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The Rotary Club of Baguio meets at the Baguio Country Club on Saturdays at 12:30 to 2:15 pm.

PROGRAMME

21 January 2006
BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB

- 12:00 M. Fellowship
- 12:30 P.M. Call to Order Pres. Mike Pearson
- Invocation Rtn. Emil Dayrit
- Pambansang Awit (Everyone)
- Rotary Hymn (Everyone)
- 12:40 Intro of VR&G Rtn. Joe Ramos
- 12:45 Raffle Draw Rtn. Uwe Koeller
- 1:00 Members' Time (Anyone)
- 1:05 President's Time Pres. Mike Pearson
- 1:15 CLUB ASSEMBLY
- 1:50 Open Forum
- 2:15 Pilipinas Kong Mahal (Everyone)
- Adjournment Pres. Mike Pearson

PP Caloy Mendoza
Program Coordinator

Retrospector Rtn. Christine Olarte

NEXT WEEK'S
GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

RTN. MANUEL R. REYES
President- DYNALAB Corporation

CLUB ASSEMBLY SPEAKER



PRES. MIKE PEARSON
RCB President

Topic:
Mid-Year Report

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- Program Coordinator Rtn. Faith Runas
- Invocation Rotary Ann
- Entertainment Rotary Ann
- Intro of VR&G PP Jack Gesner
- Finest Moments Dir. John Santos
- Intro of GHS PP Doming Valencia
- Response Rtn. Cecille Apostol
- Retrospector Rtn. Uwe Koeller

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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ROTARY YEAR 2005-06

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District 3790

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Assistant District Governor
District 3790

ROTARY CLUB OF BAGUIO ROTARY YEAR 2005-06

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ROTARY ANNS OF RCB

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Rotary Ann President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



There is perhaps no
phenomenon...

Pres. Mike Pearson

Welcome to our third Club Assembly.

The gist of each Club Assembly is to update the Club's members on what has been accomplished in the last quarter of the current year, as well as let our members know what we have planned for the next quarter. As has become standard practice (for this year anyway), your president will do the information aspect as a round up of each Avenue of Service and the concerned Directors will answer questions that may come up.

This quarter has quite a lot of activities lined up and we hope that you can get involved in activities where you feel you have an interest. While the Directors may have (relatively) ambitious goals, without helping hands extended by the general membership, things become harder to accomplish. The spirit of Rotary revolves around volunteerism, as well as fellowship. One should go with the other.

We have had our initial meeting for the preparations of the Club Anniversary, with VP Flo Bayquen spearheading the effort. We have also met to deal with the upcoming RYLA event, which will be held from February 10-12 at the Fontana Resort (Clark). IP Gerard is busy not only filling out our Semi-Annual Report for Rotary International; he is also starting meetings with his incoming Board of Directors.

Which leads me to the next topic – we (all the members) do need to pay our Club and R.I. Dues before the end of January. We should be practicing fiscal prudence, in the sense that it is an expectation of our Club that all members do pay their Dues, on time. It is the "Rotary way" so to speak.

While it may seem at times that all we are doing is collecting money, the fact is it does take money to run our Club administrative operations, conduct our projects and generally get things done. Each year, the President and Board must raise additional money just to run the Club aside from what we collect in Club Dues. Further, if we want to maintain the traditions and stature of our Club, then we should do things on time. Especially when it comes to money matters.

The Board of Directors and Secretary work quite hard – implementing all the goals and objectives require that. They spend their money to attend District events, have committee meetings and generally get things done. The biggest sacrifice (from my point of view) is the element of time. All the work and activities do take a lot of time. Time away from their work. Time away from their families. Time away from other things they may wish to do.

We need to support them. This means more than just attending our regular weekly meeting. Every past president knows this and has gone through the same pains of gathering membership support during their term. "It's now your turn because we have done our turn" is not really a good way to look at things-Rotary.

For the other members, the age-old phrase "I am busy" doesn't do justice to what our Club is supposed to be about. And, it really isn't fair to say this when your Board and some involved members are busy as well. But they still find the time. They still make the effort. Surely, this is supposed to be what Rotary is really all about?

