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July 8, 2015



RC Makati North Since 1973

The Rotary Club of Makati North (RCMN) was chartered for two main reasons: **1.** To expand the ideals of Rotary and **2.** To more effectively serve the communities in the northern part of Makati City.

President Paing Hechanova – our founding father- with Froily Aragon and Roger Davis all of RC Makati organized the first organizational meeting of RCMN at Sulo Restaurant in February 1973. A second meeting was scheduled at the Elks Club (now Metro Club) with approx.17 attendees.



By May 1973 after only two months of its provisional status, RCMN became a fully chartered Rotary Club in May 3, 1973 when then Governor Mark Heras (D3810) presented the Club Charter to our first elected President Lito Caluag at the Manila Hotel.

In RY 2001-2002 RCMN was proud to have Ernesto Salas as Governor of District 3830 coming from our ranks.

In RY 2007-2008 our charter member Renato "Ato" Magadia became the second District Governor from RCMN.





Our flagship service projects:

- 1. Since 1986 and until 2003, RCMN supported actively with funds and manpower the Stepping Stone Learning center at Guadalupe Viejo, a school for mentally and physically challenged children.
- 2. Since 1998 up to the present, The "Feed A Child, Build A Nation" program, providing one nutritious meal (breakfast, lunch or afternoon snack) covered initially 350 malnourished indigent children at F. Benitez Elementary School in Barangays Singkamas and Santa Cruz in Makati during 120 school days every school year. This program enabled them to gain



- weight, improve their health and academic performance as well as reducing the dropout rate. Our partners in this longest-lasting RCMN program are the Inner Wheel of Makati North; the Shigeo Takayama Foundation, Japan; RC Raffles City, Singapore; the Asian Poker Tour; the school faculty and the RCMN Rotary Community Corps.
- 3. In 2011 RCMN obtained US \$ 15,550 from a matching grant with RC Hong Kong Island East to continue funding the feeding program for more than 200 pupils. (continuation on page 2)

RC Makati North Since 1973 (cont. from page 1)

- 4. In 1993, after the eruption of the volcano Mount Pinatubo, around 200 indigenous Aeta families were displaced. Thanks to PP Edilberto S. "Bert" Lingad's initiative, he was able to accomplish the awarding to them of two hectares of land in Botolan, Zambales. Medical missions, relief donations, seed money to purchase carabaos and goats, establishment of a cooperative were all intended to help them to become a self sustaining community. A college scholarship program produced the first lawyer of the group.
- 5. In 2005, President Orlando "Orly" Morabe conceived his centennial project "Love PGH": Saving Lives, bringing hope—emergency lifeline for indigents-was launched with a matching grant. Thanks to the contributions of our sister clubs RC Shah Alam and RC Raffles City over US \$ 23,500 helped to attend to the needs of more than 400 confined Filipinos alleviating their poor health condition.
- 6. The next Presidents, Donnies Alas, Ricardo "Ric" dela Torre and Antonio "Tony" Pastelero picked up this cross and brought the program successfully to conclusion with Rotary International.
- 7. On February 11, 2005 more than 800 graduating students from 144 Metro Manila Colleges and Universities attended the L.E.A.P. (League of Extraordinary and Admired Pilipino) Leaders First annual congress jointly organized by RCMN and the Inner Wheel Club of Makati North.
- Also in 2005, RCMN began building 27 houses at Blue Eagle Village, Payatas 13, Metro Manila under the leadership of Gawad Kalinga and the Inner Wheel of Makati North and Ateneo de Manila University. We raised a total of P 1.45 M.
- 9. In 2007 RCMN embarked on building another new community in Ave Maria, Tanay, Rizal with the aim to complete at least 100 houses under the Gawad Kalinga umbrella. Construction is currently going on.
- 10. By 2009, under President Archimedes G. "Archie" Reano and the leadership of PP Augusto C "Gus" Lagman, RCMN received matching grants for US\$21,150 together with its sister club Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles, USA to fund a computerization program for two national High Schools in the province of Pampanga.
- 11. In 2014, after the devastating impact of Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) RCMN Pres. Christophe (Chris) Bellinger raised more than P 1.5 M through solicitations from Rotary International District 1720, France. Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, Guam, District 2750; Hong Kong Island East District 3450; and Rotary Club of Shah Alam District 3300, Malaysia also contributed. PP Federico "Boy" Sevilla spearheaded and coordinated personally the activities for acquiring 100 new fiberglass fishing boats that will directly benefit 200 fisher folks (benefitting more than 1,000 people) who lost their fishing boats. Priority is given to fisher folks who are 60 years old and above or have aged members in their families.
- 12. On May 14, 2014 the Springboard Foundation longtime expats who are well known in the Makati business community signed a Memorandum of Understanding with RCMN to replace homes destroyed by typhoon Yolanda, with money (US\$2,500) pledged to us from our Twin Club RC Macau who spontaneously offered to help Yolanda (Haiyan) victims through our conduit.











