

Club Information

Rotary Club of San Fernando (LU), Inc.
District 3790
Club No. 16918
Chartered: November 25, 1959

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

Continuation of CPR by **Rtn. Mike Paderon**

It was a different Tuesday for all of us. There was no regular meeting at the Oasis Country Resort. It was because at 7 in the evening, we had the Inter-City meeting of all Rotary Clubs of Cluster 1B at Max’s Restaurant, San Fernando City.

The meeting was attended by the different personalities, peoples from different backgrounds and professions, cultures and dialects, peoples coming from the north, south, east and west of La Union, and Rotarians from different Clubs with different approaches and styles. But nobody was a stranger to another. This was unity in diversity in action. And when you have gatherings and opportunities like this, you come to realize that we somehow get closer to “sowing the seeds of love.”

The Inter-City meeting started with the Presidents of RC Cluster 1B calling the meeting to order. Rtn. Cathy Franco of RC Bauang LU led the invocation followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the recitation of

the 4-Way Test led by Pres. Mauro Prestoza of RC Northern LU and Pres. Pilo Sotelo of RC San LU, respectively.

With Pres. Jojo Warren of RC San Fernando LU North facilitating, the entertainment portion rejuvenated us all especially when PP Tony Yee of our club serenaded us all with his beautiful voice and song. Pres. Rex Mendoza our very own club president was brilliant in his welcome and greetings while PP Ives Nisce gave an equally applauding introduction to our guest speaker.

It was a very powerful sharing from our guest of honor and speaker Ernesto Pantanco, the Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of FPPC, BPPC and Panay Power Corporation. Besides his very powerful list of achievements, his presentation on the present conditions of our power supply in the Philippines is enlightening. And when you get speakers like him with so much wisdom and knowledge, you know that attending Rotary meetings can be very educational and challenging. It was truly a different Tuesday for all of us as it always happens in Rotary meetings. Why? Because we always make a difference.

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Office expense	6,299.51	
Sec. Aide's salary	6,500.00	
Gold Leaf	4,817.50	
Club bannerettes	3,500.00	
Ads charter presentation RC Southern La union	2,000.00	
Certificate to guest speakers	1,350.00	
Wreath to former member Rtn. Joe Ledda	900.00	
Gift to DG Macky Macabulos	<u>600.00</u>	
		<u>89,776.03</u>
CASH IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002	P	72,025.51

PROGRAMME

Centerstage

Call to Order **Pres. Rex Mendoza**
Invocation &
Four Way Test **Bong Ingalla**
National Anthem **Bong Ingalla**
Luncheon
Welcome and
Greetings **Ming Yan Jao**
Birthday Celebrants:
Malou Tan - October 5
Min Mendoza - October 7

Wedding Anniversaries:
PP Ben & Linda Ang - October 2
PP Paquito & Dely Dy - October 2
Dir. Jerry & Marijo Parlan - October 8
Harvey & Malou Tan - October 12

Club Singing **PP Chito Nibungco**
Friendship Session **PVP Frank Buenaventura**
President’s Time **Pres. Rex Mendoza**
Introduction of the Guest of
Honor & Speaker **John Kutz**
Address
PP Carlos “Caloy” F. Mendoza
Rotary Club of Baguio

Response **PD Tim Warden**
Awarding of Plaque
of Appreciation **Pres. Rex Mendoza**
Sec. Reggie Chan
Adjournment **Pres. Rex Mendoza**
Day Chairman & Master of Ceremonies
IPP Richard Dy

**OCTOBER is Vocational
Service Month**

PP Carlos “Caloy” F. Mendoza

Date/Place of Birth:
July 29, 1941, San Juan,
Lubao Pampanga
Civil Status: Married with
three children, all profession-
als



