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(Excerpts from District Governor Boyet Limon's Inaugural Address during the June 5, 2008 Handover Ceremonies of District 3830)

Ten years ago, I stood at the doorstep of a great challenge. I became president of the Rotary Club of Parañaque South. Tonight, I stand at the threshold of a yet bigger challenge: to serve as your District Governor. With you as my witnesses, I accept this challenge wholeheartedly and most willingly. I pledge to honor the position of Governor by serving with all my heart, with all my mind, and with all my soul.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

You have given me the mandate to serve. Serve I will, even under the most difficult and challenging circumstances – because your mandate is my destiny. And with the grace of God, I shall fulfill this destiny. As I accept this mandate tonight, I want to express my sincere and overwhelming gratitude to those who have journeyed with me in my Rotary odyssey. I share the honor – and pleasure – of this governorship with my club – the Rotary Club of Parañaque South – with my fellow Rotarians and friends who have always stood by me, especially during my most difficult moments.



District Governor Boyet Limon during his oath-taking administered by the former Chief Justice Art Panganiban



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trying moments as a candidate, a governor-nominee, and governor-elect. To them I owe this opportunity and to them I say, "Thank you" most profoundly. As gratitude is the heart's memory, my heart will always remember.



In a very special way, I want to thank Governor Ato Magadia and all our past district governors. They have placed upon my all-too-willing shoulders an awesome responsibility: to uphold and carry on District 3830's tradition of excellence, which inspires every new governor to reach greater heights of achievement. This tradition is our most cherished legacy from them. I will call on them continually to share with me their wellsprings of wisdom and counsel.

There is a proverb that says, "If the beginning is good, the end must be perfect." We began our journey together by listening with our hearts at the Pre-Pets and at the Presidents Elect Training Seminar. We opened our hearts and minds. We listened and learned from our trainers and District Officers. We devoted many hours of diligent study. We made earnest preparations. Those were certainly long hours well spent. Yes indeed, we can say our beginning has been good. Now let's take that first step toward a perfect ending. Let us start to Make Dreams Real in our wonderful world of Rotary today.

I want to express my deep gratitude to my cherished friends, Past President Marty Alvarado, and the Charter President of my home club, our Past District Governor and Past RI Director Joc Joc Bolante. Fourteen years ago, they extended to me a life-altering invitation to join Rotary. Their invitation opened my eyes to the world of selfless service, which has been my greatest source of unending joy and inner fulfillment. Joining Rotary has been the best thing that ever happened to me.

Ladies and gentlemen, the right to food, water, housing, clothing and education is our birthright. But millions of children around the world have virtually defaulted in claiming this birthright – as it has become virtually unattainable in the face of widespread poverty and apathy.

Yet, how can we provide food and water when our environment and natural resources are polluted and endangered? In addition to RI's emphases, the governors of District 3830 as well as the other districts of Philippine Rotary will also focus their efforts in saving the environment. For this reason, all incoming district governors have agreed to work together in preserving our natural resources and the beauty that comes with it – for us, for our children and for the coming generations. Later on tonight, my fellow governors will join me in signing a memorandum of agreement to affirm our commitment and common cause.

Fellow Rotarians, let us listen to the voices of our children and let us make their dreams real. Share



district buzz

Literacy Month ushers in projects highlighting the significance of education

July is Literacy Month. Literacy connotes knowledge, understanding, learning and enlightenment. Rotarians are encouraged to engage in activities or services relating to all forms of education, human development and reduction of poverty. In observance of the Rotary International theme for the

reading and resource materials for school children, RC Makati implemented its yearly project dubbed, "Books Across the Seas" (BATS), where in cooperation with RC Makati Poblacion, an aggregate of 1,251 books were delivered to St. Andrews Parish, the K-9 Foundation, Inc., and

Mexico, Pampanga. The cash donation is intended for the construction of book shelves for the school's library. RC San Lorenzo on the other hand, identified the Dumagats of Calawis as recipients of various reading materials... The Dumagats will not only receive books but will also be beneficiaries in the education program of the club in cooperation with Synergeia Foundation. Under the mentoring program, 15 parents of the Dumagat community in Calawis will undergo intensive training in basic literacy. They in turn will be the teachers of their own people.

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month, various Rotary Clubs embarked on projects specifically addressing education needs. Recognizing the importance of

the Tanday Elementary School. RC Makati Buendia similarly donated books and cash of P20,000 to the Sto. Domingo Elementary School in



PRIP Mar Caparas is the prime



my family, whose love, understanding and unconditional support have given life and true meaning to my daily endeavors, both in my personal and Rotary life. They have always shared my joys, my hopes, my fears, and even my pains.

