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# THE CAÑAO

A Celebration of Service

The Rotary Club of Baguio meets  
at the Baguio Country Club  
every Saturday at  
12:30 to 2:20 p.m.



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## GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

**PP Jack Gesner**



*Topic:*  
*RCB Now and Then*

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## PROGRAMME

12:00 N	Fellowship
12:30 PM	Call to Order ..... Pres. Mia Cawed
	Invocation ..... Rtn. Cecille Apostol
	Pambansang Awit..... (Everyone)
	Bayan Ko ..... (Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn..... (Everyone)
12:40	Entertainment..... Asec. Dhory Vicencio
12:50	Intro of VR&G..... Sec. Gigi Maranan
12:55	Finest Moments..... Rtn. David Rees
1:10	Raffle Draw ..... Rtn. Joey Bugayong
1:15	Members' Time ..... (Anyone)
1:25	President's Time..... Pres. Mia Cawed
1:35	Intro of GHS ..... PP Chris Peralta
	Speech..... PP Jack Gesner
1:50	Open Forum
2:00	Response ..... PP Gérard Audineau
2:15	Pilipinas Kong Mahal ..... (Everyone)
	Adjournment ..... Pres. Mia Cawed

**PP Helmut Schlaaff**  
Program Coordinator

Retrospector SAA Flo Bayquen

## NEXT WEEK

**26 September 09**

**Guest of Honor & Speaker**

**ARCH. JODY ALABANZA**

*Topic: "The Metro-Baguio (BLIST) Concept-from  
Perspective to Reality"*

Out of Venue: PP Angeling Palma's Residence

## PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS

Invocation .....	Rotary Ann
Entertainment.....	Rotary Ann
Intro of VR and G .....	PP Alfred Laygo
Finest Moments.....	Rtn. Angie Visperas
Intro of GHS .....	PP Mike Pearson
Response .....	PP Veeh Balajo
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**September is New Generations Month**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Time is of the essence.**

Pres. Mia Cawed

MONDAY, 14 Sept 09, we lost a beloved member in the person of Rtn. Ping Paraan. Time is always of the essence. On Saturday morning, 12 Sept, it was with extra effort that I individually greeted the members to make sure they do not forget to attend our regular club meeting since I have not been in the best of health lately. As I struggled to get out of bed to prepare for our regular meeting so as not to be late, I suddenly remembered that I have not yet greeted Rtn. Ping and Emilie for the day. And I mean greeted because since I learned about his illness on 25 Aug, I decided to just greet him and let him know that he is remembered. On Sunday night, 13 Sept, if my memory serves me right, I again sent a text greeting. When I received the news that he has gone to another life, I grieved at the loss of a newly acquired friend but thankful that I found time to inquire about his health and to reassure him that he was in my prayers.

Rtn. Ping was a new friend to me. Since the time he was inducted as a Rotarian during the term of PP Raffy, I never really had a real chance to get to know him. During the rare occasions when we would talk, there was a singular question that he posed to me which was "How are you related to Col. Cawed?". My standard reply to a standard question was "He is my father-in-law po". Then I became the club president. Every Friday night or Saturday morning, I would remind him about our club meeting and tell him how it would make me happy to see him in the meeting. I was always honored by a reply. For four times he said yes. On one occasion he said he had a prior engagement. And on one Saturday, not receiving a text message from me, he sent a text message to say that he was very sorry that he will not be attending the coming meetings since he had to go to Bataan but he will try to continue attending again. That was a day when I overlooked to text him. It really put me to shame that an old man remembered his duty to attend our club meeting while I forgot my obligation to remind him. But like I said, I am thankful that I did what I had to do the day before he left us. I showed that I cared when he could still appreciate it. Time is of the essence. Like the saying goes, death comes like a thief in the night. Now is always the best time to show that we care. For tomorrow may be too late.

Goodbye Rotarian Ping...