College Education/Special Training:
* Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering, MIT, 1962
* Application of Geochemistry in Mineral Exploration, Samar Mining Company/Elizalde & Company, 1963-1965
Scholarship in Applied Geophysics for:
* Hydrogeology
* Mineral Exploration, and Civil Engineering Purposes
Thru ASTEF SCHOLARSHIP in France in 1968-1969
Training with the:
* Centre de Recherches Geophysique (CRG)
* Bureau de Recherches Geologue et Miniere
* Compagnie Generale de Geophysique (CGG)
Designations:
* Geohydrologist/Geophysicist
* Accredited Registered Expert, International Water Supply Association, Ref. Cc# 1-41-1177
* Accredited individual Consultant ADB, Ref. Cc#5287
Awardee:
National Engineering Excellence Award for Studies and Research in 1996 for Underground Water Research Project
Given by:
* CECOPHIL, The Council of Engineering Consultants
* FIDIC, the Federation Internationale des Engeneurs – Consells, and
* TEAM ASIA, the Events and Award Managers of Asia

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Editor Jerome Gaerlan

ROTARY AND THE ELDERLY

“Old age is a shipwreck!”
-Charles De Gaulle

The author of the above quotation is probably the most prominent Frenchman of the 20th century. A hero of the First World War, he was a maverick military commander in the post-war period whose ideas clashed with the Establishment. Proven right during the Second World War when France quickly fell to the Germans despite the Maginot Line, he fled to England and became the rallying point of the Free French Movement. He led the French Army through the ‘Arc de Triomphe’ after the Germans were defeated and became Premier of France. He resigned his post shortly after his provisions for the new Constitution were rejected. He returned during the Algerian Crisis of 1961 and became President for two terms, charting an independent course for France. Retiring from public life a little frustrated in 1968, he died in his home in 1970. It was during his last years that he penned the above quote.

I know of several other very dynamic men who became pitiful shadows of themselves in old age. We have former US President Ronald Reagan, who is now suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. We have our own Emilio Aguinaldo, commander of our forces against the Spaniards and the Americans but who then sided with the Japanese in WWII. He had a hard time in the late 1950’s and early 1960’s answering questions from journalists about the deaths of his rivals, Andres Bonifacio and Antonio Luna, reputedly on his orders. I guess he made the mistake of living too long. No wonder Jose Rizal and Ninoy Aquino preferred early martyrdom to the prospect of old age.

I’m still young and I’ve never been in a shipwreck but I can imagine what De Gaulle meant. Unable to move around when I suffered hypokalemia, I became utterly dependent on others for the simplest things. This is not unlike being at the mercy of the waves, as depicted in movies like the Poseidon Adventure, Titanic and Cast Away.

But I guess, the worst thing about old age is when you are neglected, taken for granted and left to suffer desolation.

This first week of October, various national organizations like the DOH , place the spotlight on the Elderly. Right now about 5-6% of our population is above 60 years of age. This is still a far cry from the 14-18% for the U.S.A. and 21-26% for Japan. But remember, these countries have much better retirement benefits than our own. As a character in Tennessee William’s “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” said, “to be young and poor is alright but to be old and poor is hell!” Remember too, that our young nurses and therapists are rushing to the developed countries where they earn a lot taking care of their old people. So, perhaps Elderly Filipinos made the mistake of living too long and being born in the wrong country.

Rotary can help in the plight of the neglected Elderly in three ways. One is by our usual short-term projects, like Medical Missions, sponsoring recreational activities for Elderly and providing a forum where old people can share their plight and also their wisdom with the young. The second is by supporting government initiatives for old people, like the bill authored by Senator Angara requiring business establishments to give discounts to those with Senior Citizen’s I.D’s. This was passed into law but is hardly followed at all. Our Club should campaign for compliance. Lastly, remember that within Rotary Clubs, like our own, the Senior members are still given fruitful roles to play in community-building. At least in Rotary, fulfillment through service is not limited by age.

The communists theorize that when the ‘poor and subjugated’ classes violently clash with the ‘rich and ruling’ classes, a ‘classless’ society would emerge. This has not been proven true in practice. A more promising theory is that when the ‘young’ generation meaningfully interacts with the ‘older’ generation, an ‘ageless’ generation, full of wisdom and vitality, arises! Just look at our Rotary Club.