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To the 2015-16 officers of the Rotary Club of Makati North,

My warmest congratulations on your 42nd Induction Ceremonies.

Just as Rotary brings out the best in each of us, so too you, as officers, will bring out the best in your club. Your passions and strengths will energize your fellow members, which will only increase your club's effectiveness. As leaders, you have a rare opportunity to motivate others in your club to greater integrity, compassion, and Service Above Self. It is not just a responsibility, but a gift to be able to have such an impact.

Each club officer has a vital role to play in the continued success of Rotary. Dedicated members are the bedrock of our service. During your term, your innovative and committed leadership will be the fuel that powers the Rotarians in your club and the good work they do. Rotary is only as strong and vibrant as its clubs, and local officers are the heart and soul of Rotary. The work you do this coming year will not only improve Rotary, it will improve you and the world around you. I look forward to the unique ways that you will encourage your fellow members to Be a Gift to the World.

Sincerely,

K.R. Ravindran
2015-16 President
Rotary International

Be a gift to the world



To World Class President Dieter and the members of the Rotary Club of Makati North,

My warmest congratulations to your rotary club on your 43rd induction ceremony.

Your solid active membership participation in district affairs serve as a shining example of dedicated Rotarians in both fellowship and service. I am certain that with the strong leadership of your past presidents, including two Past District Governors, your club will continue to lead and excel in district affairs. More importantly, I am confident you will affirm your beliefs to continue to engage yourselves in significant and meaningful projects. Your frequent access to TRF grants have made it possible for your club and members to not only change but also transform the lives of the beneficiaries in the

communities you serve.

Thus, it is essential to continue to nurture your relationships with your sister clubs as they will support your good deeds of service in the areas of medical missions, shelter for the informal settlers and significant Water and Sanitation/Hygiene (WASH) projects. May your members continue to actively participate in club and community projects that will improve the living conditions of the beneficiaries particularly in the 6 areas of focus espoused by Rotary International.

I look forward to your continued active participation in club projects and district activities. And may you enjoy and sustain your fellowship in service, and service through fellowship as you offer your time, talent and treasure to be a "Gift to the World". All the best.

Jøse "Pepito" A. R. Bengzon III

District Governor District 3830, Zone 7-A

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RY 2015-16

Be a gift to the world

Dear fellow Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Makati North:

I convey my best wishes and congratulations to your club as you hold your 43rd Induction Ceremony for RY 2015-2016!

Likewise, I congratulate your club for its tremendous successes in service projects in Rotary Year 2014-2015. Indeed, it is another sterling year for the club under the great leadership of Best President George Mercado.

Behind every success, there is effort and dedication present. And these can be found in your past leaders and the whole of the Makati North members. The idealism and passion to serve are very evident, aptly ascribing to the 2014-2015 Rotary International theme, Light Up Rotary! As you reach your 43rd year of service in Rotary Year 2015-2016, I wish you will attain many more successes in your undertakings.

By proving that you can all LIGHT UP ROTARY, you have displayed commitment to service and fellowship TO BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!

Yours in service,

Angelito "Lito" E. Colona Governor, 2014-2015 District 3830 Philippines

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Dear World Class President Dieter and Officers/Directors for RY 2015-16,

Congratulations on the 43rd Induction Ceremony of Rotary Club of Makati North!