INDUCTION AND TURN-OVER CEREMONIES of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio was held on 16 Sept 09 at the Ballroom of the Baguio Country Club. Attendees from our club were DS/PP Linda, Dir/PP Gérard, PP Raffy, Treas. Uwe, Dir. Joe U and Sec. Gigi. That ends the induction season of the year for cluster 1-C.

CORPORATE-SPONSORED MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSIONS are already calendared by PP Chris in coordination with Rtn. Chris Faelnar. The first will be held on 20 Sept at Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet. Every member is enjoined to assemble at the Annex II of the SLU Hospital at 7:30 in the morning.

The second corporate-sponsored Medical-Dental mission will be in Bakun, Benguet from 23 to 25 October 09. Details will be announced later.

ADOPT A BAGUIO COMMUNITY PROJECT is underway. Survey forms, courtesy of PP Veeh, are already being distributed to the residents of Purok Magsaysay Drive in Barangay Loakan Proper to determine the profile of the locality. While in the process of assessing the needs of the community against the club's thrusts and clearing all possible legal impediments, a medical-dental mission was scheduled to take place in the said community on 18 Oct.

OUT-OF-VENUE MEETING is set on 26 Sept at the place of PP Angelina, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower Condominiums at Gibraltar. Our speaker will be Rtn. Jody Alabanza. As usual, meeting shall promptly start at 12:30 in the afternoon.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go to PP Raffy Teop (20 Sept) and PP Raffy Chan (27 Sept) and Wedding Anniversary congratulations to PP Jack and RAPP Lou Gesner.

## **Jack Gesner**

Born on a wheat farm near Kiowa, Kansas (USA) 19 Nov 1927.

Education - Elementary and High School at Kiowa graduating with the class of 1945.

Dodge City Jr. College 1949 - 1950

Texas Tech at Lubbock 1954 (one semester night school) Psychology

Veteran of WWII and the Korean War. U.S. Merchant Marine 1944 - 46. U.S. Air Force 1950 to 1954. Came to the Manila twice in 1945 on a ship then was sent to Clark Air Base in 1950 in the Air Force and later stationed at John Hay in Baguio as Club Manager. Discharged at Reese Air Base in Texas before returning to the Philippines.

Became a Naturalised Filipino in 1976

Married 29 Oct 1952 to Lourdes Estabillo who was his book keeper at John Hay.

They have 3 children: Dr. Jacqueline Lou Gesner Agcaoili who was among the first Medical graduates from SLU in 1980. George Robert Gesner who is a licensed aircraft engineer and recently retired to Baguio to look after his "Elderly Parents" coming from 22 years at Diego Garcia. He retired as Air Terminal Manager. Their youngest son, Jonathan Paul Gesner is a Veterinary Technician with the Fishery and Wildlife Government in Guam.

Organisations: Past Vice President of the Baguio Lions Club. Past Charter President of the Northern Luzon Association for the Blind, Inc.. Past President of the John Hay Rod and Gun Club. Past President of the "Bats"- Baguio Amateur Theatre Society. Past President Baguio Toastmaster's Club. Past Dictator of the Baguio Beer Drinker's and still an active member. Past President of the Rotary Club of Baguio!

Past Master of Baguio Lodge #67 in 1959 and 1964 (Masons) Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1964 and 1975. 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and Past President of the Snobar Oasis (Shriner)

Past Board Member of the Baguio YMCA, Trinidad Boy Scouts, and Head of the Brent School Cub Scouts.

Some Work History: 2 years with Marine Exploration, a seismic oil company as head driller/blaster in Texas and around New Orleans. A Rough Neck in the oil fields in West Texas and South Kansas. Telephone Cable Splicer and High Line worker in Oklahoma.

23 years as Superintendent and later Resident Mgr. of the Irisan Lime Kilns and Quarry for Benguet Consolidated Mining Company.

One year as Manager of the Attic Inn - Baguio

For five years the Gesners owned and operated Liberty Investments and Securities which was a Stock Brokerage on Harrison Road, Baguio City.



