

RC Makati leads District 3830 relief operations for victims of Typhoon Ondoy; 3,500+ families assisted

The Rotary Club of Makati is the lead club in the relief drive of R.I. District 3830 for communities affected by Typhoon Ondoy. At the helm of the humanitarian effort is Gov. Sid Garcia and his team of Smiling Visionary Presidents (SVPs). The RCM clubhouse at the MRCFI Building in Guadalupe Viejo was made available by the Club to serve as collection center and command post for the relief operations.

As of Monday, 5 October, twenty-one Rotary Clubs and 4 individuals had participated in the relief mission,



Pres. Felix & Ann Tessie packed relief goods



Unloading of relief goods



Dindo Garciano (left) and Aris del Mundo at RCM relief mission in Baras, Rizal



PROGRAM ADVISORY

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 13 October

Guest Speaker:
LT. GEN. ROLAND DETABALI
Commander
Southern Luzon Command

handing out bags of goods to least 3,500 families in 26 sites, including our GK Village in Villa Paraiso; Malibay, Pasay; Bay, Laguna; Baras, Rizal; San Dionisio, Paranaque; San Mateo, Rizal; Cainta, Rizal; Taguig City; Taytay, Tanay and Antipolo; Riverside, Marikina; Moonwalk, Parañaque; Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig;

San Antonio, Parañaque; Kasilawan, Makati; Pateros; Muntinlupa; Sto. Niño Village, Marikina; Rosario, Pasig; and District 2 Moonwalk, Parañaque.

Last Wednesday, 30 September, **Dindo Garciano** and **Aris del Mundo** conducted a relief mission for 200

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RECAP: September 22, 2009



PP SONNY TAMBUNTING
Invocator



TOMMY DE LEON
Fine Master



FRANCIS MACATULAD
Introducer



DICK FUNK
Moderator

RAFAEL LOPA
Guest Speaker

FELIX AMPARO
Club President

There's always a first time, indeed. Moderator **Dick Funk** took advantage of the lull before call to order to dish out Rotary information—Rotary has 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in 168 countries. In the Philippines, there are 21,488 Rotarians in 801 clubs in ten districts. It was a first, in this club anyway. It was also the first time a meeting had been cancelled on account of a natural calamity.

As is his wont, **PP Sonny Tambunting** recited a prayer straight from the heart, where he gave thanks to the Lord for bringing us together for a meal, ask for blessings for ourselves and our families, and to thank His for the guest speaker, **Rafael Lopa**, who was to share stories about the two iconic figures of Philippine contemporary times, **Sen. Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino** and **Pres. Corazon 'Cory' Aquino**.

Announcements. **PP Jonny Carlos** announced that the Rotary Club if Itako, one of our dearest Sister Clubs, is inviting us to their 40th anniversary on 29th November, and reminded us of how helpful and generous our Itako friends have been to us through the years. He mentioned the financial assistance they have extended to us in the form of outright donations and contributions to our matching and 3H grant projects, and the yearly dental missions they hold for us. **Dir. Toffy Concepcion** informed that 15 Rotarians and Anns have indicated a desire to join the trip to Japan. There will be two groups, he said, one to come from Osaka and staying 24-28 November, the other arriving for the event and staying 28-30th. Pres. Jonny shared that he got his visa the week before through a travel agency, Friendship Tours, and that requirements are simple. The travel agency can handle everything

for you, and will charge you only a handling fee.

Dir. Toffy informed that he had been able to get slots for four RC Makati members to attend a talk by a doctor from Stanford University. **Dir Toffy** said that talk should be informative, since the speaker is an expert on Immunology, and enlightening in light of current research on cancer, which has determined the dreaded disease to be more of an auto-immune disorder than anything else. They have, he added, a clinical trial that combines targeted biological therapy with standard treatment. **Toffy's** invite was for those who suffer from, or know someone who has, cancer. The lecture, with cocktails hosted by Stanford Hospital, took place last 4th October at The Pen's Spices Restaurant.

Pres. Felix Amparo made use of his "time" to thank and congratulate the golfers who participated in the 2nd leg of the Governor's Cup on 16th September, specifically **Bryan Cockrell**, who won low-gross, and **Enzo Lee**, who placed 1st runner-up in Class C. He also reported on the first District 3830 Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Assembly held at the Parañaque gymnasium, which he and **Fred Menzel** attended the previous Saturday, 19th September. He also noted that Fred had brought to the event 9 of our RCC members, who all wore red tees. Lastly, he announced that he was to send a letter to members seeking support for the fundraising concert at the Manila Polo Club that **Eddie Yap** is producing for the district, and that he would be distributing tickets, one per member. He clarified, though, that it is non-compulsory, so if you wish, you are free to return the ticket. The concert, by the way, aims to raise funds for the

projects of **Gov. Sid Garcia**.

