

# 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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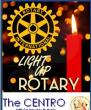
PP Hazel Ramos Youth

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

#### PROGRAM February 13, 2015

Call to Order BcPres Arlene Arcillas

Invocation Rtn Thessa Diaz

National Anthem Rtn Gloria Bedienes

The Four Way Test Rth Jay Dee

Object of Rotary Rtn Michelle Baldemor

Acknowledgment PP Carol Salvahan

Recognition PP Jacqui Victoria

Secretary's Report PP Che Lu

Treasurer's Report PP Carol Salvahan

Committee Reports Committee Chairpersons

President's Time BcPres Arlene Arcillas

Centro Hymn

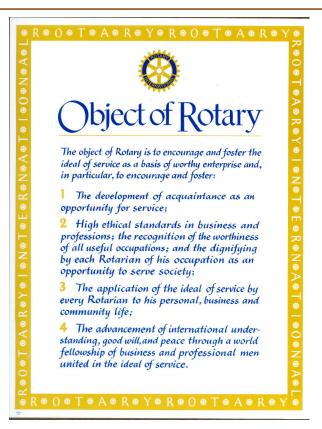
Chairwoman of the Night PN Evs Laranga

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

#### **INVOCATION**



As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Help us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.



# IJI•\*Sweet RotaryJJ• (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

Hello Ladies,

Two weeks ago, we witnessed the heroism of our uniformed brothers when 44 of them offered their lives in the Mamasapano clash to capture an inter-

national terrorist. Two of them are our fellows from Santa Rosa.

This week, one more of our policemen died in an incident when a juvenile delinquent attempted to disturb the peace in a mall here in the City. He is known to me personally because he is a member of my security.

People, whether known or not to the families, sent their condolences and prayers to the grieving families. Some personally went to designated places to pay their last respects to these heroes.

But I also would like give homage to the women who lost their husbands, sons or brothers. They are the ones now left with the responsibility to take care and provide for their families. They now have to take the role of their departed love ones. As writer C. Joybell said, "The strength of a woman is not measured by the impact that all her hardships in life have had on her; but the strength of a woman is measured by the extent of her refusal to allow those hardships to dictate her and who she becomes."

To these women, I also give my salute. They best represent the tenderness and strength of a woman, and we ought to admire and emulate them.

Yours in Rotary,

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



# Rotary Club District 3820 Updates & Announcements



#### An Invitation to the District Sportsfest

Venue: Summit Point Golf and Country Club, Lipa City, Batangas

Date: March 21, 2015

Fees:

Pre-registration—Php 800/pax

Onsite Registration—Php1,000/pax

Hosted by: Rotary Club of Tanauan

Source: district yahoo group







## Presidential Message February 2015

GARY C.K. HUANG

As president of Rotary, it's my job to encourage and inspire Rotarians wherever I meet them. It's also my job to listen to what they have to say. Whether it's a successful project or a challenge to overcome, a great Rotary Day or a new idea, I want to hear what Rotarians are thinking, doing, and planning. So whenever I travel, I ask my hosts to talk to me about their clubs. What's going well, where do they see a need to improve, and what can we at RI headquarters do to help?

The answers are always interesting and often surprising. Sometimes I have a suggestion or an idea to contribute; sometimes I am able to make a connection that will move a project forward. Often, I go back to Evanston with ideas and insights that help guide us in our decisions. But what I value most about these conversations are the stories I hear – the stories that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary.

In Atlanta, I attended a Rotary event honoring teachers and heard story after story about the gift of literacy and how it transforms lives. In Istanbul, I attended a wheelchair race and learned how Turkish Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. In Lima, Peru, I talked to a former Rotaractor who waited nearly 20 years to be invited to join a Rotary club, and heard about how returning to Rotary has transformed her life.

I've heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I've heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can't help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?

In this Rotary year, I ask all of you to do just that: Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us; they help light up our service, as we work to Light Up Rotary.