## The Meeting That Was 12 September 09

Dir. / PP Gérard Audineau

We were having our fellowship before regular meeting and I was surprised to see PP Francis Juico of RC Manila. He was my classmate and we made it a point to attend each others Inductions as Presidents of our Clubs. I remember that he received me well at Polo Club Manila.

His family was visiting for the week-end and he absolutely wanted to make sure he could participate in our regular meeting which I am sure the membership in our Club highly appreciated.

Pres. Mia Cawed called the meeting on time as usual.

Our baby Rotarian Cora had her first participation in our weekly program by rendering a very good invocation.

The membership sang the Pambansang Awit Ng Pilipinas, the Ang Bayan Ko and the Rotary Hymn led by PP Lito. As usual, we held hands and sang the Rotary Hymn, the Rotary Club of Baguio way.

For our entertainment we were pleased to listen to our musician, Rtn. Angie with his concertina playing an Ilocano medley of "Pamulinawen," "Dung Dungwen", "Ti Ayat Ti Maysa Nga Ubing" and "Banatiran," and PP Roger with his harmonica playing a medley of "My own True Love", "Eternally" and "Sole Mio".

PIP Chris made the introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests with his natural humor and fun.

PP Doming started the Finest Moment with a schedule in hand, prepared by Treas. Uwe. He was pleased to inform us that the membership has already paid 49% of the fines for the semester. He encouraged everyone to continue with this performance and with this he announced that we were on a holiday insofar as the Finest Moment of this day is concerned. Of course, this made everyone roar with joy!

The Raffle was conducted by Rtn. Joey and the prizes were beautiful. Your obedient servant won again as he regularly buys many tickets in support of our fund raising program.

Many interesting points were brought out during the Members' Time which were the following:

- PP Doming clarified that it is his style to ad-lib whenever he gets the opportunity to be at the rostrum. He emphasized that when he called the attention of Rtn. Joey to listen while he was doing the finest moment, it was done in jest and not meant with malice. In case Rtn. Joey took it otherwise, his gracious apology was expressed accordingly.
- PP Mike reported the ceremonies of the celebration of the Centennial of the City of Baguio, and thanked especially our RCB members who attended the Centennial Parade and the Centennial Dinner. Likewise, he noted President Mia's requesting the membership to share their time for cleaning the adopted park.
- IPP Bert came with his request of our members to

help our club to become EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year). This means that all our members contribute an amount to TRF. He informed us that if each member would give a minimum contribution of US\$10.00 (P480.00), the said amount would correspond to an average of US\$100.00 per member or US\$4,300.00 for our Club. That accomplishment would be very advantageous for our Club. We are waiting for the membership to make the much awaited move.

- PIP Chris once again expressed his thanks for the Club support during our medical missions. He reminded us that the next medical mission will be on 20 September 2009 at Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The following items were taken at President's Time:

- Pres. Mia informed us of a meeting she and Sec. Gigi joined upon the invitation of the Rotary Club of Midtown Quezon City held on 6 September 2009;
- She reminded that Rotary Zone Institute will be done on 27 to 29 November 2009 and that no RCB member has registered as of that day. For those interested, pre registration is a must as there is no registration on site.
- The Rotary Institute is an important gathering as RI officers learn about latest Rotary developments, policies and programs. Highlights will be successful efforts of all zones concerned. RCB members were encouraged to be present.
- Finally Pres. Mia confirmed the next medical mission in Bineng, requesting a good attendance from the membership and the usual support of our doctors.

The introduction of our GHS Jonathan Bosantog, President of SLU Supreme Student Council, has been done in a detailed manner by IPP Bert.

Our GHS, with the topic "Politics in the Eyes of Youth" impressed all present members as we didn't notice any noise makers.

In summary, the Guest Speaker emphasized the following:

"The young generation is interested in politics but they are discouraged by the present politicians. When they think of politics, the first thing that gets into their minds is corruption and many have forgotten integrity, as well. The youth would only be made interested by having new models who can give them inspiration and offer new vision.

