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*Change Lives*

# The CENTRO

Official Weekly Bulletin



**Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro RI District 3820  
Outstanding Club RY 2012-2013**

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro meets at :

El Cielito Inn, Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Sta. Rosa, Laguna every Friday at 7:00pm

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## **Rotary Year 2013-2014**

### ***Executive Officers***

Teodora Lucero	President
Mayor Arlene Arcillas	President Elect
Delphi Penelope Cuya	PN/Vice President
PP Priscila Dela Cruz	Secretary
Myrna Valle	Executive Secretary
IPP Joel Liza Pineda	Ex-Officio
Ma Geralyn Dee	Treasurer
PP Cheryl Lu	Sergeant-at-Arms
PP Zenaida Dictado	Finance

### ***Committee Chairs***

Evelyn Laranga	Club Service Projects
PP Carolina Salvahan	Membership
Myrna Valle	Public Relations
Delphi Penelope Cuya	Club Admin
IPP Joel Liza Pineda	The Rotary Foundation
PDG Consuelo Lijauco	Training/Club Trainor
PP Elenita Lantin Ma	Asst. Club Trainor
Annaliza Maglian	Community
PP Maryann Gonzales	Vocational
PE Mayor Arlene Arcillas	International
PP Hazel Ramos	Youth
PP Maya Grace Padiernos	Special



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**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro  
Regular Weekly Meeting  
El Cielito Inn**

**P R O G R A M  
October 3, 2013**

Call to Order	Pres. Doray Lucero
Invocation	Rtn. Jennifer Dee
National Anthem	Rtn. Glo Bedienes
The Four Way Test	Rtn Myrna Valle
Object of Rotary	PP Carol Salvahan
Acknowledgment	PP Jacqui Victoria
Recognition	PP Che Lu
Chika-5	Rtn Cecile Gabatan
Secretary's Report	PP Precy dela Cruz
Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Geralyn Dee
Committee Reports	Committee Chairpersons
President's Time	Pres. Doray Lucero
Centro Hymn	

**Chairwoman of the Night :  
PN Pen Cuya**

**If any person is unable to fulfill their positions as above please  
make arrangements with another Rotarian to take your place.**

## INVOCATION



Help us today to see our opening prayer as conversation, really believing You hear us and care about what we say. Remind us that You are a perfect Father who listens carefully to His children and desires the very best for us. We thank You for this Family of Rotarians, to which we belong and ask that You bless us as we meet together. Amen



## THE 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:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUAINTANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;
2. 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;
3. THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;
4. THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH A WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS UNITED IN THE IDEAL OF SERVICE.

♪♪♪\*Sweet Rotary♪♪♪  
(The Centro Hymn)

When it began  
I can't believe it happened  
But then I know it's going strong  
2001

That's when it came to being  
Who'd have believed we'll grow to  
be...

Hands, touching hands  
Reaching out, touching me, touch-  
ing you

Sweet Rotary  
Sta. Rosa Centro's good  
I've been inclined  
To believe we're going strong  
And now, I...

Look all around  
So many help is needed  
C'mon, together I know we could

And when we hurt,  
We can just smile and bear it  
'Coz we were born to serve and be....

Warm, touching warm  
Reaching out, touching me, touching you  
Sweet Rotary  
Sta. Rosa Centro's good  
We're going strong  
We are here for all of you  
Sweet Rotary Sta. Rosa Centro's...  
GREAT!



**The 4-Way Test**  
**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?**





## President's Message

Even though I was not able to be with you during our past meetings, I am hoping and praying that our projects will still have positive outcomes, especially our YEP Interview and Selection and Seminar. Peace be with you and Good Luck!

Yours in Rotary service,

First Class President Teodora "Doray"  
Lucero

## Editorial

by Rtn. Cecile Gabatan



### Home...

For five years, our family of three members lived in a 50 square meter condominium in the heart Makati where almost everything is just a stone's throw away. Banks, telecoms, insurance firms, government offices, even embassies, you name it and I can almost guarantee that you can get there by walking or by taking a short cab ride. Food is aplenty. The variety, practically endless. House cleaning is so simple that everything can be done in 10 minutes.

We moved back to Sta. Rosa early this month. We lived in a gated subdivision so there are no variety stores inside. For almost everything that I need to get or do, I need to drive the car. If I want hot pandesal, I have to drive out early morning to get it. I need cash, I have to drive the car to get to the nearest bank. I run out of onions, either cook the food sans onions or get the car and go to the market. Cleaning the house is a true chore. I loved trees but cleaning the leaves they shed takes a lot of my time.

