, “ bargain section is over there.” *contributed by Pres. Rex*

COPE (Crosswords & Other Puzzles for Enthusiasts)

PD Tim Warden

L R V X F G M S B O T R E B L A A C S E R O L F V U S B	Arciaga, Pedro	Tavora, Jose
P E N I D U L Y S S E T R E L L A C O N R A D O I F I	Balbuena, Basilio	Limjap, Luis
N S H T D Z A N D U E T A R A M O N C B L Y W N V Z J P	Tadiar, Alfredo	Macagba, Rufino
D I U H C N Q W J B S S U S E J O D N E R I O L F M L M	Baldemor, Dionisio	Torio, Pablo
O U B S D Y Q U I A N G C O P I O B E D H S V A C A H J	Talavera, Alfredo	Morales, Jesus
O I E U E N H O M S E R A F I C A T E O D O R I C O T F	Tutaan, Humberto	Chan, Quintin
N Z L Z N J L G Y E O D E R F L A R A I D A T S Q I U O	Cabading, Mauro	Nisce, Rodolfo
I Y L I E G S W H P U S E R D N A Z E H C N A S E O T L	Tuazon, Gonzalo	Dyquiango, Pio
F A O L S V C E V N I S C E R O D O L F O M N N X M A A	Nibungco, Antonio	Floirendo, Jesus
U B C I O A K O L J Q M M X U O T X I S A R E V E D A Z	Corpuz, Sofronio	Sanchez, Andres
R E O M J O B P A A W O V A X R L E O N N R O B S O N N	DeVera, Sixto	Penid, Ulysses
A S N J A L X A K N R O D E R F L A A R E V A L A T H O	Osborn, Noel	
B G C A R B F H N D T O G K W V J M C Q K G O K W U U G	Estrella, Conrado	
G R E P O A A L I E L O M O R U A M G N I D A B A C M N	Zanduetta, Ramon	
A E P L V P P O W I U Z N O D R A C I R A G N U S D B O	Floresca, Alberto	
C G C U A O N T N C L B E I I O E N E R I D A C A G E Z	Serafica, Teodorico	
A O I T I A U V W G F L A O Z O R D E P A G A I C R A	Hernandez, Teofilo	
M R O S S R Y Q U H E R N A N D E Z T E O F I L O I T U	Lacsamana, Mariano	
C I N I G O W M Q A G O D L B C H A N Q U I N T I N O T	Bello, Concepcion	
Q O O L J T N K H D P C C O R P U Z S O F R O N I O K D	Yabes, Gregorio	

C.P.R. (Club Pass & Review)

It was our second Inter-City Meeting. The Kris Room of the Oasis Country Resort was jam-packed with people. We saw friendly smiles on both familiar and not so familiar faces. We met old acquaintances and found new ones. Everyone was mingling with everyone. The gathering was joined by Rotary Clubs in La Union and also various Rotary Clubs in Baguio and Tarlac who came along to support their respective candidates for District Governorship for District 3790 of Rotary Centennial Year 2005-2006.

The La Union Club Presidents headed by RCSFU Pres. Rex Mendoza called the meeting to order and successfully shifted the noisy crowd's attention to the program. Day Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, RCSFU Rtn. Mike Paderon took on from there. He was the right man for the job because with his size and strong loud voice, nobody dared to ignore him. He called on Pres. Boy Laron of RC Agoo to lead the Invocation and 4 Way Test. The National Anthem followed and was led by Pres. Pilo Sotelo of RC San Juan. While everyone was having a good time eating, chatting and going from table to table, Pres. Rex went up to give the formal Welcome and Greetings which he handled very well. Even with the evening's significant attendance he failed not to mention and acknowledge everyone.

Sec. Reggie Chan

ADG Vino Torricer ably introduced our first Speaker, PP John Paul "Jaypee" Cadaing. PP Jaypee's vision is to keep traditional excellence to remain as one of the top districts worldwide, to make Rotary affordable so that getting new members wouldn't be difficult, to double our efforts, dedication and commitment and create more meaningful projects.

Pres. Jojo Warren of RC SFLU North on the other hand intelligently introduced our second Speaker, PP Carlos "Caloy" Mendoza. PP Caloy's vision is to strengthen all clubs and form new ones. Create sustainable projects, make use of the potentials of each member, make youth our major concern by caring and guiding them, and be persistent in doing all of these.

An unbiased Response was given by Pres. Lita Gongora of RC Metro SF. She said that after hearing the two candidates, choosing between them will be tough. Both are visionaries, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, courageous to meet challenges, have initiative, loyal and faithful. Both are indeed equally deserving. So goodluck to our two distinguished gentlemen!

After the first part of the meeting was adjourned, Pres. Mau Prestoza of RC Northern LU showed us how to have a good time the Ilocano way and those who decided to stay continued having meaningful fellowship.

TEST (Ten Exercises for Students of Trivia)

Trivia on Anniversaries



Give the anniversary name for the corresponding number of years based on the Oxford English Dictionary.

Example: 100 years has an anniversary name of "Centennial."