My thought for the day: "There is perhaps no phenomenon which contains so much destructive feeling as moral indignation, which permits envy or hate to be acted out under the guise of virtue." - Erich Fromm (1900-1980) German-American Psychoanalyst, Social Philosopher.

SECRETARY'S CORNER



Gerard's Update for
21 January 2006

Sec./IP Gerard Audineau

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Rtn. Mia Cawed : January 12
Pres. Mike Pearson : January 13

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

Rtn. John & Ann Ems Cunanan : January 24
PP Ben & RAPP Dolly Cid : January 25

For the Record: 21 January 06

Guests

Mr. Leonard Chesmore: *GHS, guest of Dir. Pam Perkins*
Rotakid Melissa Olarte: *Guest of Rtn. Christine Olarte*

Make-Ups:

12 January 06 – District Golf 3rd Leg Tournament in Luisita:
Pres. Mike Pearson, IP/Sec. Gérard Audineau, Rtn. Ike Dulnoan, Rtn. Johnie Go

14 January 06 – MidYear Review Laoag: Pres. Mike Pearson,
RTL. Cecille Apostol, IP/Sec. Gérard Audineau, VP Flo Bayquen, Rtn. Mia Cawed, Rtn. Johnie Go, PP Linda Winter

17 January 06 – Anniversary Committee Meeting: Pres.
Mike Pearson, IP/Sec. Gérard Audineau, VP Flo Bayquen,
Rtn. Joey Bugayong, PE/EIC Raffy Chan, Rtn. Johnie Go,
PP Chris Peralta, Dir. Bert Talco

18 January 06 – RYLA Committee Meeting: Pres. Mike
Pearson, IP/Sec. Gérard Audineau, VP Flo Bayquen, Treas./
Dir. Allan Branzuela, Rtn. Johnie Go, PP Roger Naz

18 January 06 – Board 2006-2007 briefing: IP/Sec. Gérard
Audineau, Rtn. Ben Ladilad.

18 January 06 – RCB Sunrise Meeting: PP Johnny Zarate,
IPP Helmut Schlaaff, Rtn. Naas Demyttanaere

18 January 06 – RCBNorth Meeting: PP Linda Winter

We missed you last 07 January 2006:

Rtn. Cecille Apostol (*mu*), IP/Sec. Gérard Audineau (*mu*),
VP Flo Bayquen (*mu*), Rtn. Jeb Bundang, Rtn. Mia Cawed
(*mu*), Rtn. Emil Dayrit, Rtn. Rolly de Guzman, Rtn. Ike
Dulnoan (*mu*), Rtn. Fred Galimba, PP Jack Gesner (*exc*),
Rtn. Johnie Go (*mu*), Rtn. Herb Hayes, PP Alfred Laygo,
Rtn. Herb Meadows, PP Caloy Mendoza, PP Teop Rondez
(*exc*), PP Rene Ronquillo, Rtn. Faith Runas, Dir. John
Santos, IPP Helmut Schlaaff (*mu*), Dir. Bert Talco (*mu*), PP
Doming Valencia, PP Linda Winter (*mu*)

Onleave:

Rtn. Dino Oriña, Rtn. Henry Tuason

THE RCB CAÑO & LOGO



THE CAÑO A Celebration of Service

Our Official Club Bulletin has been called The Caño. "Caño" (*pronounced as kan-yau*) is actually the local term for the dance during native feasts or celebrations in the highlands of the Cordilleras- in Northern Luzon of the Philippines.

This is depicted in our Caño emblem (above) which shows a number of human figures in deep concentration—absorbed in ritual dance.

The attention, focus, commitment and unity of the club's members is represented by the dancing figures—in celebration or expectation of a bountiful harvest; much as we actually do— in anticipation of the joy derived from public service to the community—always coupled with fellowship. Hence, the sub-title of "A Celebration of Service."