The response by Rtn. Joe Ramos to thank the speaker was preceded by his personal comments.

Everybody sang the Pilipinas Kong Mahal.

Pres. Mia adjourned this very interesting meeting at 2.20 PM.

**SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE**

**Images from Last Week's Meeting**  
12 September 09



Images by:  
Dir./PP Gérard Audineau



Captions by:  
VP/EIC Libby Fernandez



Gracious host, Dir./PP Gérard, giving a warm welcome to classmate, PP Francis of RC Manila.



Despite the outside noise, the members took some learning from the insights of the young!



Our meeting is looking like a family affair..which truly is..where we always want to be.



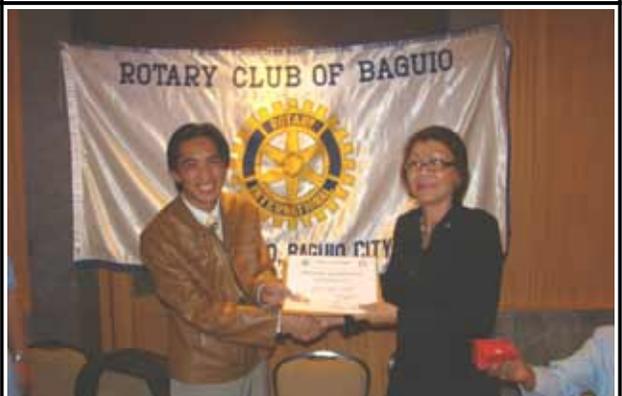
PN Ben's guests of young people..... aspiring Rotarians?



PP Doming happily declaring a "Fine Free Day!"



A place is neither too small nor too big for the members who will enjoy the meetings anyway!



Young and idealistic Mr. Bosantog echoing the voice of the youth receives the Club's token.

# Manong Ping

by: PP Raffy Chan

What can I say about this special gentleman? As the first recruit during my term as your RCB president, he was sworn-in as the first new member on our very first meeting during RY 2007-08. This somehow made him the emblematic icon for membership recruitment during that fateful year, even if that specific status somehow got clouded with issues from within our ranks.

To me, Manong Ping was special because I saw in him a father-figure. Something which, unknown to many, I pursued by seeking personal advise—from a man who had the wisdom of all his years and the know-how of a true veteran—not just of WWII but more importantly—of the “university of hard-knocks.”

Let me share one topic which we have briefly discussed as we sat down during our Rotary meetings. Yes, we had our own agenda which was not along that of our regular meeting; but please do not hold it against us—because we did our thing with proper decorum.

I asked him: “Manong Ping, what is your personal advice to me in order to prepare for eventual retirement?”

And his answer—using his exact words: “Most important: prepare your retirement funds early.” And he continued to explain that it is a common mistake among many to take the matter for granted and not to set aside money for their retirement. I am happy to let you know that I took that advice to heart and continually do so to this day; cherish such words of basic wisdom.

The details on the life of Manong Ping are quite well known, so I will pass on the task of enumerating his personal achievements to the “more willing” others. I wanted this piece to be of a more personal nature...

Indeed we will miss Rotarian Ping during our Saturday meetings, for we can no longer talk to him and learn from him. We will miss him for we can no longer look into his eyes to appreciate the depth of his spirit.

With all due respect, allow me to share a poem which I have felt as (again) appropriate for today. One where I imagine our Manong Ping talking to each one of us.