Once in a long while we get to have a fining session, that program number meant to buy a few laughs and/or showcase the wit, intelligence and pluck of our members. Dishing out the Qs was **Tommy de Leon** who focused his session on **Ninoy and Tita Cory**. On his list were Time magazine's description of Cory in the August 2009 issue (The Woman who Changed Asia), countries that did their own Edsa that ended their dictatorship (Poland), why Marcos did not give Gen. Ver orders to "annihilate" the huge crowds on Edsa at the height of the standoff; who the Pink Sisters are; and the estimated number of people on Edsa during the People Power "revolution." Four guys were imposed a P500 fine—**PP Pepito Bengzon**, **Mau Blardony**, **Ferdie Ordoveza** and **PP Sonny Tambunting**, while **Bing Matoto** and **PP Jonny Carlos** were spared.

Mr. Rapa Lopa, executive director of the Benigno Aquino Foundation, wove his talk around a love story that began decades ago and continues to this day, though the main characters have moved to a higher realm. He spoke of the love of **Ninoy and Cory** for each other, a love so deep that they brought out the best in each other. That love was sublimated to love of country when **Ninoy** was slain and **Cory** had to carry the torch, first as the reluctant presidential candidate daring to take on the master politician himself, then as president whose courage and resolve was tested again and again in one coup attempt after another, and finally as an ordinary citizen advocating microfinance as a way out of poverty for many Filipinos. That love spread

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AURELIO “RELI” GERMAN

Tuesday, 6 October 2009
The Conservatory, The Peninsula Manila

Starts at 12:00 Noon

Adjourns at 2:00 PM

A Bachelor of Arts, major in journalism graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University, Reli is one of the very few in the public relations and advertising industry who has had a full-rounded experience as client, agency executive and print and cinema media manager.

Reli's first job was promotions and advertising assistant at DRB Marketing Corporation. From there, he moved up to executive positions in Admakers-Dentsu Advertising Agency, CFC Corporation, and the Economic Monitor where he also wrote a regular column on marketing, advertising and public relations.

With the establishment in 1972 of Mass Advertising Placements, Inc., which he headed as president and general manager, Reli introduced the advertising medium - audio commercial placement in moviehouses. In 1977, as managing director of Manpower Phils., Inc., a personnel services company, he served in a concurrent capacity as president of Nation-Ad Phils., Inc., a leading ad agency.

Reli is acknowledged as one of the leaders of the “parliament of the streets,” having been a constant and familiar figure in protest activities between 1983 and 1986. He co-founded and gave the name to the militant August Twenty-One Movement (ATOM).

He organized and led numerous rallies and demonstrations, and is credited with coming up with unique and creative forms of protest actions, among them, the historic Tarlac to Tarmac run, and the Running Organization Against Repression (ROAR).

Reli was head of the Media Bureau of the Cory Aquino for President Movement, and in 1986, President Cory called him to manage the Bureau of National and Foreign Information (BNFI) before assigning him to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport as vice chairman and general manager.

In 1988, Reli returned to the private sector, and after reassuming his former position in Nation-Ad, he established Agents International, Inc., which specializes in corporate and political public relations.

During the 1992 national elections, Reli orchestrated the PR campaign and served as spokesperson of his friend and high school classmate at the Ateneo, then Senator Joseph Ejercito Estrada, who was then running for vice-president. Reli was again involved in Estrada's successful campaign for the presidency in 1998.

In the 2004 presidential elections, Reli and Agents handled the publicity requirements of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's campaign which she eventually won.

- Call to Order..... **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Invocation **PP Fred Parungao**
- Philippine National Anthem
- RC Makati Hymn
- Introduction of
Visiting Rotarians and Guests ... **VP Francis Macatulad**
- Greetings to Birthday and
Wedding Anniversary Celebrators
- Club Functions &
Committee Announcements
- Introduction of Inductee Proposer

John David Young

Classification: Building Maintenance Services

Proposer: **PP Sonny Tambunting**

- Charging Session **PP Fred Parungao**
- Induction **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Induction of **Gov. Sid Garcia**
Francisco “Frank” Chavez
Community Service B
- President's Time **Felix Amparo**
- Introduction of
the Guest Speaker **Henry Aquende**
- Speech:

AURELIO ‘RELI’ GERMAN

President

Agents International

- Q & A
- Response **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Adjournment

VP Francis Macatulad

Moderator

Reli was co-author of the best selling book “Eruptions - How to speak English Without Really Trial.” He has headed various trade and professional organizations. He was a regular columnist in the People's Journal, Philippine Star, The Manila Times and Business Mirror (“German Cut”).