ROTARY CLUB OF BAGUIO

Club No. 16863 District 3790
Republic of the Philippines

The Rotary Club of Baguio (RCB) was chartered on 21 February 1938. The 4,587th member of Rotary International and the oldest club organized North of Manila; the 6th chartered Rotary Club in the entire Philippines.

Our over-simplified club logo (red) is a composite of the letters r, c & B. This is symbolic of the club's straightforwardness. Over-all cardioid/heart shape connotes that our members serve from the heart. The four basic elements (four quadrants) are symbolic of Rotary's Four-Way Test and the members' commitment to it. Our charter year of 1938 is used as the mid-focal point of the logo, to emphasize our early beginnings and continuing Service.

IN RETROSPECT



The Meeting That Was 14 January 2006

Rtn. Joey Bugayong

The meeting of the Rotary Club of Baguio held in the Benguet Room of the Baguio Country Club started 5 minutes late—based on my watch. The program was started 12:35 P.M. and was emceed by Rtn. Andre Sommereux. The club attendance of the Rotarians totaled 25 out of 56 members because many joined President Mike at Fort Ilocandia, Ilocos Norte attending the District 3790 Mid-Year Review.

Rtn. Andre promptly requested all the participants to occupy their seats at the head table. This was lead by our presiding officer—PE Raffy who sat beside our GHS, Leonard Chesmore. Rotarians who joined PE Raffy were Rtn. Ben Ladilad, PP Veeh, Dir. Pam, Rtn. John Cunanan and of course our program coordinator, Rtn. Andre.

After calling the meeting to order, PP Ben (who took the place of Rtn. Angie) delivered his pious invocation. This was then, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and Rotary Hymn by all Rotarians. Rtn. Christine (with her daughter) handled the Entertainment time pretty well. Melissa Olarte rendered two songs, “My Immortal” & “Crazy for You” which delighted all Rotarians. She was generously applauded and praised; Rotarians said her talent comes from her mother.

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests was done by PP Veeh who introduced (among others) our two guests, Len Chesmore & Rotakid Melissa. The much-awaited moments— I may say, “sharing moments” was assigned to Rtn. Ben Ladilad. He cited the good works, achievements and ideal qualities of each particular Rotarian. Thereafter, he asked each one to share P100, which was quite substantial to add to our financial coffers.

Rtn. Uwe took charge of the raffle draw. Prizes given were all variants of electrical accessories: like extension cords and a mini toolbox. Lucky winners were awarded to PP Roger, Rtn. Naas, PP Chris, Rtn. Chris, Dir. Allan and Rtn. Uwe.

In the Members’ Time, PP Lito reminded all Rotarians to settle their obligations on or before February 18 with regards to the Paul Harris tickets that were secured earlier; in order to qualify for the raffle draw. Rtn. Ben L. invited interested Rotarians to see the Science Centrum Traveling Exhibit on January 18 to March 3, 2006 at the Baguio Convention Center.

In behalf of Pres. Mike, PE Raffy announced the birthday celebrants for January: January 12 – Rtn. Mia & January 13 – Pres. Mike. Regarding the latter, PE Raffy read the text message from Mike inviting all Rotarians in the Club to a gathering on next Saturday, January 21, in the residence of Pres. Mike at 7 P.M. to commemorate his natal day. On January 14, was the wedding anniversary of Rtn. Uwe & his Ann.

Our instant and very important Guest of Honor and Speaker for the day came all the way from California, USA. He was introduced by Dir. Pam as the Assistant Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Branch. He talked authoritatively on Technical Rescue, Urban Search and Rescue, Swift Water and Flood Rescue, Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction & Terrorism. He also demonstrated the proper way of transporting an injured patient using available materials— like a blanket from the accident site to the nearest service vehicle. This was a hands-on demonstration participated in by Melissa Olarte as “accident victim” and several “volunteer” Rotarians. Open Forum was very lively and was participated by so many Rotarians asking questions related to the expertise of our GHS.

Rtn. John Cunanan, who gratefully thanked the guest speaker for the very informative, educational and learning experience that he conveyed to the club, delivered the Club response. Rtn. Raffy adjourned the meeting at 1:15 P.M. after everyone sung the “Pilipinas Kong Mahal”.