## To Those I Love And To Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release  
me.*

*I have so many things to  
do and see.*

*You mustn't tie yourself  
to me with tears;  
Be happy we had so  
many years.*

*I give you my love,  
You can only guess how  
much you gave to me in  
happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you have shown me;  
But now it's time I travel alone.*

*So grieve a while for me,  
If grieve you must.*

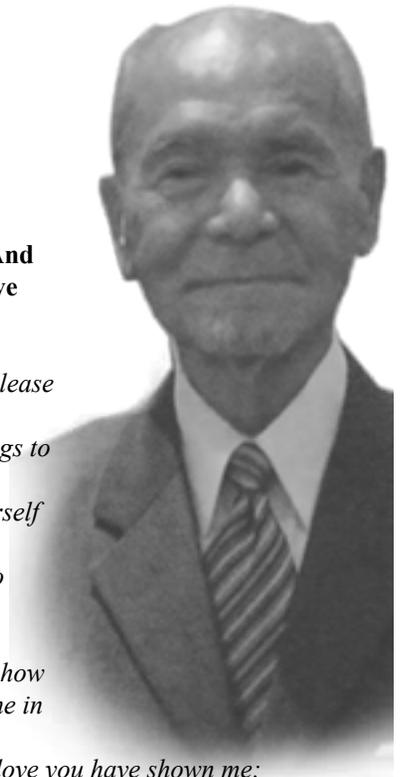
*Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on.  
So if you need me and call me, I will be near.*

*And if you listen with your heart,  
You'll hear*

*All my love around you,  
Soft and clear.*

*And when you must come this way along,  
I'll greet you with a Smile,  
And “Welcome Home”.*



In behalf of the Rotary Club of Baguio family—our Rotarians and our esteemed Rotary Anns, we publicly thank Manong Ping for sharing his years with us. To Emilie, I am sure that you will remain welcome as member of our RCB Rotary Anns—particularly when you are ready to serve as president of the RCB Anns.

Parting is such sweet sorrow... but we take comfort at the thought of a life that has been lived to its fullest. As we bid Manong Ping farewell, we linger on these final thoughts:

Love all whom you hold dear, precious is the time you share. Do not wait for tomorrow, for tomorrow may never be...

## INVOCATION



### A Prayer for TRUE SERVICE

Rtn. Cora Ocampo

God the Father Almighty,  
The source of all vocations,  
You have always been with us from the very beginning  
To realize what it takes to be a Rotarian,  
You have guided our humble works and so,  
We are assured that You will continuously provide  
strength, good health, prosperity, peace and love, to each  
Rotarian around the world,  
So that the Rotary will be able to render TRUE  
SERVICE to fellowmen, and to strongly stand above all  
these apparent difficulties.  
For all these, we are grateful to You O Lord,  
For this opportunity to show our love and sacrifices,  
as the touchstones of TRUE SERVICE to our fellowmen  
We sincerely accept our calling to be committed  
while learning to live a VIRTUOUS life, for our family,  
our club and the society we live in.  
All these, we offer to You Lord.  
We earnestly pray,  
That You instill in every Rotarian's heart,  
The right values grounded in the "quid est veritas"  
What is at hand the TRUTH  
That JUSTICE is accorded to everyone we deal with,  
Without any "quid pro quo,"  
Transform us to be the AMBASSADORS of  
GOODWILL  
And unremittingly help us become virtuous men and  
women.  
ALL WE ASK IN JESUS NAME  
AMEN

## EDITORIAL



### Views from Everywhere

VP/EIC Libby Fernandez

**...of staying...of going....**

**...a tribute to Rotarian Ping...**

All of us are on a journey taking different paths of various aims and dreams. Some of us are more exploring searching through all the corners of the earth amazing ourselves with the gifts of natural wonder, we believe only a Supreme Power had made. Some opt to travel through their minds pondering how they could reach out through people's thoughts and finding ways to better understand, to influence and be of them.

Many are blessed with many gifts which they understand are, in reality, meant for others. They share with those who have less, of the unfortunate, the less privileged. They are fulfilled living for others.

Some still stay put and see their roots grow and keep watch. Family is first and foremost. They are fully aware of their roles and would do all means to pass them on. They take pride of their values, their culture, ideals, teachings and mores. They would do all means to protect the same for the next generations to come.