Source: www.rotary.org



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL News & Updates



# Be a gift to the world

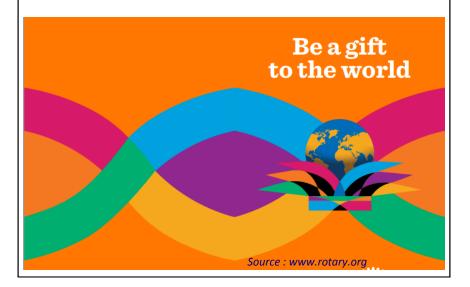
Our time on this earth is finite, and it's always shorter than we think. How do we want to spend it? Or will we spend our days, as the famous Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote, in stringing and unstringing our instruments, while the song we came to sing remains unsung? The glory of Rotary is that it helps us find a way to sing that song. It guides us on a path to living richer, more meaningful lives, by encouraging us to focus our attention on the things that matter — and helping each of us find our own way to be a gift to the world. If we ask ourselves what characteristics we value most in our friends, most of us would answer similarly: integrity, trustworthiness, caring, compatibility. Our friends are not necessarily the people who are most like us but the ones who complement us, who bring out the best in us. That, to me, is precisely what we can find in Rotary. Rotary is a way to bring out the best part of ourselves, and let it guide our lives. Too often, we spend our days in pursuit of the goals that should matter least. We focus our attention on our own achievements and our own gain; we devote endless energy to the accumulation of material things. Yet at the end of our lives, no one will remember us for the cars we drove, the clothes we wore, the titles we carried, or the offices we sat in. We will not be admired for the efforts we poured into making our own lives richer or our own status higher. In the end, our worth will be measured not by how much we acquired, but by how much we gave away. Will we avert our eyes

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL News & Updates

from suffering, or will we alleviate it? Will we speak words of compassion, or will we act on them? Will we be content only to take from the world — or will we give to it? In the 2015-16 Rotary year, our theme will be Be a Gift to the World. Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world. It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, but we die with our hands open, and that our talents are the gift that God gave us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God. Equally we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting. Our time is now. It will never come again. Be a Gift to the World.

## K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

#### President, Rotary International, 2015-16



#### 1st Centro Spelling Bee

By: Rtn Myrna Valle

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro held its very first CENTRO Spelling Bee contest on February 7, 2015 at the Gabaldon Hall of Sta. Rosa Elementary School Central 2.



This forms part of the club's thrusts towards Literacy and the Youth, both very important areas of focus of Rotary International.

A total of 17 schools

sent their best spellers to compete; with 11 grade school contestants and 13 high school contestants. With their respective coaches, teachers, parents, and friends, the students reported to the contest venue as early as 8:00 a.m. After some preliminaries in the program and introduction of the contestants and their coaches, the contest proper began with the elimination round. Director Cecile Gabatan stood as the quiz master.

The grade school contestants started off with an easy round of 15 words, after which the contestants were trimmed down to eight. Next was the difficult round with 12 words wherein four contestants emerged at the finalists. The same process was done for the 13 high school contestants.

During the short break, program emcee PP Liza Pineda introduced the members of the board of judges namely, Ms. Edds Addun from One Meralco Foundation, Ms. Nympha Madulid from SM Foundation and PDG Chit Lijauco for the Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro.

In the championship round, the four finalists of each level were asked to verbally spell words one by one. After a tussle of wits, a champion was proclaimed, as follows:

**Ms. Venice Sofia G. Garces**, Grade 6, Colegio de Sta. Rosa de Lima – Champion, Grade School Category

**Ms. Dana Rei S. Castro**, 4th year High School, Casa del Niño Montessori – Champion, High School Category





The champions were given 5,000 pesos cash from the Leon Arcillas Foundation, 4,000 pesos gift certificate from SM City, a tablet, and a trophy.