His experience in media and his involvement in politics, including his service in government, give Reli the distinct advantage of close contacts and association with various sectors that Agents International deals with for its clients.



OCTOBER: Vocational Service Month

Today: 6 October (Tuesday)

Guest Speaker:
Mr. Aurelio "Reli" German
Public Relations Practitioner
President
Agents International, Inc.

13 October (Tuesday)

Guest Speaker:
Lt. Gen. Roland Detabali
Commander
Southern Luzon Command

20 October (Tuesday)

Lunch Meeting cancelled
to make room for:
An Enchanting Evening of Music,
a musical event produced by
Eddie Yap to raise funds for
District 3830 projects.
Manila Polo Club
5:30 PM
Tickets at P1,500 and P2,000
are available at the Secretariat

27 October (Tuesday)

Ladies' Day
Guest Speaker:
Ms. Teresita Ang See
President
Kaisa Para sa Kaunlaran

24 October

**D-3830 Youth Solo &
Chorale Singing Contest**
University of Makati

NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation Month

6 November

**48th Charter Anniversary of
Rotary Club of Taoyuan**
In charge: **PP Sonny Tambunting**

8 November (Sunday)

22nd Christmas Bazaar
Grand Ballroom
Renaissance Hotel
In charge: **First Ann Tessie Amparo**

22-26 November

**Asia Pacific Regional
Rotaract Conference (APRC)**
Singapore



BIRTHDAYS

ROTARIANS

Gary Lopez, 29 Sept.
Carlo Rufino, 2 Oct.
Pocholo Romero-Salas, 10 Oct.

ROTARY ANNS

Tesha Garcia, 3 Oct.
Siony Gatmaitan, 10 Oct.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bud & Au Melvin, 29 Sept.
Ernie & Dea Martelino, 2 Oct.
Peter & Jenny Ng, 8 Oct.
PP Fidel & Pruding Alfonso, 12 Oct.

* Gray: Last week's celebrators

Black: This week's celebrators

29 November (Sunday)

40th Anniversary of RC Itako-Japan

Note: A 15-person delegation
is flying to Japan for the
occasion. **Dir. Toffy Concepcion**
is in charge.

Anns kick off from page 6

**Carlos, Lil Dominguez, Yvonne Kuan,
Lu Limjoco, Pam Manzano, Menchit
Ordoveza, Pina Rojas, Maureen
Soong, Terry Tambunting, and Mimi
Valerio.**

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like wildfire among countless Filipinos who braved the rain and endured long waits to pay their respects to a beloved leader felled by disease, in a wake and funeral that echoed that of her husband 26 years earlier. And it lives to this day still, this time in their son, Noynoy who has decided to accept the challenge to run for president and effect change in our land. As a close relative, Mr. Lopa had a ringside seat to the events, major and minor, where his Uncle Ninoy and Auntie Cory figured. Which is why he spoke of them with the familiarity of one who was there, knew them well, held them in the highest respect, and loved them dearly.



15 September 2009

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| RC Makati Rotarians | 61 |
| Honorary and Exempt Members / | |
| Visiting Rotarians and Guests | 8 |
| Total Attendance | 69 |
| Make-Ups | 12 |
| Total Attendance Credit | 73 |
| Total Attendance Base | 141 |
| Exempted Members | 41 |
| Total Membership to date | 182 |
| Attendance Percentage | 51.77% |

Make Ups:

1. Pres. Felix Amparo
2. Gani Buenaflor
3. PP Jonny Carlos
4. Frank Chavez
5. Javier Fernandez de Castro
6. Mon Diokno
7. George Inocencio
8. Peter Manzano
9. Reggie Nolido
10. Vic Ong
11. Fred Pascual
12. Johnny Rocha



JOHN DAVID YOUNG

"Casey" - Filipino
Classification: **Building Maintenance
Services**
Proposer: **PP Sonny Tambunting**

VP, Hotel Division
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Birthday : Mar. 14

RC Makati joins District Bowling Tourney

The annual District 3830 Bowling Tournament rolled off to a grand opening last Sunday, 13 September, at Gameworx, Festival Mall at Filinvest in Alabang., Muntinlupa City. Pres. **Felix Amparo** was there to show support for Gov. Sid Garcia & Ann Tesha and to lead the lean club delegation composed of VP/Dir.