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| A. 2 years | F. 20 years |
| B. 4 years | G. 50 years |
| C. 7 years | H. 200 years |
| D. 10 years | I. 500 years |
| E. 15 years | J. 1,000 years |

Answers last issue:

1. Dynamite
2. Evangelista Torricelli
3. Igor Sikorsky
4. Morse Code
5. Johannes Gutenberg
6. Sir Henry Bessemer
7. Charles Babbage
8. Thomas Edison
9. Nicolaus August Otto
10. Fork

Rotarian Ruel T. Tana

Answers on next issue

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43 years ago, great leaders of the Rotary World in Dagupan and La Union sat down, conceived and given birth to our club, the ROTARY CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO LA UNION, INC.

For the past 43 years, we say in the club that we have successfully traveled the Rotary journey this far. The Club received honors, commendation for worthy projects and considered as one of the pillar in RI District 3790.

And as we traveled through another fruitful year, we are once again renewing our commitment to render exemplary performances in each avenue of service and "serve our best as if our club will live forever."

For tonight, we opted to pay tribute to "Mother and Daughters" – one in blood – that is Rotary; one in voice and mind in accordance with the Four-Way Test; and one in mission – that is Service Above Self – a one relationship which is universal and which best depicts the genuineness of this year's RI theme of "Sowing the Seeds of Love."

Like our mother club, Rotary Club of Dagupan, who is proud of us, RCSFU has never been as proud to her daughter clubs as tonight. Looking at how grown up her daughters have become, counting on their many outstanding accomplishments in the Rotary globe, and with the many people whose lives each clubs have nicely touched through the various services of Rotary – your mother club, RCSFU, can only beam with glow in the eyes, and joy in the heart. Your successes maybe partly genetic, but much of the credits should really go to the tremendous efforts and continuous commitment you have to the ideals of Rotary. Certainly, let us also credit the brilliant minds of your leaders as well as your chosen members in providing something new to offer the world each year.

Thus, we welcome everybody to the 43rd Charter Anniversary of our club and together let

PRESIDENTS' CORNER President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.

us salute our "Mother and Daughters – one in blood, one in mind and one in mission."

The Rotary Club of Dagupan
The Rotary Club of San Fernando North
The Rotary Club of Agoo
The Rotary Club of Bauang
The Rotary Club of San Juan
The Rotary Club of Metro San Fernando

There will be a lot of surprises for tonight. We will have 2 distinguished Rotary Governors who will inspire us – **RIDN JOC-JOC BOLANTE** and **GOV. MACKY MACABULOS**, our Lifetime Achievement Award to a distinguished Rotarian in our CLUB, to forge a sisterhood agreement to one of the Rotary Club in Tarlac and the much awaited production number of the 'ROTARIANS IN BLACK.'

To all the people who made things possible for the past 43 years and for tonight, Mabuhay po kayo and Maraming Salamat!

WE CARE (Weekly Cartoon Editorial) Sec Reggie Chan



CLUB HISTORY

By: Rtn. Edward Gaerlan

For several months in 1959, under the enthusiastic guidance of the officers and some members of the Rotary Club of Dagupan, Sixto de Vera, recently transferred as Manager of the Philippine National Bank Branch of La Union, painstakingly made a survey of the community, with a view to plan and organize a Rotary club in San Fernando. To further obtain a more authentic view of the situation, he played host to selected few government officials, prominent professionals and successful businessmen in his residence during his birthday, August 6, 1959. It was in this occasion where he appraised his guests and jotted down some names whom he saw fit to compose the membership of the club, selecting the cream of the town's populace irrespective of color, creed and nationality.

Assured of a rewarding thought that his prospects were determined to join the club, "Six" de Vera called for a "spot" organizational meeting at his residence sometime in the middle of August, 1959, where a delegation from the sponsoring Rotary Club of Dagupan headed by Pres. E.P. Nava and Dr. "Evi" Evidente, RI Special Representative, was called to make the formal organization. Only ten of the original 25 tentative prospects however attended. In spite of the lack of membership requirement, the meeting proved to be enthusiastic because it was transformed into an open forum where everyone asked questions from Dr. Evi, who cleared all their doubts.

Faintly frustrated on his first try, "Six" de Vera doubled his efforts and spent sleepless nights figuring out was to carry out his plan to establish a Rotary club in San Fernando, La Union. Assisted by a couple of determined prospects, he lost no time in rounding every prospective members in several informal outdoor meetings, until the final organizational meeting on September 26, 1959 when the Rotary Club of San Fernando U was born. The Rotary Club of Dagupan was its sponsor, and the clubs in attendance besides the Rotary Club of Dagupan, headed by then Pres. Eutiquiano

"Nave" Nava, were the Rotary Club of Vigan, headed by PP Marino "Riv" Rivas and the RC Baguio, headed by PP "Abe" Abellera.

In this organizational meeting, presided by Dr. "Evi" Evidente, RI Special Representative, there was a brief program with District Governor Francisco "Ikong" Reyes as guest speaker, emceed by PP Fred Escueta of RC Dagupan.