Before a rotary meeting, I have to get photocopies of the bulletin. In Makati, the shop is practically downstairs. I get my photocopies in 5 to 10 minutes, sorted and stapled (a long reach stapler). Here in our house in Sta. Rosa, of course, I need the car to get to do this. I have gone to 3 shops and to my surprise, none have the auto back-to-back feature that they have in Makati. They don't have a sorter, too. It didn't come as a surprise anymore that they have no long reach stapler either. So when I go for photocopying of bulletin, I allot at least 20 minutes for the job to finish. Go home, sort it out on my own and staple it with the long reach stapler that I was forced to buy.





My comparisons can be endless.. Like in the condo, I just need to throw the garbage in a chute and that's it. Here, I need to be extra careful on where I put it or a stray cat may ravage the thrash and I have to clean it up again. In Makati, there are almost no flies nor mosquitoes. After all, we are on the 21st floor.

So why are we back in Sta. Rosa? I guess I need to do my comparisons again. When we were in Makati, my son is confined to the condo and uses much of his time watching videos online. Here, he frequents the park and meet up with friends. He even asks them to come to our house for some bonding time.

My husband is now able to work with his bonsai plants. We have disposed a lot of his old bonsai plants before but he's working on a few plants now.

As for me, my coughing have gotten better since we moved back. And I loved how the birds have made our narra tree their home and so we hear a lot of chirping in the morning. We rarely put the air-conditioner on as the wind outside is cold enough for us to have a comfortable sleep. I also like that I don't have to travel far to get to the rotary meetings.

In all, it's not really about conveniences or inconveniences. It is about living in a place you love to come home to. It's about being able to do things close to your heart. It is about being home.





## ROTARY BASICS

### Best Practices

Strong clubs foster innovation and flexibility. This collection of best practices is intended to strengthen clubs — the first priority of the RI Strategic Plan — by motivating members to implement new ideas to increase the vitality of the club. Consider these as tips that can be tailored to make your club stronger. These best practices include:

- Developing long-range goals that address the elements of an effective club
- Setting annual goals that support long-range goals
- Keeping all members involved and informed
- Communicating effectively with club members and district leaders
- Ensuring continuity in leadership from year to year
- Customizing the bylaws to reflect club operations
- Providing regular fellowship opportunities
- Actively involving all club members
- Offering regular, consistent training
- Assigning committees that support your club's operational needs, including: administration, membership, public relations, service projects, and The Rotary Foundation.

Your club procedures may already incorporate these practices. As you read through the best practices in this guide, focus on ones your club could implement or improve.

*Source: <http://www.rotary.org>*



## Glimpses



The Centro Ladies supported RC of Sta. Rosa's fund raising event—a fashion show held in Tagaytay.





## Glimpses

### Literacy Day Photos

Sta Rosa, Laguna



Rotary



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Updates

Ron D. Burton  
2013-14 RI President



### Presidential Theme

The Rotary club meeting you walk into today might, at first glance, seem very different from the weekly meetings of 50 years ago. And if you could pay a visit to every one of Rotary's 34,000 clubs, you'd see men and women from all different backgrounds, speaking just about every one of the world's languages, involved in service projects from the local to the global. You'd see clubs that are getting together to repair a neighborhood playground this weekend, while working in partnership with other clubs to install sanitary facilities in a school thousands of miles away. And you'd see a group of people who are absolutely committed to making the world a better place, in ways large and small.

There's a lot that's different about Rotary today. But the foundation that Rotary is built on hasn't changed. Rotary is based, as it's always been, on our core values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. These are the values that define us as Rotarians: they're the values we live by, and the values we strive to bring to the communities we serve.

Every one of us in Rotary is here because we were invited, and because we made a choice to accept that invitation. Every day since then, we've been faced with another choice: whether to just be a member of a Rotary club, or to truly be a Rotarian.

All of us came to Rotary to get involved, and to make a difference. And in Rotary service, as in just about everything else in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. If you only put in a token effort, you won't accomplish very much, and you won't find much satisfaction in what you do accomplish. But when you make the decision to truly engage Rotary – to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your life – that is when you start to see the incredible impact that you can have. That's when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives. And no one's life will be changed more than your own.

In the 2013-14 Rotary year, our theme, and challenge to you, will be Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

You've chosen to wear a Rotary pin. The rest is up to you.



## Reflections

*“What is Rotary? Thousands have made answer each in his own way. It is easier to note what Rotary does than what it is. One recently has said,*

*“If Rotary has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men; if Rotary has taught us greater tolerance and the desire to see the best in others; if Rotary has brought us pleasant and helpful contacts with others who also are trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life, then Rotary has brought us all that we can expect.”*



*Chicago, October, 1945 Paul P. Harris*

*“The first thing we must do if we are to have international understanding is to realize what is prejudice and what is fact.” — Address to 1937 Rotary Convention, Nice, France*



## For your Information

# US Shutdown : Should PH care?

The United States government shut down Tuesday, shocking the world including many Filipinos who wondered how it happened and whether it will ever happen to the Philippines.