Francis Macatulad with two kids, **George Inocencio & Ann Manette**, **Dean Velasco** and **Maui Garcia**, son of Gov. Sid.



RC Makati



DG Sid Garcia

Gov. Sid delivered an inspirational message before rolling the ceremonial ball together with SAG **Bonnie Vergel de Dios**, SVP **Lita Santos** and PP **Ernie Angeles**. PP **Mario de Leon**,

tournament director, declared the tournament open.

The tournament is played every Sunday until 11 October.

RC Makati Interactors from page 8

G. Guallar, and club adviser **Eduardo P. Flores**. They joined the other delegates at the MUNA 2009 conference venue, Hotel Canton, where they were all billeted.

The two Interactors were sponsored by RC Makati, while Service to Youth Dir. **Eddie Galvez** underwrote the bill for the entire trip for Ed Flores. Club members had also contributed to the pocket money of the Interactors in a pass-the-hat exercise that raised P12,500.

At the opening ceremony, Gov. Ada Cheng, District Governor of Rotaract 3450, got things off to a bright start with her welcome remarks, where she recognized MUNA as a builder of “bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds and hearts of young people” and defined the MUNA vision as the promotion of world peace and its mission as the promotion and development of “an awareness of the United Nations and the global issues of other countries in the world.” Other speakers on the opening day were PDG Peter Wan, PDG Tony Wong, Immediate Past District Rotaract Chairman K L Cheng, and District Rotaract Representative Virginia Seung.

There were three programs prepared by the MUNA Organizing Committee, the most notable of which is the formal debate, a simulation of the United Nations Conference; where

delegates present their positions on and discuss issues of global impact and import, and come up with an appropriate resolution.

The Philippine delegates were assigned to the Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN), where they represented the Republic of Korea. The topics were Trade Cooperation under a Global Financial Crisis, and Microfinance as an Economic Development Strategy for Developing Countries.

There were two contradicting ideals in the issue of trade cooperation—on the one side, protectionism; on the other, free trade, which the Republic of Korea supports. The delegates debated for four sessions, before finally agreeing on one stand and preparing a resolution. The resolutions included possible watchdog mechanisms in monitoring international trade cooperation, actions to promote free trade, and alternative ways to help the disadvantaged stakeholders in the country.

The resolution was authored by South Africa and sponsored by member states, including the Republic of Korea.

The next topic taken up was Microfinance. Here there was agreement, with all the member states supporting the promotion of microfinance, especially for developing countries. One of the possible problems that might crop up was in connection

with Islamic law, a situation that called for greater sensitivity to the interests and values of the Muslim people.

In the session, there were three draft resolutions on the floor. The three have similar ideas and intentions, and thus have been approved by all of the member states. The resolutions provide laws on how to make microfinance more effective and efficient for developing countries, and on how it will work out and apply to Islamic law.

One of the highlights of the MUNA 2009 was the International Night, a showcase of the culture of the participating member countries. For this event, the Filipino delegates wore the *baro't saya* and the colorful native dress of the Ifugaos, for which they won the best costume award. They also regaled the other delegates with their performance of a Philippine folk dance called “*cariñosa*.” They also put up a cultural booth to promote Philippine attractions.

To complete their China experience, the delegates were treated to a tour of the city including visits to the Huangpu Military Academy, which was founded by Sun Yat Sen, the Father of China, and the famous Pearl River, touted to be the third longest in China.

The MUNA participants came from the Philippines, Macau, South Korea, Mongolia, Hong Kong, and the host country, China.

Anns kick off publicity campaign for 2009 Christmas Bazaar

Displaying the deftness with which they had managed the club's Christmas bazaar for the past twenty-one years and pushed it from strength to strength, success to high success, the Rotary Anns are once again moving swiftly to get every detail in



place for the 2009 Christmas Bazaar. To be staged on 8th November at the Renaissance Hotel, the bazaar is chaired this year by **First Ann Tessie Amparo**, with **Ann Mely Hechanova** and **Ann Angela Quila** as co-chairpersons.