Deserving the right to be called "Father of Rotary" in La Union, "Six" de Vera was unanimously elected President in the election that followed after the program. There were 36 listed charter members, but three were dropped due to non-attendance.

The other officers elected were: Dr. Rufino "Mac" N. Macagba, Vice-President; Mauro "Maure" A. Cabading-Secretary/Director; Atty. Rodolfo "Rudy" M. Nisce-Treasurer; and Judge Pedro "Pete" O. Arciaga, Dionisio "Baldy" N. Baldemor; Ireneo "Rene" Gacad-Directors.

Officers appointed by the president were: Pio "Dee" S. Dyquiango-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Atty. Jose "Peps" B. Tavora-Auditor; Andres "Andy" G. Sanchez-Sergeant-at-Arms, and Luis "Louie" S. Limjap-Accountant

The elected officers were immediately proclaimed by Dr. "Evi" Evidente in his capacity as RI Special Representative and presented them to District Governor "Ikong" Reyes.

In addition to the officers mentioned, the other charter members were: Basilio "Bal" A. Balbuena; Concepcion "Bel" Bello, Quintin "Quin" Chan, Sofronio "Pon" A. Corpuz, Conrado "Dading" S. Estrella, Jesus "Jess" O. Floirendo, Alberto "Al" J. Floresca, Teofilo "Filo" M. Hernandez, Mariano "Mar" Lacamana, Jesus "JJ" J. Morales, Antonio "Tony-Rizal" V. Nibungco, Noel "Ozzie" D. Osborn, Ulysses "Uly" M. Penid, Teodorico "Titoy" Serafica, Ricardo "Ric" Y. Sunga, Alfredo "Fred" F. Tadiar, Alfredo "Freddie" A. Talavera, Pablo "Pabbling" T. Torio, Gonzalo "Zaling" Tuazon, Humberton "Bert" M. Tutaan and Ramon "Monching" T. Zandueta.

Barely two months after its organizational

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PP Rudy Yabes

Fireside Chat

I was still an AB student in San Beda College when the world of Rotary unfolded itself to me.

My late father Gregorio A. Yabes (he was intimately called Greg by his fellow Rotarians) would talk at our dining table on the activities they have lined up in their club for Rotary.

Rotary subject was our regular topic during our family lunch and dinner. He would also bring home the Weekly Newsletters of the Rotary Club and the Rotary International Magazine. The Rotary Magazine being a look-alike of the Time Magazine, my favorite magazine then, aroused by curiosity and I would occasionally browse over the magazine. However, instead of just passing over the articles on Rotary in said magazines, soon I found myself engrossed in reading Rotary articles.

And so I became familiar with the world of Rotary and slowly began to understand my father Greg's unceasing enthusiasm in Rotary activities and why at times he would give priority to Rotary over our family business interests.

He was always with another charter member, Mauro Cabading known as "Mau" among the Rotarians then; of course, they were not exclusively talking about Rotary as they were also members and involved in activities of the Knights of Columbus, but I noticed that when they met and talked, their topic was mostly about Rotary and I likewise, noticed that when their topic was Rotary their faces would light up.

Incidentally, "Mau" Cabading distinguished himself in the mother club as the only Rotarian who had a perfect attendance of Rotary meetings for years.

A room in our house, which was near our furniture shop, then was used as a storage room for Rotary paraphernalia. The most prominent was a gigantic Rotary Wheel built by my father and his carpenters, which was displayed in front of the Public Plaza, of San Fernando City (LU) during a Rotary District affair held in San Fer-

nando City (LU).

The huge Rotary Wheel was displayed at the Public Plaza for several months and it helped to introduce Rotary, too, to the people of La Union. At that time, Rotary as a concept was still alien to many residents of San Fernando City (LU) and the Province of La Union.

It was my father's enthusiasm about Rotary and his involvement therein which opened my eyes to Rotary and aroused my curiosity and interest.

It helped nurture my desire, while still a student, to follow the footsteps of my father by joining Rotary after I graduate and establish myself in my chosen profession. And that precisely was what I did after becoming a lawyer and establishing my law practice in San Fernando City (LU).

I would like to believe that other offspring of Rotarian Charter Members of the Rotary Club of San Fernando (LU) who also joined Rotary have been inspired by their respective fathers as I was inspired by my father Greg, a charter member.

continuation of **CLUB HISTORY**

By Rtn. Edward Gaerlan

meeting the provisional club was accepted by the Rotary International on November 25, 1959 as the 42nd Rotary Club in the Philippines. On January 23, 1960, the Rotary Club of San Fernando U was presented its Charter as a proof of its existence and its acceptance by Rotary International. The credit goes to the enthusiastic, persevering spirit and dynamic personality of a man specifically designated by Rotary International to spearhead the organization of the club in San Fernando – Sixto "Six" S. de Vera, Philippine National Bank Manager in La Union. The charter presentation was held with Secretary of Justice Alejo Mabanag as the inducting officer, and Senator Gil Puyat as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.