

# The CENTRO

Official Weekly Bulletin



**Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro RI District 3820**

**Outstanding Club RY 2012-2013**

**Most Outstanding Club (Silver Level) RY 2013-2014**

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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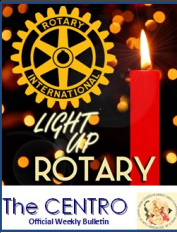
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## **Officers & Directors, Rotary Year 2014-2015**

Arlene "Mayor" Arcillas	President
Delhi Penelope "Pen" Cuya	President Elect
PP Jacqueline "Jacqui" Victoria	Vice President
PP Cheryl "Che" Lu	Secretary
PP Carolina "Carol" Salvahan	Treasurer
Rtn Geralyn "Jay" Dee	Auditor
PP Zenaida Dictado	Protocol Officer
IPP Teodora Lucero	Ex-Officio
PP Joel Liza "Liza" Pineda	Executive Secretary
PDG Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco	Club Trainer
PP Elenita "Leni" Lantin Ma	Asst. Club Trainer

## **Club Committees**

PP Priscilla "Precy" dela Cruz	Club Administration
Rtn Ma. Cecilia "Cecile" Gabatan	Membership
PP Maryann "MeAnn" Gonzales	Service Project
PE Delphi Penelope "Pen" Cuya	Community Service
Rtn Carmela "Mel" Tadeo	Vocational
PP Hazel Ramos	Youth
PP Elenita "Leni" Lantin Ma	International
PP Joel Liza "Liza" Pineda	The Rotary Foundation
Rtn Myrna Valle	Public Relations
PP May Grace "Maya" Padiernos	Special Projects
Rtn Carmela "Mel" Tadeo	Finance Committee



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

**PROGRAM  
January 16 , 2014**

Call to Order	BcP Arlene Arcillas
Invocation	PP Precy Dela Cruz
National Anthem	Rtn Gloria Bedienes
The Four Way Test	PN Evs Laranga
Object of Rotary	Rtn Marriane Veracruz
Acknowledgment	Rtn. Shiela Santillan
Recognition	PP Liza Pineda
Secretary's Report	PP Che Lu
Treasurer's Report	PP Carol Salvahan
Committee Reports	Committee Chairs
President's Time	BcP Arlene Arcillas
Other Matters	
Centro Hymn	

**Chairwoman of the Night  
Dir Myrna Valle**


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

## INVOCATION



Creator and sustainer of all, accept our thanks for this day and all its blessings. We ask that you guide and direct our club, its leaders and our actions. Grant that each of us may feel our responsibility to Rotary. Bless our gathering today, and bless us all in your service. Amen.

R O T A R Y R O T A R Y



### 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 by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
- 3 The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;*
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.*

R O T A R Y R O T A R Y

♪♪●\*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,  
\*touching 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  
And now, I...  
(Repeat \*)

RC Centro's GREAT!



## The Rotary Four Way Test



1. Is It 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

Greetings of love and peace, my fellow Centro ladies!

I chose to open my message this way for I am still in deep reverence as our dear Pope Francis is currently in the country not just to visit but to bring God's mercy and compassion to our nation.

I always find a person venerable when he is someone with power yet he is also much loved and respected by the people whom he serves. Not all can earn that distinction but let it not hinder us to strive in becoming one. We can draw inspiration from Pope Francis himself when he said, *"We must not forget that true power, at whatever level, is service."*

As Rotarians, we are also given the power and that is to serve our fellow brothers and sisters especially those who are at a great disadvantage. Like Pope Francis, we are given the power to also show our mercy and compassion towards them and we ought to use this power to help them recover from their illness or loss, rise from poverty, and plan and work for a better life for their families. We have been doing this already. And as we reflect on the Papal Visit 2015, may we find ourselves renewing our commitment to those deeds.

Through all these, we are able to abide to Pope Francis's call to serve, at the same time, fulfilling our motto *"Service Above Self."* Thank you and God bless us all.

Yours in Rotary,

**Best Class President Arlene "Mayor" Arcillas**

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

News &amp; Updates

## MAN IN IRON LUNG DISCOVERS ROTARY



One might think a man living with polio in an iron lung would know about Rotary. But it wasn't until Paul Alexander had a business meeting with a member in Duncanville, Texas, earlier this year that he learned Rotary fights to eradicate the very disease that left him almost completely paralyzed.