I want to thank you all for being here tonight to be my living witnesses and to lend me your invaluable support. I also want to make special mention of my District Governors' Elect classmates, my co-governors for 2008-09 who are here tonight to share this wonderful evening. Please allow me to give a special recognition to my classmates, the Presidents of our Dream Team in Rotary Year 1998-1999. Ten years ago, we all said Yes! When RI President Jim Lacy called on us to Follow Your Rotary Dream. This year, we will all join hands to Make Dreams Real.

I also wish to acknowledge with gratitude the inspiring presence of several past district governors and district governors-nominee especially from our district, District 3830, and other districts as well. Thank you for continuously contributing your time, talents and treasures for the good of Rotary.

To heal this injustice, Rotary International is asking every club, every district, and every Rotarian to save our children through service projects in its area of emphases: Water, Health and Hunger, and Literacy. Friends, we can see from our polluted cities and dead rivers the cruel scourge that mankind has reaped from the



wanton destruction and abuse of our environment. Every day, we witness from behind our tinted car windows, infants who are being used as props for begging. Children die needlessly before they reach the age of five because their basic needs are not met.

with me the passion to rise above the challenge of our year's theme: To reduce the terrible rate of child mortality and to preserve the environment. To accomplish this —

Let us Make Dreams Real by giving children hope and a chance to live long and happy lives.

Let us Make Dreams Real by giving children the gift of good health by improving their environments and their access to care.

Let us Make Dreams Real by making sure that more children have a chance to go to school, because education can break the chains of poverty that enslave their families.

I know that the challenges we face are not easy but I welcome them. We have planned thoroughly and broken down the tasks into smaller ones. We have clearly spelled out our District Goals. We have prepared well for our year of service in our three Pre-Presidents-Elect Training Seminars, which we fondly called our "Hit the Ground Running" series. We convened our District Assembly where we focused on "Our Children – Our Future". We also traveled to Davao for our District Team Training Seminar.

Our Clubs have chosen the best amongst us to be the "Real Good Presidents". I have chosen the best among our fellow Rotarians to become "Real Good District Officers". I am very confident that all



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Show and Tell

We often fear the unknown. Those who are unfamiliar with the world's biggest civic organization that advocates the Four-Way Test shy away from membership because they linger with the impression that Rotary demands too much time and resources.

Let us demystify Rotary. Let us shatter the myth that it is an elitist, expensive, time-consuming, stiff, formal, club of the elderly. We need to emphasize how Rotary has significantly contributed to the welfare of the community, how it has eradicated poverty, alleviated the scourge of disease, and improved lives. Yes, Rotary is for busy people who are impassioned with the ideal of service.

So much has been accomplished in the first month of the Rotary Year. The feeding programs of the Rotary Clubs of Puerto Princesa, Paranaque North, Makati, Makati Buendia, Makati Dasmarinas, Makati Bel-Air, Makati Poblacion, Alabang and Makati Legaspi seek to address health and hunger.

One of the District thrusts is eradicating child mortality. Literacy seminars such as *Kaalaman Ng Ina, Kalusugan Ng Anak* of



RC Paranaque Lakambini educated parents on preventing child disease. This was complemented by the child vaccination program of Las Piñas West. Giving a child a new lease on life is best exemplified by projects such as the *Gift of Life* where RC Makati West provides free heart surgeries, *Operation Shunt* of RC Paranaque, and the *Artificial Limbs Project* of Muntinlupa City Center.

Environmental projects ensure a safe community. One of these is the *Save Laguna Water Lake Project* to be participated in by many clubs in the District. There are also interesting activities which ensure the adequate supply of safe water such as *Paseo Washtube (UV Clean Water Project)* of RC Paseo De Roxas and Makati Edsa, the installation of water systems by RC Makati, and the turnover of *Berkeley Water Filter* units by Makati North.

Typhoon Frank ravaged several provinces in the country. Responding to the tragedy by undertaking disaster relief operations and distribution of goods were the Rotary clubs of Paranaque South, Paranaque Southeast, Paranaque Midtown, Makati Dasmarinas, Makati Poblacion, Forbes Park, Makati San Lorenzo and Muntinlupa Filinvest.

Forging ties, friendships and goodwill are integral parts of Rotary fellowship. The Rotary clubs of Makati, Makati West, Muntinlupa North, Paranaque Sucat, lost no time in renewing agreements with their respective sister clubs.

These activities, undertaken with the fiery passion to **Make Dreams Real**, provide so much hope for a better community. Spreading the Good Word That Is Rotary disrobes that shroud of mystery and reveals the splendor of our works. We do not seek to flaunt our accomplishments, but other people need to know what they can achieve and contribute when they become Rotarians. Here is where public relations strategies come to play. Utilizing television, radio, print and the internet to showcase club projects will enhance Rotary's image and attract new members. While some forms of media can be financially challenging to clubs, there are other tools equally effective and compelling. The District is encouraging all clubs to create their own brochure, website and dub video. These are simple public relations materials which can readily be achieved and which will go a long way in spreading the good word that is Rotary — a lasting legacy which a Real Good President and Public Relations Chair will always be remembered for. ♦

Literacy Month ushers in projects...