Dir. Alan D. Sy

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Genie Jokes Continue

Genie says to woman, you have 3 wishes but your husband gets ten times (10x) for what you wish for. So the woman made her two wishes, she asks to be the prettiest and richest woman. Poof! Wish granted. Her husband get 10x richer and more dashing. Genie to woman: and whats your 3rd wish? Woman: A mild heart attack!

Genie makes wish come true...But BeWARE!
Man undressed for bed when wife noticed... Wife: “How the hell did you get that cork up your butt?” Husband replies: ”I found a bottle and upon rubbing it, a genie popped out of the bottle and granted me a wish.” Wife: “What did you wish for?” Husband: “I said, NO

SHIT!”

Three friends stranded in an island...while exploring around in search for food and water a genie suddenly appears. “Hey, Guys! “the genie says, “I feel sorry for you walking here looking hungry and tired, so I decided to grant one wish to each of you.” The first guy thinks about it and says, “I wanna be in a beach with lots of food and babes.” Poof! Wish granted. Second guy, “wanna live in a mansion with lots of babes and with lots of money,” Poof! Wish granted. Third guy: (undecided...thinks for some time, but still undecided. Misses his friends...) “I wish my two friends are here with me...” Poof! Wish was granted! GRRRRRR

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PD Tim L. Warden

(Crosswords & Other Puzzles for Enthusiasts)

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community	area	governor	board
vocational	district	president	committee
club	country	director	working
international	region	chairman	

TIPS

(**T**idbits, **I**nformation & **P**ractical **S**uggestions)

“Money talks”. We often hear this expression from the people who have observed how money worked in a competition. Even in small business and endeavor, the role of money has come to mean a lot. With money, the impossible and unexpected happens.

Now, this is also the trend in politics. Many politicians enjoy victory in an election because they have enough money to bet in it, which now seems a gambling. Only those who have immeasurable wealth can afford to delve into that costly politics. These times, not only the national election is conducted with money involved but also the local and barangays elections. With this trend, the people no longer exercise the true essence of suffrage and free will because they either offered money or threatened. The trend, which is not new, is maneuvering with the three Gs, gold, guns and goons. With suffrage, the people can freely choose

their candidates whom they entrust their protection, safety, and welcome. However, even if they succeed in voting their candidates without the threats and the vote buying, they still fail in the canvassing because the trapos invade the polls with their contact poll clerks. In every election people who serve are being paid ten times their salaries or more. Even in the election of club officers, money also talks. The magic of money is seen in the nominations. Rich people nominate their fellow rich friends. In the history of civic organizations and international clubs, businessmen rule. Deserving members who are qualified to run but who are not big names in society are afraid to run.

Many people now complain about these faulty trend in politics, which have invaded elections even of small organizations and clubs. People who still believe in the blessing of a true democracy are clamoring for renewal and reform. Let’s start now before it’s too late.

PP Silver Sarmiento

TEST

(**T**en **E**xercises for **S**tudents of **T**rivia)

Useless Trivia – these are some of the craziest and coolest facts you will ever read.



- 1.What are the red stripes on the old-fashioned barbershop poles stand for?
- 2.Which animal can tell you the temperature?
- 3.When the British could no longer deport convicts to America, in what country did they send them?
- 4.Which country sits on two different continents?
- 5.Long ago, people didn’t have family names. In what country were they first used?
- 6.What did Aztec priests sacrifice to their gods?

- 7.What were animal bladders once used for?
- 8.What is the most common last name in the United States?
- 9.Which insect was once eaten as a way to prevent disease?
- 10.The policemen in London are called Bobbies. What are their cars called?