"I was completely blown away by the idea. For all these years, I didn't know the work they were doing," says Alexander, a practicing attorney in Dallas. "It's such a perfect fit for me."

Alexander contracted polio during a major U.S. outbreak of the disease in the late 1950s when he was six years old, and almost died in the hospital before a doctor noticed he wasn't breathing and rushed him into an iron lung, an airtight metal tank that encloses all of the body except the head and uses regulated changes in air pressure to force the lungs to inhale and exhale. Alexander is among a small number of people in the world today still using an iron lung to assist his paralytic polio. The need for the 800-pound machines declined dramatically after the polio vaccine became widely available in the early 1960s.

Source : [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### News & Updates

In October, Alexander became a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 5810 during an induction ceremony held in his home, attended by Rotary's President Gary C.K. Huang through an online connection. Alexander is writing a book about his experience and wants to be an ambassador for Rotary promoting the benefits of eradicating polio.

#### **FREED FROM THE LUNG**

For 10 years, Alexander never left the device or his house. But then he had a breakthrough, teaching himself to breathe on his own by forcing air into his lungs. That allowed him to get around in a wheelchair for up to eight hours. "The first day I was outside the house was extraordinary. It was a 100 percent improvement," he recalls.

Determined to go to college, he moved onto campus and with the help of a nursing assistant attended classes, earning a degree from the University of Texas. He eventually went on to earn a law degree, passed the bar, and practices civil and criminal law.

He has a computer keyboard and a touchtone phone by his head which he can manipulate with a plastic stick held in his mouth. When he goes to court for a case, he has assistants who help him. He's traveled farther from his home on rare occasions. The iron lung, which has wheels, is shipped to meet him at his destination.

#### **LONG LOST CONNECTION TO ROTARY**

His father was president of a Dallas Rotary club in the 1960s, but Alexander says he doesn't remember it. His introduction to Rotary began when he met Duncanville member Alexander Peralta. Peralta told the Rotary District 5810 governor, Bill Dendy, who immediately decided Alexander would be the perfect subject of a video his wife was making on polio eradication. Alexander agreed, and a film crew from the district's e-club came out to shoot the interview.

"I visited him weekly after that," Dendy says. "One day, I said to him, 'Paul, you could be a contributing member of Rotary.' He asked me how that would be possible. And I told him with an e-club, which meets online, it would be very possible."

Since joining Rotary, he's become a popular speaker in the Dallas Rotary community. He's already addressed two large gatherings and is scheduled to speak at the next district conference. The Waxahachie Rotary Club, which builds wheelchair ramps as a project, built him a new one when they heard he transports his iron lung to the hospital or for longer trips.

"It means so much to me to belong to this organization," Alexander said during a phone call to his home recently. "I'm having a great time and staying awake at night thinking of ideas. So many people have come into my life. I never knew there were so many caring people out there."

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

News &amp; Updates



GARY C.K. HUANG  
PRESIDENT 2014-2015

## Presidential Message

November 2014

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I asked Rotarians everywhere to *Light Up Rotary* by holding a Rotary Day. How you do this is something I'm leaving up to you: It can be a full day or just a few hours. It can be organized by your club, by your district, or even across your entire country. It can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As long as it's open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it's a Rotary Day.

The goal of a Rotary Day is to shine a light on Rotary. For many years, we in Rotary felt that it wasn't appropriate to boast about our good work. We felt it was best to serve quietly and let our work speak for itself. But today, in many communities, people aren't even aware that they have a local Rotary club. Not because the clubs aren't strong, or because they aren't serving well. They are. But if Rotarians don't talk about their work, people will never know about it.

It is time for us to *Light Up Rotary* and let people know what we are doing. In the first half of this Rotary year, I've been thrilled to see how many Rotarians have taken up my Rotary Day challenge. I've attended Rotary Days in so many places, including the Philippines, Korea, China, the United States, Turkey, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Every one has been different, and every one has met the challenge to *Light Up Rotary* in its own way.