Continuation... mover of an interesting literacy project, called the "Megumi Reader". The Megumi Reader is an electronic book intended to be a sophisticated teaching tool containing all subjects from Grades I to VI. This is a joint international project of three Rotary Clubs — RC Los Altos Sunset (District 5170 —



girls Sucat Elementary School in Muntinlupa City needed eye care. The project not only involved the distribution of eyeglasses for the recipients, but likewise included literacy seminars. Dr. **Nehemias R. Garcia**, Ophthalmology Department Head, ENT Manila Sanitarium, lectured on the importance of the eye organ and proper eye care, while Past President **Liza Magtoto** of RCP Central ably assisted by PP **Rene Sarmiento** conducted a workshop for volunteers so they could conduct the initial eye screening for the primary school children. ♦



California), RC Pasig (District 3800), and District 3830's RC Makati Bonifacio. This learning apparatus will aid the student in reading, arithmetic and language, through easy recognition of letters and numbers, correct pronunciation of words and grammar, and simple mathematical computation.

The Avoidable Blindness Project of RC Makati McKinley together with its sister club from RC Bandar Seri Begawan (RCBSB), and RC Paranaque Central, was aimed at identifying who among the 864 boys and 946



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We are blessed with the opportunity to come together in Rotary and serve with hope and compassion. I am sure you all joined me today so we can all commit ourselves to being dream-makers. Like all of you, I will not rest easy with simply dreaming. Together we will Make Dreams Real. In fulfilling the dreams of even just one child, we will have expressed gratitude for our God-given talents. Indeed, Service Above Self makes all of us

Rotarians witnesses and trustees of God's goodness and abundant mercy.

Before I close, let me share with you some nuggets of wisdom. From US President Theodore Roosevelt: **"No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body... to risk his well-being... to risk his life... in a great cause."**

I am delighted to have a whole year to work with hundreds of amazing Rotarians in our year of service. I pledge to give the best of myself, and while working with you, to meet the expectations of the communities that we are serving. We will do our level best to create a better world for the children of the New Generation.

I am ready. I am willing. And I am able to serve with you as your co-worker and leader. I will do what it takes to deserve the

honor of being your governor and your partner in service. I am ready in body and spirit. I will walk hand-in-hand with you wherever it will take us along the path we have chosen — the path on which we will make our dreams real.

I ask you to join me in being cheerful and happy servants in the garden of Rotary service. Let us serve joyfully and give of ourselves until it feels good, soooooo-good, real good.

Rotary's ideal is a great cause — perhaps the greatest cause any man can pursue for the good of humanity. For there is no greater cause than to serve others above one's self.

In our year, Rotary inspires us to save Planet Earth by loving and caring for our environment, and

to save newly-born children so they, too, may enjoy the great gift of Life.

This is the cause that unites us in building a better future. Let us show the world how much we can do when we work together. Service to humanity is our daron call.

Now is the time to answer that call. Now is the time to act.

Kung hindi tayo kikilos, sino ang kikilos? Kung hindi ngayon, kailan pa?

My dear friends in Rotary, now is our time to MAKE DREAMS REAL.

May God bless us all! **Mabuhay tayong lahat!** Magandang gabi po at matatag salamat sa inyong lahat. ♦