As the new Rotary Year begins under your leadership, allow me to convey my utmost thanks for the exceptional team work and support you gave during my term. I have learned much from the experience, and passing the baton is indeed bittersweet.

The Rotary Club of Makati North achieved many milestones this past year, and our projects continue bring light and hope to benefitting communities and partners. I am deeply touched by the eagerness to serve that I see in you and our fellow RCMN members. I truly believe that this sincere inclination towards goodwill and service will drive us further forward, and guarantee the success of our advocacies and those of Rotary International.

Let us continue to be united in our commitment to lighting up Rotary. Thank you all very much and may God bless us all!

Gregorio D. Mercado Immediate Past President RY 2014-2015 Rotary Club of Makati North District 3830

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Dear President Dieter,

It gives me great pleasure to, on behalf of the Board and all members of Rotary Club of Macau, extend my heartfelt congratulations to your installation as President of Rotary Club of Makati North in its 43rd Induction Ceremony.

We are truly blessed and honoured to be a Sister Club of your esteemed Club and deeply impressed by the many humanitarian services your Club has achieved in the Philippines and internationally. Our joint 'Rebuilt Housing Project for Typhoon Yolanda victims 'in 2014 has been very meaningful and we do look forward to more partnership

together in service projects to 'Be a Gift to the World' and do good to those people and communities in need in our homeland and internationally during the new Rotary Year 2015-16.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate each officer of your new 2015-16 Board and wish you and Rotary Club of Makati North a very successful and joyful service year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

Elizabete Fong
President 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Macau
District 3450





Dear President Dieter, Officers & Directors, and All Members of RC Makati North,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, I extend my warm congratulations to the President Dieter Brueckner, the incoming Officers & Directors, and all Members of the RC Makati North on the occasion of your 43rd Club Induction Ceremony.

I would also like to congratulate outgoing President George Mercado on a tremendous year of dedication and service in the Rotary year of 2014-2015. This year the RI Theme is "Be a Gift to the World". By uniting our hearts & hands and placing into action our

dedication to serving the greater community, by being who we are - we are all gifts to this world.

Thank you RC Makati North Members for your grace, commitment and passion for service. Thank you for being such a great Gift to the World. We are so proud and grateful to be associated with such an exemplary Rotary Club. May this year bring us closer fellowship and incredible service opportunities.

Yours in Rotary,

William Wong President 2015-2016 Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East District 3450



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Dear President Dieter and Fellow Rotarians of Rotary Club of the Makati North,

My heartfelt congratulations and warm wishes to all of you! This event is indeed an occasion for joy, with the auspicious beginning of another Rotary Year of service.

The association of our clubs dates back to more than 20 years ago, marked by deep friendships and cooperation in our joint quest to do the powerful work of Rotary in our communities. In the year ahead, I look forward to more opportunities that will allow us to

strengthen the bond between our clubs, work hand in hand and be a gift to the world.

I commend your club for 43 years of services and offer my best wishes for much continued success in all your undertakings.

Yours in Rotary,

Sigrid G. Zialcita
President 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Raffles City
District 3310



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Dear President Dieter,

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Shah Alam!

Congratulations for being elected to a second term!

I consider it as an honor and a privilege to be the few Rotarians who could serve as club President for more than one term. Like you, when Rotary service calls, I accepted to serve (albeit reluctantly) my third term this RY 2015-16.

Rotarians have come together to serve. We participate; we serve with joy and pride. We have a fraternity. All of us are part of the family of Rotary. Our sister club relationship with your club,

the Rotary Club of Makati North is such an example.

Some years back we used to have a student exchange program with your club. This is a good way for both our clubs to keep in touch besides the possibility of doing some community projects together. Perhaps we could reintroduce it this new Rotary Year. I hope this could be our way forward to a more dynamic sister club relationship between our clubs.

We also wish to congratulate you and your new Board of Directors for the RY 2015/16.

Bravo!