The following students were the finalists, who all won 2,000 pesos cash from the Leon Arcillas Foundation:

#### Grade School finalists:

Xyra Mikaela C. Cledera - Central 1

Don Rich Medina - Blessed Christian School

Alexa C. Obligar - Laguna Bel-Air Science School

#### High School finalists:

Blaise Therese F. Bellosillo - Canossa School

Carlo P. Miras - Laguna Bel-Air Science School

Pamela Rae R. Madrigal - Holy Rosary College



# 1st Centro Spelling Bee Gabaldon Hall, Central 2 February 7, 2015



President Arlene Arcillas gave a brief inspirational talk, wherein she stressed the importance of education. She

thanked all the schools that participated, in particular the coaches and students, for taking part in the first Centro Spelling Bee. Finally she announced that all the participants will receive two Enchanted Kingdom tickets each, plus additional prize money from Leon Arcillas Foundation of 5,000 pesos for the champions and 1,000 pesos for the finalists, which was greeted by loud cheers and applause from the audience.

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa thanked the generous sponsors of the 1st Centro Spelling Bee, namely,

One Meralco Foundation, SM Foundation and Leon Arcillas Foundation.

Certificates were handed to all the











# **1st Centro Spelling Bee**

**List of Participants** 

#### **ELEMENTARY**

sc	HOOL	NAME	GRADE LEVEL
1	Blessed Christian School	Don Rich Medina	5
2	Canossa School	Szophia Valeiree H. Ceniza	6
3	Casa del Niño Montessori	Kariza Jhen M. Dimaculang	an 5
4	Central 1	Xyra Mikaela C. Cledera	6
5	Central 2	Mico Amir M. Manlapaz	6
6	Central 3	Georgette C. Morales	6
7	Chair of St. Peter School	Maiko Sofia Cruz	6
8	Colegio de Sta. Rosa de Lima	Venice Sofia G. Garces	6
9	Holy Rosary College	Julia F. Andaya	6
10	Kainos Learning Center	Neijean S. Valentin	
11	Laguna Bel-Air Science School	Alexa C. Obligar	5

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

	SC	HOOL	NAME	YEAR LEVEL
	1	APEX	Alyana Pelobillo	
	2	Balibago National High School	Jazel B. Benjamin	4 <sup>th</sup>
	3	Blessed Christian School	April Rose A. Garrison	4 <sup>th</sup>
	4	Canossa School	Blaise Therese F. Bellosillo	-
	5	Casa Del Niño Montessori	Dana Rei C. Castro	4 <sup>th</sup>
	6	Chair of Sta. Peter School	Eleika Audrey C. Ortiz	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	7	Don Jose National High School	Kenneth John P. Ravino	4 <sup>th</sup>
	8	Holy Rosary College	Pamela Rae R. Madrigal	4 <sup>th</sup>
	9	Kainos Learning Center	Rui F. Bunyi	
I	10	Laguna Bel-Air Science School	Carlo P. Miras	4 <sup>th</sup>
	11	Pulong Sta. Cruz Natl HS	Ezekiel B. Cabiling	
	12	Scie Tech	Allyza Marie B. Conde	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	13	Southville 4 Nat High School	Angelika Mariz S. Illorde	4 <sup>th</sup>
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#### Reflections

"Rotary must not content itself with being anything less than a movement affecting the lives of all men and women; its requirements are so simple, its doctrines so universally acceptable that its sponsors are not visionary in thinking of Rotary as an all pervading influence."

Paul P Harris, The Founder of Rotary" 1928



"Untold blessings have come...with the conquering of disease and the lengthening of life, but have we stopped to consider the wonderful growth of understanding... the expanding kindliness and goodness in our social relationships? These have come with a very natural desire to enjoy a higher and higher plane of civilization." — Address to 1929 Rotary Convention, Dallas, Texas, USA



# Minutes of the Meeting

# PDG Chit's House February 7, 2015

Lunch was attended by Mayor Arlene, PDG Chit, Leni, Carol, Hazel, Jackie, Pen, Michelle, Myrna, Glo, Cecile and yours truly.

Also present as guests were the representative of One Meralco (judge to the Spelling Bee) and Heylie Lu (Rotaractor).