Clubs	Presidents	MEMBERSHIP			PAUL HARRIS		ATTENDANCE Percentage %
		end of June '08	Paid Mem July '08	Inducted July '08 add'l Members	Paid July '08	Add'l pledges July '08	
MAKATI CLUBS							
Makati	Larry Boyer	186	181		9	34	51.40%
Makati Ayala	Christophe Piganol	18	19				62.20%
Makati Bel-Air	Yolanda Abueg	27	26		1		76.84%
Makati Bonifacio	Ricardo V. Loyola	32	26		2		67.00%
Makati Buendia	Antonio Ilagan	47	39		5		76.00%
Makati Central	Leopoldo Sanbuenaventura	87	89	9			67.00%
Makati Cristo Rey	Ramon Favila	18	13				83.00%
Makati Dasmarinas	Rizal Alberto Nolido, Jr.	61	69	4	1		52.33%
Makati East	Felix G. Custana	25					91.00%
Makati Edsa	Jasmin Rodriguez	27	25		1		51.00%
Makati Forbes Park	Eduardo C. Escaño	38	38	3	2	4	74.82%
Makati Greenbelt	Daniel Dafon	15	12				44.00%
Makati Guadalupe	Rafael Alvin Yllana	25		4			
Makati Jose P. Rizal	Marie Jennifer L. Rojas	30			2		55.20%
Makati Legaspi	Faustino Almendral	32	32	15			92.06%
Makati McKinley	Benvenuto Icarmina	20	20	3			65.00%
Makati Metro	Hernando Perez, Jr.	26	26		1		43.20%
Makati Nielsen	Deogracias Cumarat	11					86.00%
Makati North	Dante Francis M. Ang II	49	45				65.00%
Makati Northeast	Vicente Jose Roxas	17					45.25%
Makati Northwest	Lily Kho	30	22		4		53.04%
Md Paseo de Roxas	Abrijo Merin	38	36		2		65.00%
Makati Pasong Tamar	Victor The	26	24		2		41.67%
Makati Poblacion	Roman Leus	32	27	6	1		92.90%
Makati Rockwell	Manilo P. Costello	32	30		2		78.00%
Makati Salcedo	Edna A. Gan	24	23		7		45.75%
Makati San Antonio	Randi Lonic	25					24.00%
Makati San Lorenzo	Ma. Concepcion N. Camacho	39	35	16	16	6	78.85%
Makati South	Alfonso Chunsim	42			5		81.00%
Makati Southwest	Bernardino D. Caramba	25					75.91%
Makati Uptown	Mildred Vitangcol	23			2		71.50%
Makati Urdaneta	Ma. Salvacion Saludo	30			2		64.16%
Makati West	Roberto C.O. Lim	114	112	6	5	13	62.24%
LAS PINAS CLUBS							
Las Pinas	Donisio Molina, Jr.	26		4	1		89.81%
Las Pinas Camino Real	Epifanio Alcantara, Jr.	30		2	3		72.00%
Las Pinas Central	Edwin Dalangin	26			7		77.75%
Las Pinas East	Yolanda M. Yoro	16	13		1		71.40%
Las Pinas North	Enrique Atanacio	25	12		1		63.00%
Las Pinas South	Felipe Cristobal	10					82.00%
Las Pinas West	Nestor C. Dacillo	18					75.20%
ALABANG / MUNTINLUPA CLUBS							
Alabang	Rafael P. Villanueva, Jr.	52	47	1	3		47.00%
Alabang North	Arnaldo B. Umlas	17					49.00%
Muntinlupa	Chad Rey V. Carungin	27	26				67.00%
Muntinlupa Central	Lilia E. Dinglasan	20	17	2			64.21%
Muntinlupa City Center	Andrew Frondozo	15					96.00%
Muntinlupa Filinvest	Elaine Gardiner	28					67.20%
Muntinlupa North	Ma. Carmencita Ombina-Musaña	18	20	1	1		55.68%
Muntinlupa South	Rizal Tijares	11					87.50%
PARANAQUE CLUBS							
Paranaque	Jose A. Ramos	38	33				86.00%
Paranaque Central	Sonny Pilares	20		1			66.67%
Paranaque East	Alexander Ty	50		3		15	81.25%
Paranaque Lakambini	Arlene Cañas	15			2		84.00%
Paranaque Metro	Brenda S. Hernandez	28	28		3		77.00%
Paranaque South	Leopoldo Casale	16	22				70.00%
Paranaque Midtown	Noniel C. Flores	16	15		1		66.00%
Pque Multinational	Elizabeth Amat	10					
Paranaque North	Marina P. Yao	18	19	3	2	1	75.00%
Palanyag-Paranaque	Alfredo F. Obredo, Jr.	64	40		1		67.22%
Paranaque-Poblacion	Arnel Joseph Ramoy	29	29		1		61.20%
Paranaque South	Eddie L. Castillo	30					69.00%
Paranaque Southeast	Jomarie R. Hill	25			3		87.61%
Paranaque Southwest	Eduardo R. Nuevo	22	20		2		60.75%
Paranaque Sucat	Alexander S. Balis, Jr.	31	26		1		44.00%
Paranaque West		10					
TAGUIG / PATEROS / RIZAL CLUBS							
Pateros		21	12		1		73.00%
Rizal Southwest	Lynette Tan Velasco	48	34		1		77.50%
Rizal West	Leandro E. Carrillo	15					
Taguig		14					70.84%
Taguig Fort Bonifacio	Rommel Villegas	16					67.00%
Taguig South	Manisa Montalvo	16					49.99%
Taguig West	Alice A. Lucas	22			1		
PALAWAN CLUBS							
Narra	Rogelio Sagad	25					
Narra Central	Manuel Tan Paredes	21					87.00%
Puerto Princesa	Rohima R. Sara	52			4		69.00%
TOTAL		2256	1372	83	106	73	