Kenny LimPresident RY 2015 - 2016
Rotary Club of Shah Alam, Malaysia
District 3300

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Dear President Dieter,

In the Rotary world, the signing of a Sister Club Agreement is a formal undertaking between two Rotary Clubs, wherein both Clubs agree to work together on common projects, to have great fellowship together in the years to come and to share benefits and benevolence with each other. It is in the above spirit of cooperation that I, on behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Rotary Club of Wack Wack (D3800), extend my warmest congratulations to the Officers and Directors for RY 2015-2016 of our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Makati North (D3830), in their 43rd Induction Ceremonies.

Congratulations, while richly deserved, must nevertheless be tempered by the fact that being selected as an Officer or Board of any Rotary Club carries with it challenges and duties inherent to the position. For Rotary Year 2015-2016, we Rotarians are challenged by RI President K.R. Ravindran to be a "Gift to the World", in the sense that in all our actions, we must give gifts of our time, talent and knowledge to improve the lives of communities in the world. I am very confident that our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Makati North (D3830), led by my very capable classmate WCP Dieter Brueckner, is both willing and able of meeting this challenge. This willingness and capability has been proven by Rotary Club of Makati North (D3830) time and time again in its long and meaningful history as a Rotary Club since its Charter Date on May 3, 1973.

Thank you for extending the privilege of being a part of your 43rd Induction Ceremonies. I wish our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Makati North (D3830), a very productive Rotary Year 2015-2016. Let us all be a Gift to the World!

Sincerely, **Eric B. Javeloza** WCP President, RY. 2015-2016 RC Wack Wack, D3800

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My warmest greetings to the Rotary Club of Makati-North on your 43rd Induction Ceremony.

This is an event recommencing our fellowship and reconfirming our commitment. The strength of your club for the past so many years is invigorated by the compassion of each member in serving the community, guided by our mantra "Service Above Self".

I Congratulate the newly elected officers and I enjoin all to support them as they journey this year through our club's service projects, more specifically the project "Be a Gift to

the World".

May our celebration transcend our solidarity in serving and being role models to others.

Again, congratulations and keep up the good work.

Yours in Rotary,

Luis "Boy" Cuenca
President, Rotary Year 2015-2016
RC Bacolod Marapara
District 3850



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Dear President Dieter,

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, I would like to congratulate the Rotary Club of Makati North on its 43rd Induction Ceremony. I would especially like to congratulate outgoing president George Mercado and offer my best wishes for a successful Rotary year to incoming president Dieter Brueckner.

The Rotary Club of Tumon Bay was founded on February 17, 1972, a little more than a year prior to the formation of your club. We have a diverse membership made up of 88

members.

The board of directors and membership of our club are very pleased that we are continuing the Twin Club Agreement between our clubs. We currently enjoy Twin Club relationships with two other clubs in the Philippines – Rotary Club of Pasay MIA and Rotary Club of Paranaque East. We look forward to a strong Twin Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Makati North for years to come.

Congratulations again on your 43rd Induction Ceremony.

Sincerely,

Donald ClarkPresident 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Tumon Bay (Guam)
District 2750



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CONGRATULATIONS DIETER!

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2015-2016!!!!

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YOUR SISTER CLUB IN LOS ANGELES
ROTARY CLUB OF HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN

Cecilia Cortez Ramos President 2015-2016 Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown District 5280 **David Cohen**President 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Sacramento

YOUR SISTER CLUB IN USA

ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO

District 5180

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REINVIGORATION BEGINS RIGHT AWAY

The RI motto for this Rotary Year "Be a gift to the World" should begin at home. As RI President K.R. Ravindran puts it, "dedicated members are the bedrock of our service."

I will put my best efforts forward to "Be a gift to RCMN" by reinvigorating the way we conduct our meetings (under the Innovative and flexible Club Pilot project from RI) to foster fellowship and motivate our members for active involvement in our two main projects: feeding school children and providing potable water.

Let me quote the message to us from Pres. William of our sister club RC Hong Kong Island East: "uniting our hearts & hands and placing into action our dedication to serve."

The current 38 RCMNers and I (more to be inducted) will have only barely twelve months for this endeavor, so counting on your unwavering support, we will begin right away.