#### Topics discussed were:

- 1. Attendees to the February 21 District Rotary Day celebration at Batangas City: Jackie, Carol, Leni, Pen, Myrna, Glo, Maan, Mel, Mayor Arlene, PDG Chit (PM only), Michelle (still to reconfirm)
- 2. District Recognition and Awarding Ceremony (DRAC)
  - 2.1 Suggested themes to be presented to DG Jojo
    - The Great Gatsby
    - Black and White
    - Chinese New Year
  - 2.2 Things to do:
    - Get DG Jojo's approval of the desired theme.
    - Hotel Sofitel to be in charge on the table layouting.
    - Centro to be in charge on the stage decoration.
    - Letter for the souvenir program to be prepared by PDG Chit.
- 3. ROTARACT Induction Heylie to check Pres. Arlene's available schedule, after February 15 and a Saturday night.
- 4. DARE graduation will be on February 18, 2015 (Wednesday) as announced by Jackie. T-shirts will be provided

to the Centro Ladies. List of sizes as follows:

MEDIUM - Mayor Arlene, PDG Chit, Che, Leni, Liza, Thessa, Maan, Evs

LARGE - Michelle, Pen, Shiela, Maya, Marianne

XLARGE - Myrna, Glo, Carol, Cecile, Hazel, Jackie, Pinky, Doray, Jen,

Precy, Mel, Zeny, Aurelyn

XXLARGE - Geralyn

- 5. PDG Chit requested Jackie to prepare two(2) tarpaulins for the Spelling Bee winners, elementary and high school level.
- 6. Concern on the registration fee for the participant/s to the Interact Discon on February 23, 2015 was raised by Youth Chair Hazel. The amount of Php 3,000.00 registration fee will still be decided if it will be coming from the Centro ladies or from the club fund.

Bv: PP Che Lu



#### For your Information

# Fun facts about Valentine's Day

#### When did it all start?

There are various theories on the origin of Valentine's Day, but the most popular dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign



of Claudius II, 270 A.D. Claudius didn't want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on Feb. 14. While in jail, he wrote a love note to the jailor's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine." Sound familiar?

#### More Valentine's Day-related history

- The ancient Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia on Feb.
   14 in honor of Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses.
   Juno was also the goddess of women and marriage.
- Girls of medieval times ate bizarre foods on St. Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future spouse.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
- In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

#### For your Information



#### Chocolate

- Casanova, well known as "The World's Greatest Lover," ate chocolate to make him virile.
- Physicians of the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to

calm their pining for lost love.

- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.

#### **Flowers**

- 73 percent of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- 15 percent of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.



#### Roses

- The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.
- Red roses are considered the flower of love because the color red stands for strong romantic feelings.
  - 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.
  - Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day

time period.

Source: http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/807655/fun-facts-about-valentine-s-day



## What's coming up?

#### Friday, February 20

Regular Weekly Meeting

Saturday, February 21

District ROTARY DAY Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 22

Operation Balik Ngiti

Monday, February 23

Operation Balik Ngiti

Multi District ROTARY DAY Celebration

Tuesday, February 24

Operation Balik Ngiti

Wednesday, February 25

Operation Balik Ngiti

Thursday, February 26

Operation Balik Ngiti

Friday, February 27

Operation Balik Ngiti

District Conference

Saturday, February 28

Operation Balik Ngiti

District Conference

Sunday, March 1

Operation Balik Ngiti



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President's Time BcPres Arlene Arcillas

Centro Hymn

Chairwoman of the Night:
PP Liza Pineda



# **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 Manage- ment	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**

#### **Attendance**

For Feb 6, 2015—Feb 12, 2015

Total Membership	
Members Present	17
Meetings Made-up	2
Leave/Senior	4
Total Attendance	23
Attendance Percentage	85%

#### 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



## **Special Observances**

July 2014 Start of Rotary Year

Public Relation Month

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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	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b>
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.

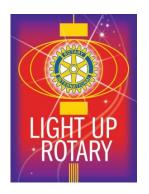
#### MISSION

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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