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

Images From Last Week's Meeting 14 January 2006



Images by
Rtn. Joe Ramos



Captions by
PE/EIC Raffy Chan



Rtn. Andrei at the rostrum gave us a European flavor with respect to the Program Coordinator.



Proud sister (not mom!), Rtn. Christie, poses with her protegee—Melissa, who did the Entertainment for us.



Rtn. Uwe shows off one Raffle item— before picking up its winner; what an “electrifying” prize!



An authoritative and full-flavored fining session is what Rtn. Ben gave; everyone obliged with the cash.



Rtn. Pam during her introduction of the GHS from the West Coast; whom she invited in behalf of the club.



GHS Len shows our Rotarians an appropriate procedure to carry an injured person— using a blanket.



California (USA) Asst. Fire Chief and GHS Len accepts his Plaque of Appreciation from OIC Pres. Raffy.

ROTARY THINKING



The Club Bulletin— Rotary Information

Rtn. Frank Deaver

An observant Past District Governor told Rotarians at a District Assembly, “There seems to be a direct relationship between the quality of a club bulletin and the quality of the local club.” He avoided establishing a direct cause-and-effect relationship. He could have said, The club that has a good bulletin will be an active club, or “The active club will have a good bulletin.”

But no, he only pointed out the apparent relationship, and the probability that quality in both the club and the club bulletin can best be described as reciprocal. The obvious point is that the club bulletin holds the potential for being a strong positive force in a club while at the same time its content cannot help but reflect the club’s characteristics.

Some bulletins are done in a conversational tone, with generous use of personal pronouns. Others are in a more journalistic style, concise and factual. The first is more of a newsletter, the second more like a select few newspaper articles. But excellent bulletins can be found in both categories.

The content of a Rotary Club bulletin can be quite varied, but there are a few things that are obvious:

• **Weekly programs.** A few summary statements of the past program can be useful, but far more important is a preview of the next program. A well-written prelim encourages attendance, and may promote bringing guests or prospective new members.

• **Club information.** Does the president, secretary, or treasurer have an announcement that needs to be shared? Has the Board of Directors made a policy decision that members need to know? Is a club committee involved in a service function that should be commended and supported?

• **Rotary information.** District meetings Conference, Assembly, etc. can be promoted before the fact and reported after the fact. Worldwide information from RI is of local interest PolioPlus progress, Rotary scholars, Group Study Exchange, and more.

• **Rotary fellowship.** Among club members is there a new child or grandchild in the family? Has a member received a promotion or an honor at work? On the other hand, is there sickness or hospitalization of a member, or a death in the family? Personal news promotes fellowship.

Even with the best of content, the bulletin must get into Rotarian hands, and several methods are employed. Traditionally, bulletins were printed for mailing or handout, but increasingly bulletins are being circulated by Email. With all its speed, economy, and efficiency, Email can leave out those members not online. Print has not been totally replaced.

Printed bulletins are most effective if mailed in advance of weekly meetings, providing information and encouraging attendance. If not mailed, they can be available at meetings.

But to return to the original assertion, “There seems to be a direct relationship between the quality of a club bulletin and the quality of the local club.”

Editor’s Note: The above article comes from Rotarian Frank Deaver (Cañao Guest Contributor) of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, U.S.A.

Dr. Frank Deaver is professor emeritus of journalism from the University of Alabama, where his primary teaching/research fields were media ethics and international media. He holds a PhD degree in Communications from the University of Texas, with post-graduate studies in Sweden, Guatemala, and Japan.

Rotary Greetings from the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, U.S.A.

NEOPHYTE THOUGHTS



**Cañao:
Read Me**

Rtn. John Cunanan

If you happen to be an avid reader of the Cañao, you may skip this article and move on to the following pages. However, let me request a favor from you if you could just convince someone specially a member of our club to spare a couple of minutes to read this article.

Now, if you are one of those guys who happen to be so busy you haven't got the time to really read through the Cañao, this article is for you. I have listed down THIRTEEN REASONS why you should read the Cañao.