Dieter Brueckner
President, RY 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Makati North
District 3830

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Rotary's Guiding Principles

The Four Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

RCMN PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Message from Pres. Dieter to our partners in service—THANK YOU

We RCMNers, are very much aware that our efforts and opportunities to serve are limited. As resourceful business men and entrepreneurs we are, we invite persons and Institutions to collaborate with us in our Rotary projects in order to become more meaningful and beneficial to larger areas of the population in the communities we serve.

Within the Rotary Organization, RCMN can find and count on active support for our projects and/ or implement new proposals:

Honorary members of RC Makati North

Inner Wheel Club of RC Makati North

Interactors from Barrio Singkamas

Rotaractors from Barrio Singkamas and Santa Cruz

Rotary Community Corps











International Sister Clubs:

RC HONGKONG ISLAND EAST, D3450 since April 1980

RC SACRAMENTO USA, D5180 since June 4, 1986

RC SHAH ALAM MALAYSIA, D3300 since 1989

RC RAFFLES CITY SINGAPORE, D3310 since June 28, 1994

RC MACAU, D3450 since June 8, 2002

RC HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN USA, D5280 since August 27, 2008

RC TUMON BAY USA, D2750 since March 25, 2013



Local Sister Clubs:

RC BACOLOD MARAPARA, D3850 Since August 28, 2006

RC WACKWACK, D3800, Since June 27, 2011



From our network of business friends, acquaintances, partners and associates, we have benefitted throughout the 42 years of our existence from generous donations in kind and funds. It would be a long list to enumerate them and therefore please allow me to give a big THANK YOU to each and every one of them.

RCMN Secretariat

Ms. Betty Centeno—RCMN Exec. Asst & Mr. Moly Almenario—Staff Asst. c/o DB Healthcare Inc. U-1722 Cityland Herrera Tower, Rufino St., Salcedo Village, Makati Email: rcmakatinorth@yahoo.com

RCMN meets every Wednesday lunch at the Tower Club, 33/F Philam Life Bldg.,
Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

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OFFICERS & DIRECTORS RY2015-16



Dieter Brueckner President



Leon B. Herrera Club Secretary



Robert G. Syjuco
Club Treasurer



Ignacio T. Frondoso Director, Membership



Danilo T. Alas Club Trainor



Dante Francis M. Ang II Director, Public Relations



Federico S. Sevilla Jr.
Director, Service Projects/AOF



Robert L. Hecks Director, Club Service



Ryan A. Sabug Director, Vocational Service



Jose Antonio G. ZialcitaDirector, Community Service



Ricardo M. Dela Torre
Director, International Service & TRF



Archimedes G. ReañoDirector, New Gen Service



George D. Mercado Immediate Past President

DIAGNOSIS DESIGN AND INNOVATION

At our meeting on 24 June speakers of the German language outnumbered all others until RCMN's regular attenders arrived at about 12.45. But **PE Dieter Brueckner** and **Gerd Droesse** with **PP Mac McLean** mostly used English in greeting a 4-man party from brains4design, a Munich-based company which specializes in advanced design consultancy for many different kinds of products. The RCMN regular attenders were supplemented by PP Toti Herbosa, looking younger than we're used to, Ryan Sabug's guest and potential member **Atty. Arnold Apdua** and **Mr. Kernan Motoomull** (PP Archie Reano's guest and another potential member).

Pres. George Mercado gave the last President's Time of his term. He looked forward to the District Handover on 26 June and noted approvingly that RCMN has a table of 10 to welcome new **District Governor Pepz Bengzon**. He asked us to attend his last RCMN function as president on Tuesday 30 June at his Testimonial and Recognition Night. He thanked all RCMNers and our ever-faithful secretariat Betty and Moly for their support in RY 2014-15.

PE Dieter introduced our guest speaker Jens Pattberg and his three colleagues Thomas Pattberg, Dr. Hannjo Ehrgot and Norie Kim. PE Dieter welcomed "a dream of a research program which can bring to provincial hospitals the latest diagnostic medical imaging." He thanked PP Chris Bellinger for sending these resources to RCMN from Munich via Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

"At brains4design we deliver concepts for the targeted development, implementation and communication of innovative products and services" said Jens Pattberg, Managing Director of that company. During his presentation Mr. Pattberg showed that this way of working results in products which work better and less expensively than those presently available. Introducing the company, he showed us several examples, ranging from office telephones to a portable personal transporter for short journeys - "the last mile".