Last Thursday, the 24th, the ladies gathered at the residence of the Amparos in Bel-Air Village for the regulation photo shoot. The expected

output: photographs to be used for press releases to be sent to major broadsheets and magazines to drum up awareness of the bazaar. The press releases will serve as the opening salvo for the publicity campaign that eventually will include tarpaulin streamers, posters, and flyers. That should keep Publicity chair **Milette Carlos** quite busy in the coming weeks while **Mimi Valerio** screens the

concessionaires, **Tere Boyer** and **Angela Quila** gather presents for the Last Angel kids, **Lu Limjoco** sells tickets, and **Caling Young** shops around for items to sell at the White Elephants table.

Turning up for the photo shoot were: **Tessie Amparo**, **Marilou Alejandro**, **Jojo Borrromeo**, **Teody Buenafior**, **Milette**

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families in Baras, Rizal. Tomorrow, 7 October, **Pres. Felix Amparo** will lead another mission, this time in Pateros.

As lead club, RC Makati has been putting its manpower resources to work. RCM Rotaractors and Interactors have been joining up with the club staffers in receiving, sorting out and packing relief goods, and in dispatching them to requesting clubs and individuals. A few Rotarians and Anns, among them **Pres. Felix Amparo & Ann Tessie**, also tried their hand at packing goods. The secretariat is also coordinating with donor clubs and handling requests for goods deployment. In charge of overseeing operations is **Dir. Toffy Concepcion**, chair of RC Makati's Emergency Relief Committee.



Interactors



Rotaractors

club decided to take a proactive stance. **Pres. Felix Amparo** and his board lost no time in deciding to cancel the 29 September regular meeting and in earmarking the lunch budget of P33,000 for the purchase of relief goods. This amount was later augmented by a P50,000 donation from the club's contingency fund. And an advisory was immediately sent out asking members for donations to the relief fund.

Thirteen of our members altogether donated P131,800, pushing

the total cash collected or collectible to P234,800, including a pledge (coursed through **Treas. Dayal Nandwani**) of P20,000 from our Brother Club, RC Dagupan. Of this P134,728.20 was spent on assorted grocery items and P36,400 on 26 sacks of rice.

Our cash donors were: **Baby Rtn. Felix Ang**, **IPP Larry Boyer**, **Dir. Frank Chavez**, **Mon Diokno**, **Rene Galve**, **PRID Paing Hechanova**, **Baby Rtn.**

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Joe Kuan, PN Rene Limjoco, Bud Melvin, PP Fred Nassr, Bruce Newfield, PP Sonny Tambunting, and PP Roland Young.

The club's list of donors in kind was longer: Pres. Felix Amparo, PP Fidel Alfonso, George Barcelon, PP Pepito Bengzon, Baby Rtn. Dennis Botman, PP Cesar Campos, Dir. Frank Chavez, Dir. Toffy Concepcion, Baby Rtn. Jonathan Crook, Mau Blardony, PP Jonny Carlos, Ai-Ai Galvez, Dir. Eddie Galvez, Baby Rtn. Joe Kuan, Tommy de Leon, and Baby Rtn. Aris del Mundo.



At Pateros



At Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig

This district project has seen the enthusiastic participation of a number of clubs, which have sent in donations in kind— RC Makati Northwest/ Pres. Ace Tolentino, RC Makati San Antonio/ PP Doris Ensomo; RC Makati Dasmariñas/ Pres. Lou Baens; RC Makati Greenbelt/ Pres. Susan Ringol; RC Makati J. P Rizal c/o IPP Jenny Rojas;



At Sitio Matatag, Western Bicutan

RC Makati Nielsen/Pres. Emi Pulido; RC Makati West/Pres. Fern Peña; RC Makati Dasmariñas/IPP Abet Nolino and Lia Francisco; RC Makati Bonifacio/IPP Ric Loyola; RC Makati Paseo de Roxas/ Pres. Jo Yap; RC Makati Poblacion/PP Oman Santiago; RC Makati Nielsen; RC Makati Rockwell; RC Taguig West; RC Taguig Southwest; RC Taguig South; RC Makti Bel-Air/PP Harry Dacumos; RC Makati Metro/Pres. Albert Guevarra; RC Makati J.P. Rizal; RC Makati Edsa/ Pres. Elsie Astete; RC Makati San

Miguel/ Pres. Tony Pobre; RC Makati Guadalupe/PP Boyet Luzado; and RC Paranaque Merville. Our Brother Club, RC Davao of District 3860 also sent 1,000 kilos of frozen bananas, while Cebu-based Jelma Phils sent Chinese medicinal balm and bottled water through James Lao and RS Dytico.

Given the gravity of the situation, which has been further aggravated by Typhoon Pepeng, it is clear that the work must go on so that we Rotarians may be able to give life to our sworn

duty to render “service above self.”