If you've organized a Rotary Day in your community, tell us about it: Email details and photos of your event to [rotarian@rotary.org](mailto:rotarian@rotary.org), with "Rotary Day" as your subject line. We'll do our best to feature as many Rotary Days as possible in the coming months.

And if you haven't planned a Rotary Day yet, why not? It's a great way to share your love for Rotary with your community. When we tell others about Rotary and let them know how membership can enrich their lives, we share a gift that was given to us when we were invited to join our clubs. By passing that gift on, we help ensure that Rotary, and its service, will endure for generations to come.



District 3820

## Rotary Club District 3820 Updates & Announcements

### Dear Rotarian Golfers of D-3820

The 3rd Philippine Rotary Open Golf Tournament will be hosted by District 3820 on February 20 2015 at Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club, Lipa City. Tasked to chair this big golfing event is PDG Chito Recto of RC Lipa South. This is a golf tournament involving all the 10 Rotary districts in the Philippines. There will be a team event and individual event competitions. I was tasked to be our District's coordinator and team captain. I am required to form the District 3820 team and invite as many of our players to join the individual events as well. If you are interested to join, please email me back or text me back with the following information:

Name:	Nickname:
Rotary Club:	Position:
Home Course:	Handicap:
T-shirt size:	Cell No.:

Tournament fee (inclusive of green fee, lunch, raffle, giveaways, 2 Mulligans) is P3,000.00 Caddie and T-shirt fees are on the player's account. For Malarayat members, tournament fee is P2,000.00. Deadline for submission of registration/payments is on or before February 10 2015. There will be no on-site registration. Shotgun starts at 8:00am.

There will also be a welcome party on February 19, 6:00pm at the 2nd floor of Club Malarayat's Golf Clubhouse. Since we are the host district, it is a good opportune time to welcome and befriend our invited Rotarian golfers.

Yours in building Communities and  
bridging continents,

Fortunato 'Tato' M. Dimayuga Jr.  
Global District Governor  
RY 2010-11 RI District 3820



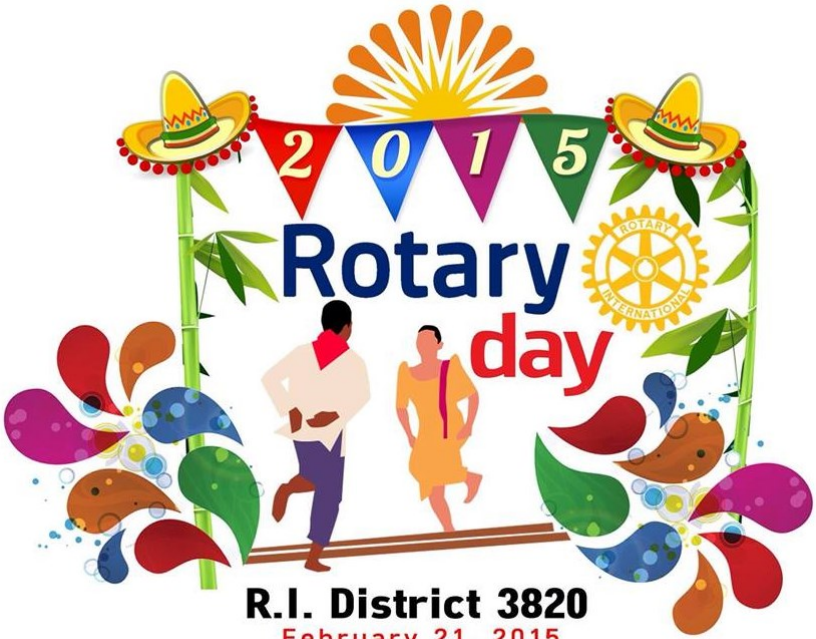


District 3820

Rotary Club District 3820

Updates

An Invitation for Rotary  
Day Festivities  
February 21, 2015



**R.I. District 3820**

February 21, 2015

Hosted By: RC Downtown Batangas City



## Rotary Club District 3820

### Updates

Dear Best Class Presidents and Best Class Rotarians D-3820,  
Greetings !

I would like to take this's opportunity to greet you all a very  
Happy New Year !!