"Think before creating. Design innovation today is mostly inspired by technologies." The best example presented by Mr. Pattberg was a medical diagnostic device STX-Scanner which can potentially "provide the poor with access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) throughout the Philippines", which was the title of his talk.

As many of us know from experience, diagnostic procedures involving images (X-rays, as we used to call them) were not so accurate and can be expensive. Today we are also familiar with Computer Technology (CT) Scans, X-ray radiology and MRI diagnostic scans and how much they cost. The STX-Scanner, a combination of these technologies, can be a major advance, particularly for provincial hospitals and health centers, by enabling mobile in-the-field MRI diagnoses, particularly of injuries, leading to prompt and targeted treatment, all at much less cost than at present.

At question time PE Dieter asked if Rotary medical missions could help to field-test the STX-Scanner prototypes. That seemed something to consider for brains4design. Love from Rotary4help. Closing the meeting, Pres. George revealed that brains4design had contributed P10,000 towards RCMN's projects. Thanking the team for showing how better-organized design can help the poor through better medical imaging, Pres. George hoped that the Rotary Club of Makati North and Jens Pattberg et al could meet again as progress is made with this ground-breaking technology.

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HANDOVER TIME

Pres. George lists D. 3830 and RCMN's transitional events on 26 June, 30 June, 8 July and 10-11 July and urges attendance.



WELCOMING "A DREAM PROGRAM"

PE Dieter introduces the brains4design team and speaker Jens Pattberg and thanks PP Chris Bellinger for the opportunity.



INVOLVED MODERATOR

PP Mac Mclean helped RCMNers and the brains4design visitors to appreciate the Philippine setting for medical imaging.



EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

In thanking Jens Pattberg, boss of brains4design, Pres. George also included their gift of P10,000 for RCMN's projects.



GREETING brains4design

PE Dieter welcomes the arrival of Dr. Hanni Ehrgot, Thomas Pattberg and Managing Director Jens Pattberg and Norie Kim.



DESIGN FOLLOWS TECHNOLOGY

Jens Pattberg of brains4design shows how targeted development, particularly of the STX-Scanner, leads to the best results.



A WELCOME GUEST

Lawyer and CPA, Arnold Apdua, guest of Ryan Sabug, appreciated the way our special meeting showed RCMN at work.



ONE TO REMEMBER

RCMNers with the brains4design team, standing center, including guest speaker Jens Pattberg, seated right.

ANNUAL TESTIMONIAL EVENING

GREAT

How well organized our annual self-congratulatory bash was this year! The testimonial event held at the Tower Club on June 30th evening was something to remember. From the start RCMN's outsize collection on stage of 19 District trophies for RY 2014-15 caught the eye. We hosted a table of Inner Wheel Club members and spouses, RCCs and Rotaractors. Both of our Past District Governors were there. We saw a beautifully assembled video presentation of RCMN's events of the past year, which properly emphasized our growing cooperation with our Rotary Community Corps, our Rotaractors and Interactors in Barangays Sta. Cruz and Singkamas in Makati. The gathering was full of promise for the future of RCMN as we inducted a new member in the presence of two of the three newcomers who will be inducted today July 8 by our new District Governor. It felt like a good year.

Our moderator was our **Assistant Governor (AG) Archie Reano** who particularly welcomed our new member and members-to-be, **Atty. Arnold Apdua** and "another IT guy" **Kernan Motoomull**. **Elizalde (Pat) Patricio** was also welcomed **by PDG Ernie Salas** who charged Pat to prepare for "a lot of changes in your life" which go with the privileged membership of a worldwide organization of some 1.2 million members.