The shutdown, the first in 17 years in American history, is the result of the U.S. Congress' failure to pass its budget due to political disagreements.

U.S. lawmakers continue to debate on the budget, which will include appropriations for an improved healthcare program popularly called "Obamacare."

Such turn of events is a foreign concept for Filipinos, who have never heard of state agencies closing shop despite economic crises and government controversies.

This is because unlike the U.S. government which shuts down absent a new budget, the Philippine government continues to operate even if Congress fails to approve a budget.

What happens to PH?

Filipinos have been told not to worry, however, with top officials saying the Philippines will "ride out the situation."

"[W]e enjoy a strong fiscal position, a structural current account surplus economy whose growth is led by consumption, and a young, educated population," Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said Tuesday.



## For your Information

"Immediate impact would be on the flow of investments and trade between the Philippines and the U.S.," Terosa told Yahoo Southeast Asia in a phone interview.

But even that will unlikely be felt, said Terosa who expects the shutdown to be "short-lived." "If it will last for weeks, it may impact the Philippines," he said.

"A prolonged shutdown may result to unemployment due to lesser flow of investments," Terosa added.

Filipinos working for federal agencies in the U.S. will directly be affected, Teroso admitted, but its impact on remittances cannot be estimated due to lack of data.

There is no disaggregated data showing Filipinos working for federal agencies in the U.S. but the Commission on Overseas Filipinos said 3.43 million migrants are in the U.S.

Terosa meanwhile warned against painting "cataclysmic scenarios" such as the possibility of the U.S. defaulting on its debt, which Purisima said is his worst fear.

"If the U.S. renounces all its debt, then I think all economies would crumble... That would send the whole world economy into chaos," Terosa said.

He added, however, that this is highly unlikely because U.S. is a "proud country" that would rather be known for "helping economies not destroying them."

<http://ph.news.yahoo.com/can-a-gov-t-shutdown-happen-in-ph-too--112538936.html>



## Minutes of the Meeting

### Regular Meeting

#### RC Sta. Rosa Centro

September 27, 2013 Friday  
El Cielito Inn, Sta. Rosa City

#### I. Attendees:

PE Arlene, PP Che, Rtn Cecile, PP Hazel, Rtn Jay, PP Jackie, Rtn Gloria, PN Pen, IPP Liza, PP Carol, Rtn Evs, Rtn Jen

II. The meeting started at 6:50 pm and was presided by PE Arlene. PP Carol acknowledged PE Arlene for presiding the meeting even on a short notice.

III. IPP Liza read the minutes of the last meeting. Then PE Arlene asked the members for reaction on the account of the minutes.

1) There were reactions and questions on the manner of distributing the hospital beds to the two private lying-in clinics. PE Arlene commented that it should not be for private use. If RC Metro TAS as a club, will donate it to a non-profit clinic then it is alright to give them. But Centro has to check if the beds were already handed out or not. Then, PP Che said that before deciding, it should have been discussed and approved by the club.

2) PE Arlene asked about the Vocational Awards. PP Hazel said that there are new criteria forth is as emailed by the district vocational chair PP Norma Blanco. PE Arlene said that the district level awards should be clarified first, but the club will push through with the club level awards.

3) With no other comments, PP Jackie moved for the approval of the minutes of the meeting and was seconded by PN Pen.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report:

1) Rtn. Jay requested the members to pay their dues as the cash in bank is only Php 9,000.00.

2) For the club induction expenses, PE Arlene will pay half of the excess as per agreement. Of the Php 20,000.00 expenses, she will pay Php 10,000.00.



## Minutes of the Meeting

### V. Committee Reports:

- 1) PP Hazel gave an update of the local RYLA. Centro will join Area 1 Grp 4. The expenses will be 350.00 per student and we will send 5; Php 1,000.00 share of the club for the venue. The club agreed to shoulder the whole amount from the club's fund.
- 2) About the Vocational Tour, PP Hazel requested IPP Liza to coordinate with Malayan Colleges and Rtn Evs with TAP. IPP Liza to provide the letter and waiver. Vocational tour is set on Oct. 19.
- 3) PP Hazel asked the club's approval of hosting of inbound YES. And the club approved.
- 4) Zone Institute- attendees will be Glo, Precy, Mel and Maan.
- 5) Deworming Project- Rtn Glo, the appointed chair, asked when can we schedule. PE Arlene to schedule it on Oct. 2. Rtn Glo to coordinate with DepEd re this. PP Che said that there should be a program. The project title: "Bulate'y Puksain, Katawa'y Pasiglahin".
- 6) Bloodletting project- reported by project chair, PP Che. It will be on Oct 18, estimated blood donors are 160 rounded-off to 200, food to prepare are am/pm snacks, lunch, balut (c/o Pres Doray). Budget is Php 9,000.00 and the club is requested to pay 500.00 each. Inactive members will still pay but they are not included in the Php 9,000.00. Token for the donors will be given by PE Arlene.
- 7) Halloween Party- on Oct. 26 at PP Mel Braga's place in Silang. This is open for A1 G2 clubs. PP Carol will email the program and different committees. Centro is suggested to wear Vampire costume.
- 8) IPP Liza announced about the Vocational Training Team (VTT) that Centro can participate in by sending applicants who are in the field of medicine. Oct. 8 is the deadline for the application forms and Oct. 13 is the selection.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Minutes taken by Liza