Time flies so fast and we cannot deny that February is fast  
approaching. It is the month wherein we will be celebrating  
the foundation day of Rotary. We are very much excited to  
inform you that Rotary Club of Downtown Batangas City will  
hold this district event for this Rotary Year.

Please come and let's celebrate this with the following info:

- Barrio Fiesta Theme
- NO registration fee
- Free T-Shirts for the First 100 registrants who are physically  
present on the day

There will be lot of surprises during this day. Be with us on  
February 21, 2015 @ Batangas City Convention Center  
( BCCC ) as our district will celebrate the 110th Day Anniver-  
sary Celebration of Rotary International !

Thank you very much !

Yours In Rotary Service,  
IPP Vicente " Vic " Cantos  
District Chair Rotary Week Celebration  
Rotary Year 2014-15



### Centro In-Focus

## Centro in joint project with Norwegian Ship Owners Association on Building a Stronger Community through Education

January 10, 2015

The Norwegian Maritime Scholarship conducted an examination for admission of scholars in the City of Sta. Rosa in cooperation with the RC Sta Rosa Centro led by BCP Arlene Arcillas and RC Padre Garcia led by BCP Alexander John M.Reyes, through the kind assistance of Holy Trinity School of Padre Garcia, Ms.Edith Dimaculangan.





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Fun Page

Funniest Headlines!

Exclusive To All Newspapers

DIANA WAS STILL ALIVE HOURS BEFORE SHE DIED

A SERIES of previously unseen CCTV images have revealed that Diana was alive and well before she was tragically killed in Paris, ten years ago.



ON TEENAGERS, ADULT:

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

Mary Anne Tebride, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs (contributed by Harry F. Ponce)

Psychics predict world didn't end yesterday

Two seers also envision Treasure Coast boom





## Reflections

“It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.”

Paul Harris



*“If this Rotary of ours is destined to be more than a mere passing thing, it will be because you and I have learned the importance of bearing with each other’s infirmities, the value of toleration.” — Rational Rotarianism, The National Rotarian, January 1911*



## For your Information

### Pope Francis' top 10 most quotable quotes of the year



In his formal documents, many speeches and unscripted morning homilies the past year, Pope Francis has given the church a bounty of memorable sound bites.

Here's a look at what could be the top 10 most quotable quotes.

-- "Brothers and sisters, good evening. You all know that the duty of the conclave was to give a bishop to Rome. It seems that my brother cardinals have gone almost to the ends of the earth to get him... but here we are." (First words as pope: March 13, 2013)

-- "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." (First Angelus as pope, March 17, 2013)

-- "This is precisely the reason for the dissatisfaction of some, who end up sad -- sad priests -- in some sense becoming collectors of antiques or novelties, instead of being shepherds living with 'the odor of the sheep.' This I ask you: Be shepherds, with the 'odor of the sheep,' make it real, as shepherds among your flock, fishers of men." (Chrism Mass, March 28, 2013).

-- "Ask yourselves this question: How often is Jesus inside and knocking at the door to be let out, to come out? And we do not let him out because of our own need for security, because so often we are locked into ephemeral structures that serve solely to make us slaves and not free children of God." (Pentecost vigil, May 18, 2013).

## For your Information

-- "Men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the 'culture of waste.' If a computer breaks it is a tragedy, but poverty, the needs and dramas of so many people end up being considered normal. ... When the stock market drops 10 points in some cities, it constitutes a tragedy. Someone who dies is not news, but lowering income by 10 points is a tragedy! In this way people are thrown aside as if they were trash." (General audience, June 5, 2013).

-- "Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light." ("Lumen Fidei," June 29, 2013).

-- "If someone is gay and is searching for the Lord and has good will, then who am I to judge him? ... The problem is not having this tendency, no, we must be brothers and sisters to one another. The problem is in making a lobby of this tendency: a lobby of misers, a lobby of politicians, a lobby of masons, so many lobbies." (News conference during flight from Brazil to Rome, July 28, 2013).

-- "An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral." ("Evangelii Gaudium," Nov. 24, 2013).

-- "Gossip can also kill, because it kills the reputation of the person! It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us." (Angelus, Feb. 16, 2014).