PDG Ernie seems to be D.3830's master charger of new Rotarians and newly-promoted Rotarians. At the District Turnover 2015 at SM Aura on 26 June he charged all the incoming presidents for RY 2015-16. At our testimonial evening his charging of Rtn. Pat Patricio he reminded us of our responsibilities to choose between time, talent and treasure in our support of Rotary – if we cannot contribute all three. "You are the hope of RC Makati North. We are an ageing club," said **PP Ric dela Torre**, responding to "Chef Pat's" induction. "But we still have a Charter Member," said AG Archie, referring to **PDG Ato Magadia**.

Pres. George, in his speech, recognized something that was evident in the organization and conduct of the meeting itself. "The main reason we are a good club and won so many District Awards is Betty and Moly." He went on to thank our Partners in Service – our RCCs, Rotaractors, Interactors and the Inner Wheel Club of Makati North. He acknowledged the contribution to the improvement of RCMN by the achievements of the previous year under **IPP Chris Bellinger** and the efforts of **PP Boy Sevilla** in stimulating and guiding our help to

the victims of typhoon Yolanda through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Our projects in Barangays Sta. Cruz and Singkamas were listed.

Also listed were all the RCMNers present who were all presented with award certificates and a bottle of wine. The karaoke session was also on the screen in the most organized way. Pres. George impressed us with his rendering of "New York, New York" and with his generous dispensing of whisky and vodka.

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ANNUAL TESTIMONIAL RESPONSE

Looking at our awards, Pres. George expressed thanks, and a little surprise, that D.3830 had taken such a favorable view of RCMN.



ASSISTANT GOVERNOR MODERATOR

AG Archie Reano enjoyed his familiarity with all present in steering the well-organized program, enjoyed by all.



WORLD CLASS GREETING

RCMN newcomers Arnold Apdua, Kernan Motoomull and Elizalde Patricio with PP Bob Hecks, Ryan Sabug and Joey Zialcita help demonstrate the 2015-16 Rotary salute.



TROPHIES FOR 2014-15

The "Light Up Rotary" year yielded a bumper harvest at the District Awarding Ceremonies on 31 May at the RCBC Plaza.



NOW HE'S A ROTARIAN

Elizalde Patricio with all of us heard an inspiring charging message from PDG Ernie Salas at this well-attended event.



PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Rotary Community Corps President Ida Rafols and IPP Melissa Rafols of the Rotaractors of Brgy. Sta Cruz with their awards.



INNER WHEEL AWARDED

Pres. Minnie Elizalde of the Inner Wheel Club of Makati North accepts IWCMN's award from Pres. George.



SPOUSES AND IWCMNers

Our Partners in Service contributed much to the Happy Barangays and the happy success of Testimonial Evening 2015.

PROGRAMME



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI NORTH 43rd INDUCTION & TURNOVER CEREMONIES



(Wed) 08 July 2015 @ Arrozeria Restaurant

PROGRAMME

11:30 AM REGISTRATION, FELLOWSHIP & LUNCH

12:40 PM Call to Order Pres. George Mercado

Invocation & National Anthem Rtn. Pongky Gozun

Introduction of Dignitaries & Guests Dir. Joey Zialcita

RCMN INDUCTION CEREMONIES

1:00 PM Valedictory Address Pres. George Mercado

Presentation of Officers & Directors Dir. Chito Frondoso

Charging of Officers & Directors PDG Ato Magadia

Induction of Officers & Directors Gov. Pepito Bengzon

Handover of Gavel, Presidential Pin
to Incoming President Dieter Bruckner
Outgoing Pres. George Mercado

Incoming Pres. Dieter Brueckner

Mr. Sal Lacson

Pres. Dieter Brueckner

Presentation of Past President's Pin and

Leadership Award to Outgoing

Pres. George Mercado

Introduction of Pres. Dieter Brueckner

Inaugural Address

Induction of New Members:

Atty. Arnold Apdua

Mr. Kernan Motoomull

Mr. Dennis Pe

Charging of New Members PDG Ernie Salas

Oath of Membership Pres. Dieter Brueckner

Introduction of District Governor PP Joe Reaño

Message of District Governor DG Pepito Bengzon

3:00 PM Adjournment Pres. Dieter Brueckner

Treas. Robert Syjuco - Master of Ceremonies

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