Answers next issue

Answers last issue:

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| 1.Salome | 7. Mount Ararat |
| 2.Gabriel | 8. Bible Teachings |
| 3.Damascus | 9. Psalm 117 |
| 4.Joshua | 10. Anthropology |
| 5.Lot | |
| 6.Mary Magdalene | |

Rotarian Ruel T. Tana

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

Sec. Reggie C. Chan

September was New Generation’s Month. Tuesday the 24th was the day we celebrated it. Vision Team hosted the meeting and the program participants were young ones and young once. Pres. Rex a.k.a. “Little Domeng” called the meeting to order followed by Baby Rtn. Bennie who gave a simple and touching prayer and baby face Rtn. Ruel led the Pambansang Awit. Singing Day Chairman, PP Tony sang a few romantic songs while we had lunch. The songs were oldies but goodies to make the older members remember the days when they were young. Not so old, not so young and not in uniform, Rtn. Ric gave the Welcome and Greetings. Celebrants, Raymond, Wynie and John

gave us an ice cream treat. This is how we make kids happy, right? PP Canor also taught us a kiddie action song. What a sight to see a bunch of grown-ups doing kiddie stuff! For the Friendship Session, we played a game called “Finish the Story”, another one of Rtn. Edward Gaerlan’s out of this world creative ideas. President’s Time followed and then finally, Terry introduced our two young guests namely, Ms. Aileen Nerona, President of the Rotaract Club of UCC and Ms. Gizzele Ramos, President of the Interact Club of DMMMSU Laboratory High School. Both expressed deep gratitude for our club’s support to them and respectively gave detailed reports on their accomplishments and upcoming projects. An interesting open forum climaxed the meeting. Pres. Rex adjourned the meeting on time.

WE CARE (Weekly Cartoon Editorial)



e-QUIP

(Quotes from the Internet)

Sec. Reggie C. Chan

“If you wish good advice, consult an old man.”

- Romanian Proverb

Club FulFILMent

Tree planting and cleaning the environment.



- editor

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER
President Rex O. Mendoza, Jr.

To our Guest Rotarian, aspiring to be the most handsome and sought-after Rotarian for RY 2004-2005- the Rotary Centennial Year, PP Caloy Mendoza, welcome to our Club.

The month of "BER" gives us a sense of hope since Christmas is fast approaching; for me as the President, a sign of relief for we are now near the second half of our term; for the next President a sense of urgency to plot things; but for those we are eyeing to be President for RY 2004-2005, butterflies in their stomachs are starting to fly again. For sure, those we are always courting on will start missing our regular meetings again, in the hope that they will not be considered. Are you one of them?

For the past two weeks, we have been a little relaxed. We just had two career guidance seminars, a pig dispersal project, tree planting, a medical mission and the voice of the youth contest. According to some they miss the time that almost everyday we had projects. I say, I miss

the Rotarians in our projects. We are almost half way for RY 2002-2003, just a question to ponder, have you already joined in at least 4 activities? If the answer is "NO", I am praying that one of this days you will be with us. I will assure you, Rotary time, is never MISSED time.

My dear Rotarians, we need full-blooded, body- and- soul Rotarians to be with us in different activities, not only in 'finances'. Why not share your precious time not only during our regular meetings but also during community projects. Our Club and our community are counting on you.

Another reminder, we still have more than 30 members, not yet paid for first quarter dues and the Anniversary assessment, please consider opening your heart and wallet! BE A JOYFUL GIVER AND A GRATEFUL RECEIVER!

RCSFLU

(Romy Chan's Summary of Funds, Liabilities & Utilization)

Treas. Romy Chan

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

CASH IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2002 P 94,216.54

RECEIPTS:

Annual dues	P	31,590.00
Souvenir Ads		17,000.00
Vaccination		5,200.00
Fines		4,770.00
Anniversary		3,000.00
Induction fee		3,800.00
Subs. To Philippine Rotary magazine		<u>2,225.00</u>

67,585.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

P 161,801.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Project expense (Visit of RC Modesto, Lung banda, leadership trng Rotaract/Interact clubs, 4-Way Test signboard, impromptu speech contest)	P	40,604.52
Meals of special guests & sec. aide		12,554.50
Governor's fund		10,650.00

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