Still, some would be all these, weaving together threads of different moves, ideas, missions and aspirations. In the so many years of existence, these men and women never experience dull moments in their midst. Their minds and their hands are never empty always eager for new things to do or things to undo. They face challenges with courage and learn to accept with gracious hearts those they cannot do anything about.

These are those who deliberately will to live to the fullest. They may not be aware of the many lives they inspire and touch by simply being as they are. As they glide from the present day to the other, they impress, guide, encourage and challenge many along their way. They are numb to others' praises and approval, acclaim and applause, these being the least in their hearts and minds.

Rtn. Ping was indeed a perfect weaver. In his own way, he gathered, easily and perfectly, the different threads that were the various facets of his living. He was gifted with a great number of years which he executed to the outmost. He was the kind, loving and proud family man. He dedicated his life to public service tending to the community's needs all the time. Inside out, he was a willed, strong man! Indeed, a friend to everyone!

Rtn. Ping's warm smile will forever be in our hearts. For always, his life will be the inspiring story for the generations to come.

Of staying or going...it is only for The Ultimate to say.

For Rtn. Ping's shared life, Thank you, we pray.



### RCB's Scholar Message 05 September 09

Joanne Parrocha

Too often, we, the youth- ages between thirteen to thirty-five years old, are viewed with the conventional eyes of our elders: that we are the future of the nation; we are the catalyst of change. The government counts on us to help save the country and some civil society says that this will be achieved by being vigilant. For the most part, however, we fail.

Early this year, disturbing figures came from drug enforcement agencies. There are nine million drug addicts in the country. Ninety percent of this number is between the ages 16 years old and 30. Another report which came from an intelligence unit of the government presented that the usual profile of Filipino drug users are those belonging to the 14 to 25 age group. Imagine, many teenagers buy and sell illegal drugs just like they load their cellphones. There are also 2.75 million young smokers while 4.7 million are young drinkers. Also, added to these failures is the sexual freedom that is oftentimes abused resulting to pornography and many other deviant sexual acts. For all their worldliness, many young people are seemingly not clear about where they want to go in life or bright future they should aspire for.

On one hand, however, there are 1.6 illiterate children in the country. Many of them with ages ten years old are street children, child laborers, and victims of natural disasters and the never-ending armed conflicts. Children 13-18 years old are found to be susceptible victims of sexual abuse which accounts for half of the reported cases throughout the regions, followed immediately by children 7-12 years old. There are also 3.7 million working children with 70% engaged in fishing, agriculture and forestry; 24% work in services and sales and 5% work in industries. Surprisingly, this statistics were from the 1995 NSO reports. Fourteen years have already passed and these situations regarding the youth are still prevalent and becoming worse.

Why is the youth seems to be misdirected? Is it because of the church? The parents? Government? Or does this societal mess boil down to the wrong doings of the youth? Whatever your answers are, what is perfectly clear is that the youth is being victimized.

How can we be the future of this nation if the government itself, does not support us? Education. The constitution says that education is a right of every child. But what is happening at present is education has already become a privilege. For instance in 2006, I only paid not more than five thousand pesos during enrolments when I was in first year. In 2007, all incoming freshman students have to pay at least ten thousand pesos for their

first semester only for them to be accommodated in U.P. That amount already accounts to my whole 1 year stay in the university. Since there was a commercialization of education by implementing high increase of tuition and other fees, many poor but deserving fourth year high school students, although they passed the university's entrance examination, opt to look for a school with cheaper amount of tuition. Thus, their education along with their future is compromised. Instead of U.P being the University of the People, it turned out that now, it has become the University for the Privileged. Those who can only pay for the high tuition are given opportunity to study in one of the most prestigious schools in the country and will have to experience quality education. Good thing there is still no sign in the entrance gate that says No money, no entry. Well, that would be ill.