RC Makati continues to accept donations in cash and in kind. Rotarians, clubs and friends of Rotary who want to course their donations through District 3830 may call 899-7863 to 65, send an email to rcmakati@pldtDSL.net, or text 0920-9149512 for pledges and/or directions on how to get to the command post.



Here and Now

By Pres. Felix Amparo

Responding to the Challenge of Nature's Fury

Two typhoons a week apart, one dumping a month's worth of rain in 12 hours, flooding 80% of Metro Manila, the other whipping winds that toppled posts, uprooted trees and blowing away entire houses, aggravating a situation that had turned from dire to desperate.

If the devastation was overwhelming, so was the response. The outpouring of offerings—in cash, in kind, and in kindness—was simply breathtaking. Among those that responded was our District 3830 under the leadership of Gov. Sid Garcia, who rallied all the clubs in the district to join hands for relief operations.

The first thing we in RC Makati did was to cancel our 29th September meeting and to earmark the P33,000 lunch money for the relief fund. We subsequently augmented the fund with a donation of P50,000 from our contingency fund, figuring that this would probably be as big a contingency as we shall see this year.

Designated as lead club, we made available our clubhouse as operations center where donations were received, sorted out and packed. We sent out messages by SMS and email to all our members, appealing for donations. And we appointed Dir. Toffy Concepcion chair of the newly-formed Emergency Relief Committee to oversee the

operations.

As of 5 October, we had bought P190,125 worth of rice, assorted canned goods, mineral water, and other goods. Last Thursday, Aris del Mundo and Dindo Garciano, together with some Interactors, brought 200 bags of relief goods to Baras, Rizal. I'm glad to report to you that we were also able to give assistance to our Gwad Kalinga community in Villa Paraiso, as well as the beneficiary families of our supplemental feeding program in Tanay, Taytay and Antipolo.

We are finalizing arrangements for another relief operation in Pateros tomorrow, 7 October. We strongly urge you to participate in this mission. It would be nice to have as many of us join the activity. I can assure you, it will be worth your while.

We wish to thank our members who have sent or pledged donations in cash nso far totaling P131,800—Baby Rtn. Felix Ang, IPP Larry Boyer, Dir. Frank Chavez, Mon Diokno, Rene Galve, PRID Paing Hechanova, Baby Rtn. Joe Kuan, PN Rene Limjoco, Bud Melvin, PP Fred Nassr, Bruce Newfield, PP Sonny Tambunting, and PP Roland Young

Our thanks too to those who chose to give rice, instant noodles, assorted canned goods, bottled water, used clothes, toiletry items, bread, biscuits, coffee, fruit juices, slippers,

and even ready-to-eat *siopao*! Our donors in kind—PP Fidel Alfonso, George Barcelon, PP Pepito Bengzon, Baby Rtn. Dennis Botman, PP Cesar Campos, Dir. Frank Chavez, Dir. Toffy Concepcion, Baby Rtn. Jonathan Crook, Mau Blardony, PP Jonny Carlos, Ai-Ai Galvez, Dir. Eddie Galvez, Baby Rtn. Joe Kuan, Tommy de Leon, and Baby Rtn. Aris del Mundo.

The Rotary network is clearly at work here. It was heartening to see our Brother Club, RC Davao, send in 1,000 kilos of frozen bananas. We are also grateful to our Brother Club, RC Dagupan, for its pledge of a P20,000 donation made to our Treas. Dayal Nandwani. And we are certainly glad for the opportunity to lend a hand to RC Bay, another Brother Club of ours.

The work is by no means done. From all indications, it will take months before Ondoy's victims can get back on their feet. And now Pepeng has added to the loss and destruction, making a bad situation worse. That means our relief operations must go on. We are counting on you to help our club and our district do our part in this massive humanitarian effort.

This is our chance to put our best Rotary foot forward and to wear our Rotary hearts on our sleeves.

RC Makati Interactors take part in MUNA 2009

A 3-person delegation from the Interact Club of Makati participated in the 2009 MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) last August 13-16 in Guangzhou, China. The conference theme was "Making a Peaceful World with Understanding."

MUNA provides the participants an opportunity to hone their research, leadership and public speaking skills and to develop long lasting friendships with people of other cultures. It

also aims to involve them in community service.

The RC Makati Interactors, who belong to the RCM-sponsored Interact Club of General Pio del Pilar National High School, were the only delegates from the Philippines—**Maria Gianina G. Guallar** and **Maria Guadalupe**

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