-- "The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It's just us sinners." A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never end the day without making peace." (Meeting with engaged couples, Feb. 14, 2014).



## What's coming up?

**Friday, January 30**

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Friday, February 6**

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Thursday, February 12**

Happy Birthday!! - PE Pen Cuya



**Friday, February 13**

Centro Valentine Event

**Friday, February 20**

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Saturday, February 21**

District ROTARY DAY Anniversary Celebration

**Monday, February 23**

Multi District ROTARY DAY Celebration

**Friday, February 27**

District Conference

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Saturday, February 28**

District Conference

**Friday, March 6**

Regular Weekly Meeting

**Saturday, March 7**

Next Week's Order of Business

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**P R O G R A M  
January 23, 2015**

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**Chairwoman of the Night :  
PP Liza Pineda**



**PROUD  
MEMBER**

## Roster of Members

Name	Rotary ID	Classification	Birthday
Arlene Arcillas	8275828	City Representative	Jul 31
Gloria Bedienes	8612318	Trading	Apr 14
Michelle Baldemor	8879856	Retail	May 01
Pinky Belizario	8879854	Human Resources Management	Jan 24
Delphi Penelope Cuya	8275831	Healthcare	Feb 12
Ma. Geralyn Dee	8574451	Interior Design	Dec 09
Jennifer Dee	8773225	Pediatrician	Mar 20
Priscila De la Cruz	5333454	Leasing	Aug 24
Herra Thessa Diaz		Engineer	Jun 27
Zenaida Dictado	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	Sep 14
Ma. Cecilia Gabatan	8612321	Real Estate Broker	Oct 27
Mary Ann Gonzales	5333525	Real Estate Developer/ Cooperative	Mar 20
Evelyn Laranga	8465660	Education	Jul 25
Consuelo Lijauco	5333445	Magazine Editing	May 15
Cheryl Lu	5333496	Pest Control Services	Apr 17
Teodora Lucero	8045358	Midwife	Sep 18
Elenita Ma	6261683	Dentist	Jan 10
May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	
Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
Shiela Santillan	8574457	Restaurateur	Apr 02
Carmela Tadeo	8415873	Logistics	Dec 24
Myrna Valle	8482805	Strategic Planning	Dec 21
Marianne Veracruz		Events Planner	Jun 18
Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



## Attendance Report

**Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro**

RID 3820 Club ID No. 55177

Make Up Card

We had the pleasure of having you as  
our guest/visiting Rotarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rotary Club

During our club meeting today

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Che Lu

### Attendance

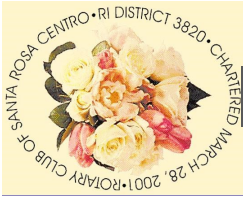
**For Jan 9, 2015—Jan  
15, 2015**

Total Membership	27
Members Present	7
Meetings Made-up	0
Leave/Senior	5
Total Attendance	11
Attendance Percentage	44%



### Special Observances

July 2014	Start of Rotary Year Public Relation Month
August 2014	Membership & Extension Month
September 2014	New Generation Month
October 2014	Vocational Month
November 2014	The Rotary Foundation Month
December 2014	Family Month
January 2015	Rotary Awareness Month
February 2015	Rotary Anniversary
March 2015	Women's Month
April 2015	Magazine Month
May 2015	Rotary Trainings
June 2015	Rotary Fellowship Month



## Mission and Vision

### VISION

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro is the place to be for **professionals** to nourish a culture of **service** while fostering lasting **friendships** and causing their own **development, growth, and empowerment.**

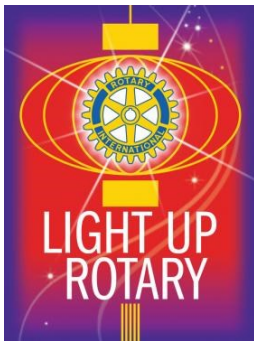
### MISSION

The **Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro** is committed to:

The care of **WOMEN and CHILDREN**, pioneering in programs that address their needs

The care and preservation of the **ENVIRONMENT**, providing clean and healthy surroundings for children to grow up in.

The spread of **LITERACY**, specifically for women and children.



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