Not enough classrooms to accomodate students, outdated textbooks and references, increase of in tuition and other fees, obsolete school facilities and equipment, school teachers leaving the country to look for greener pasture. These and many others are the common problems regarding education in most parts of our country. Alarming as these may seem, instead of allocating more budget for education, President Arroyo is more concerned with other things like what to eat for dinner. How I wish I could also experience a one million peso worth dinner like what she did.

Moving on, how can we be the catalyst of change if our elders do not teach us that? I am thankful of the remittances of our Overseas Filipino Workers. The government even hailed our OFWs as the new-called heroes because by working abroad, their remittances in the country help the economy. That is of course the positive side. However, the youth is experiencing the negative effects of parents who are too busy working out of the country especially during their child's growing years, usually from ages between 0-6 years old. Definitely, the salary they receive abroad for instance, being domestic helpers, is definitely much higher compared to a salary of a public school teacher here. For the past years, parents see this opportunity of working overseas to give their children better future. Yet, their leaving their kids means their kids' high risk of being exposed also to different elements. Meeting new cliques may lead them to the use of drugs, smoking, alcohol, drinking and pornography. This will not happen if they have been guided responsibly by their parents in their growing years. Responsible parenthood does not only mean providing their needs by sending their children monthly allowance or by rewarding them extra money to buy their wants in life like trendy clothes, gadgets, and

the like. Being a responsible parent is more of being with the children as role models. It is the parents who first instil good values and morals to their children. It is the responsibility of the parents to show love and support to their kids. Parents also serve to be the companion of their kids during the happiest moments in their lives and also the first persons who will constantly remind that everything's okay in times of their kid's failures. If parents failed to fulfil their duties to their kids, more often than not, the youth will be a reflection of such irresponsible parenting. I do not say however that parents should just stay home and be with their kids like forever. It is good if one of the parents stays at home while the other is earning enough from a job that can meet their family's daily needs. But if both of the parents are at home enjoying tong-its or, mah-jong, then it becomes another problem that usually happens in families in the lower social class. Most of the cases, these parents teach their kids at early stage, that there is no hope in life. That their kids cannot go to school unlike other children of well-off parents, because they do not have money to give them allowance or cannot even buy them even notebooks. Instead, they just teach their kids to work like begging in the streets or exposing them to other forms of child labor.

With all these interrelated problems that affect the youth, do the words of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal that "ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan" still resonate? As a part of the large number of youth, my answer will be DEFINITELY YES. I believe that only if we, the youth are guided responsibly and be provided with opportunities to cope up with all our frustrations, aspirations and challenges we have at present, then we can be honed to be the future of this generation. "Taglay ng mga kabataang gaya ko ang kasiglahan ng pag-iisip at pangangatawan. Bukas ang aming isip sa pagbabago ng ganitong lumalalang sitwasyon." We are the future of this nation and we are capable of creating change also for the good of our own future and the future of all generations next to us. With this, I am thankful for all the elders that have high regards and concern for us youth; those who think that without us, no one will continue what they have started. Rizal, himself, is one of the many examples. At an early age of 29, he died because he fought for the country. I do not say that the youth must also exemplify what he did and not to the extent of dying to be considered a hero. Though I do not also say that the youth needs to be like Manny Pacquiao or Charisse Pempengco. I know that there are lots of other opportunities for us in the future. Personally, I would like to thank this club, the Rotary Club Of Baguio because through your help, I am rewarded. I have been your scholar since first year college and now, I am hoping to graduate next semester. More than the financial help you're giving me, being your scholar humbles me. It inspires me to keep striving to attain academic excellence. This club, like my sorority that I hope you're not taking it against me, has taught me how important it is to become nationalistic. Being your scholar indeed also taught me to always see and share goodness in everybody. That the purpose of being a concerned individual is giving service to people above myself. But most importantly, the general realization this club has taught me is that being a scholar is more than just a privilege. It is also a responsibility. To be humble, to be kind, to be a responsible student and responsible citizen of the country are characteristics I can use in achieving my goals in life.