Check this out:

- 1 The Cañao is **MADE FOR YOU**. Haven't you noticed that it's available during every club meeting?
- 2 The Cañao is the club's **INFO CHANNEL**. Our bulletin. The program for the week, the GHS and the following club meeting's program are all indicated in the front page together with assigned participants. More events, updates are included in the following pages.
- 3 The Cañao is another avenue where in the **CLUB'S PRESIDENT SPEAKS**. Page 2 of the Cañao belongs to Pres. Mike (you will be glad to find out that as you read through his article you will notice that Pres. Mike appreciates it as shown in his big smile). If you want to know more about Pres. Mike, read his article. I always did. Every time I read his article, I can grasp his vision for our club and can feel his heart for our various projects. He even reminds us of some important Rotary activities and always leaves the door wide open for participation. If you're on this boat, don't fail to read the captain's article. If you're part of the team, hear and understand what the coach has been saying. And we are thankful that someone in our club is calling the shots; that someone is leading us with his best efforts to win the game.
- 4 The Cañao gives you **APERSONAL LOOK OF THE GHS**.
- 5 The Cañao teaches you about **THE CLUB'S IDENTITY**. (do you know the meaning of our logo and the Cañao's emblem?)
- 6 The Cañao delivers you **THE GIST** of last week's meeting on a silver platter.
- 7 The Cañao is like **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**. Only professionals take pictures (in their own way).
- 8 The Cañao shares all the conferences, the outreaches and the parties **WE MISSED**.
- 9 The Cañao even reminds us of our **PENDING ACCOUNTS**. This should not be an excuse for us not to read our newsletter.
- 10 The Cañao is like a **RESOURCE MATERIAL**. You can learn a lot about Rotary through Rtn. Frank Deaver's articles, the ABC of Rotary, the Toast of Fellowship where we get to know other RI club and other informative articles.
- 11 The Cañao also has a section **FOR ROTARY FAMILY**. This is where we get to know about our members' past, present and future happenings. It's good to stay connected.
- 12 The Cañao always **KEEPS US UPDATED**. Find out who's who? – Visit the Secretary's Corner. Birthdays, wedding anniversaries and records of your attendance are all there.
- 13 The Cañao generates **ADDITIONAL FUND** for our club. Through our generous advertisers and with the effort our Business Manager has put into it, the Cañao is now an income generator. Please take a minute or two to browse through the ad placements and probably you will notice an establishment that you can do business with. After all, that's one reason we have advertisers.

Now if you are wondering why I gave you 13 reasons...? I guess you do not want another 13 answers. The reason I took up this topic, is that based on my observations, only around 13 from our club really read the Cañao (most of them are Directors and Officers and some members). I was just hoping that every member will always grab a copy and maybe share it with others, so that the efforts, time, energy and resources of the club will not be put to waste. I am not worried about the number 13 since the President's birthday was last week and it was Friday the 13th. Would you be our number 14th?

WHERE ROTARY CLUBS MEET

Monday	..... 7 P.M.	Jacks Restaurant	..... RCLT
Tuesday	..... 7 P.M.	City Travel Hotel	..... RCMB
Wednesday	... 8 A.M.	Baguio Country Club	... RCBSunrise
Wednesday	... 7 P.M.	Cooyesan Hotel	..... RCBS
Wednesday	... 7 P.M.	Supreme Hotel	..... RCBN
Friday	..... 7 P.M. .	Baguio Country Club	... RCBSouth
Saturday	..... 7 P.M.	City Lights Hotel	... RCDSession

GETTING PERSONAL



Flo's On-going Member Update

VP Flo Bayquen

The Lighter Side of Laoag.....

It was a nice ride to Laoag last Saturday, January 14 with three gentlemen, Pres. Mike, IP/Sec. Gerard and Rtn. Johnie Go who were taking turns in driving the SUV of Gerard. Baby Rotarian Cecille Apostol went a day ahead because her hubby, Larry, does not want to take a long drive on his birthday which happened to be on the conference day itself (Thanks, Larry, for spending it with us...).... PP Linda asked Rtn. Mia to keep her company coz she was driving all the way by herself.....