## What's coming up?

### Friday, October 4

Regular Weekly Meeting

### Saturday, October 5

Selection of Outgoing applicants for YEP

### Wednesday, October 9

2nd Club Assembly

### Friday, October 11

Regular Weekly Meeting

### Friday, October 18

Blood Letting at Isuzu

### Saturday, October 19

Vocational Tour

### Friday, October 25

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Regular Weekly Meeting

### Saturday, October 26

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

District MUNA

### Sunday, October 27

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

District MUNA

Happy Birthday!! Rtn. Cecile Gabatan



## Seriously?

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

—*Jim Carrey*

## Fade into Darkness

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night. —

Steve Martin



"So they bring a tree in the house and put all these shiny, dangling things on it, then freak out if I go near it ... This is why I drink."

Source: <http://www.rd.com/jokes/>



## Next Week's Order of Business

### **The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro Regular Weekly Meeting El Cielito Inn**

#### **PROGRAM October 11, 2013**

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**Chairwoman of the Night :  
Rtn Glo Bedienes**



## Roster of Members and Attendance

				Meeting #			
				10	11	12	13
NAME	ID No	CLASSIFICATION	Sep				
			6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	
1	Arcillas, Arlene "Mayor"	8275828	City Representative	✓			✓
2	Bedienes, Gloria "Glo"	8612318	Trading	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Cuya, Delphi Penelope "Pen"	8275831	Healthcare	✓	✓		✓
4	Dee, Ma Geralyn "Jay"	8574451	Interior Design	✓	✓		✓
5	Dee, Jennifer		Healthcare		✓		✓
6	Dela Cruz, Priscila "Precy"	5333454	Leasing	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Delfino, Goyena "Joen"	5333469	Catering				
8	Dictado, Zenaida "Zeny"	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	✓	✓		
9	Gabatan, Ma. Cecilia "Cecile"	8612321	Real Estate Broker	✓		✓	✓
10	Gonzales, Mary Ann "Ma An"	5333525	Real Estate Developer/Brokerage	✓			
11	Laranga, Evelyn "Evs"	8465660	Education	✓	✓		✓
12	Lijauco, Consuelo "Chit"	5333445	Magazine Editing	✓			
13	Lu, Cheryl "Che"	5333496	Pest Control Services	✓	✓		✓
14	Lucero, Teodora "Doray"	8045358	Midwife	✓	✓	✓	
15	Ma, Elenita "Leni"	6261683	Dentist				
16	Maglian, Annaliza "Kap Itchel"	4656628	Government Service				
17	Padiemos, May Grace "Maya"	5944127	Furniture Retail				
18	Pineda, Joel Liza "Liza"	7019336	Human Resource	✓	✓		✓
19	Ramos, Hazel "Hazel"	6165816	Money Lending	✓		✓	✓
20	Salvahan, Carolina "Carol"	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Santillan, Shiela "Shiela"	8574457	Restaurateur				
22	Tadeo, Carmela "Mel"	8415873	Logistics	✓			
23	Valle, Myrna "Myrna"	8482805	Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Victoria, Jacqueline "Jackie"	6556182	Watch Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
				78%	59%	38%	64%

Legend  New Member  Leave (on public duty; or sick)

### Summary

Present	18	13	8	14
Absent	5	9	13	8
Leave	1	2	3	2
Total Headcount	24	24	24	24
Attendance Percentage (Present / (Total Headcount - Leave))	78%	59%	38%	64%



## Special Observances

July 2013	Start of Rotary Year/Public Relation Month
August 2013	Membership & Extension Month
September 2013	New Generation Month
October 2013	Vocational Month
November 2013	The Rotary Foundation Month
December 2013	Family Month
January 2014	Rotary Awareness Month
February 2014	Rotary Anniversary
March 2014	Literacy Month/ World Rotaract Week
April 2014	Magazine Month
May 2014	Rotary Trainings
June 2014	Rotary Fellowship Month