Through this club and other organizations that offer great help for the youth in achieving great future, the shortcomings of some parents, the government, and the country as a whole, will be well-addressed if not, will be given the basic solutions. You, our elders, please help us youth to think that in spite of all these societal mess, there is still hope to see goodness in everything, through YOU.

"Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan." This statement is nothing but a cliché to most, but for me, this holds true and your Rotary scholars are some of the living witnesses.



### 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.



### FOUR-WAY TEST OF ROTARY

Of all 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?

## SECRETARY'S NOTES



**Gigi's Update for  
19 September 09**

Sec. Gigi Maranan

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

#### BIRTHDAYS

**PP Teop Rondez** 20 Sept.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Rtn. Joe & RA Tess Ramos** 21 Sept.

### FOR THE RECORD 22 AUGUST 09

#### Visiting Rotarians:

PP Francis Juico, RC Manila Mother Club

#### Honored Guests 12 September Meeting:

Lilia Sato, Mariver Agayas, Siony Aschwandan, Patrick Pascua, guests of PN Ben Ladilad

#### We missed you last 12 September:

Rtn. Jody Alabanza (*exc*), Rtn. Cecille Apostol, Dir. Marilyn Barredo (*mu*), PP Raffy Chan (*mu*), Rtn. Naas Demyttenaere (*mu*), Dir. Dwight Dulnoan (*mu*), PP Jack Gesner (*exc*), Rtn. Ping Paraan (*exc*), PP Helmut Schlaaff (*mu*), Rtn. Engel Soriano, Dir. Joe Ursua (*mu*), DS/PP Linda Winter (*mu*), PP Johnny Zarate (*exc*)

### ON LEAVE

Rtn. Herb Hayes, Rtn. Herb Meadows, Rtn. Pam Perkins

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### RC Metro Baguio Induction 16 Sept.:

Dir./PP Gérard Audineau, PP Raffy Chan, Treas. Uwe Koeller, Sec. Gigi Maranan, Dir. Joe Ursua, PP Linda Winter

#### Necrological Services for Rtn. Ping Paraan 17 Sept.:

Rtn. Jody Alabanza, Dir./PP Gérard Audineau, RA Terry & Rotakid Estelle; PP Veeh Balajo & Spouse Wylie, SAA Flo Bayquen & Rtn. Joseph, Rtn. Joey Bugayong, Pres. Mia Cawed & Spouse Bong, PP Raffy Chan & RAPP Josie, PP Diony Claridad & RAAP Louie, Dir. Dwight Dulnoan, VP/EIC Libby Fernandez, Treas. Uwe Koeller & RA Sally, PP Alfred Laygo, Sec. Gigi Maranan, PP Roger Naz, Rtn. Cora Ocampo, PP Angelina Palma, PP Lito Pangilinan, PP Mike Pearson & RAPP Mina, PP Chris Peralta & RAPP Maya, Rtn. Joe Ramos & RA Tess, PP Teop Rondez & RA Ana, IPP Bert Talco, PP Doming Valencia & RAPP Linda, AS Dhory Vicencio, PP Linda Winter, PP Johnny Zarate & RA Cely

### DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA):** 23 to 25 October 09; Baguio

**Rotary Community Corps (RCC) & The Rotary Foundation Seminar:** 14 November 09; Dagupan

**Manila Zone Institute:** 27 to 29 November 09; Dusit Hotel, Makati City

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Local Rotary Club Meetings:

Mondays: RC of La Trinidad  
(7:30PM Jack's Restaurant)

Tuesdays: RC of Metro Baguio  
(7:30PM Baguio Country Club)

Wednesdays: RC of Baguio Sunrise  
(8:30AM Baguio Country Club)

RC of Baguio North  
(7:30PM Baguio Country Club)

RC of Baguio Summer Capital  
(7:30PM Cooyeesan Hotel)

Fridays: RC of Baguio South  
(7:30PM Baguio Country Club)

RC of Downtown Session  
(7:30PM Kubong Sawali,  
Military Cut-Off)

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