As expected, there was non-stop talking. Before leaving Baguio, I was already trying to figure out how the four of us would take turns in talking when everyone were "certified speakers".....and the winner is.....Guess who?....You know who?????.....Don't guess. Next time, just join some district affairs. This is one of the best opportunities to know your fellow Rotarians better....It has always been fun! Right, you'll know who loves to eat a lot, laughs a lot and even....snores a lot....(di ba PP Alfred?)

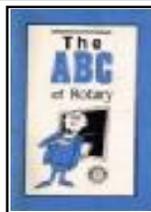
I particularly enjoyed chatting with Rtn. Mia, who I shared some medical problems, experiences and of course, some ideas with....until 3 a.m. wasn't enough...It's nice to know inner thoughts of someone who you see almost every Saturday but never had the chance to talk about a lot of things under the sun.....That's where friendships start....

Despite my having an elevated blood pressure that evening, I (we) still could not say no to the persistence of Rtn. Johnie to go to the casino (Heavens, I have not been to a casino in ages! Besides, it wasn't really our thing.). We got free coupons from the organizers, put them all together and one of us played with gusto! After one game, we all made P100 each. If the casino had us everyday, it would be bankrupt....The highlight of the evening was the very lengthy discussion of the major speakers, Atty. Mia and the non-paying client—Johnie, plus the other consultants, Flo, Mike and Linda. When Mia and Johnie finally agreed on three things, the former says, let's now call it a night....

It was really fun.....getting to know one another.....Rtn. Cecil has just joined the club recently but has started involving her family....Let us do the same, if we haven't and if we have forgotten....

By the way, belated birthday greetings to Mia Cawed (Jan 12), Maylene Dayrit (Jan 1), Maya Peralta (Jan 2) and Anniversary greetings to Joey & Baby Bugayong (Jan 9) & Allan & Tinty Branzuela (Jan 9 too). I failed to greet you earlier. GOD BLESS.....

ROTARY INFORMATION



The ABC of Rotary

Continuing Educational Program

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at "make up" meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchanges may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

NON-ATTENDANCE RULES

The Rotary Club Constitution specifies three conditions under which a Rotarian's membership will automatically be terminated for non-attendance. These circumstances are: failure to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings, failure to attend or make up 60 percent of club meetings each six months and failure to attend at least 30 percent of the meetings of one's own club in each six-month period. Under any of these three cases, a member will lose Rotary membership unless the club board of directors has previously consented to excuse such failure for good and sufficient reason.

To some individuals, these rules may seem unusually rigid. However, being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules merely emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization which highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent the entire club loses the personal association with that member. Being present at a club meeting is considered a vital part of the operation and success of every Rotary club.

For any Rotarian to miss four consecutive meetings, or disregard the other attendance requirements, should be considered tantamount to the submission of one's resignation from the club. When a club terminates a member for non-attendance, it is simply an acceptance of a resignation and not a punitive action by the club officers. All Rotarians know the consequences of non-attendance, so it clearly becomes a conscious decision by a Rotarian to withdraw from the club when he fails to fulfill the attendance requirements.

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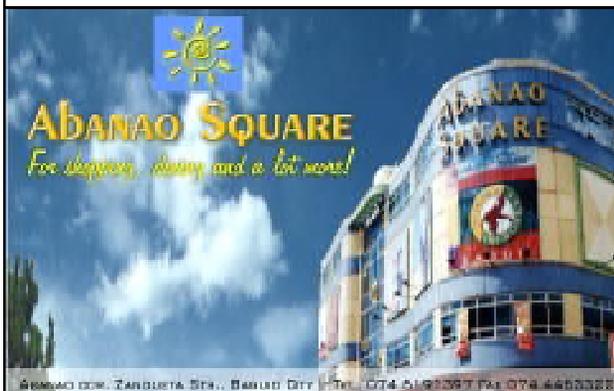
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