

Club lends assistance to Brother Clubs for typhoon relief operations in 8 cities and towns

Operation Damayán is the name we gave our relief operations in Pateros and Baras, Rizal in the aftermath of ruinous Ondoy and its partner in destruction, Pepeng. And *damayán* (Filipino for “coming to the aid of” or “showing compassion for”) is what Rotary Clubs across the country showed one another as many provinces and cities reeled from the devastation caused by the twin typhoons, Ondoy in late September, Pepeng a week later.



RC Lingayen



RC Baguio North



While words of sympathy help, it became clear at once that, given the depth and breadth of the destruction, material aid was essential. In fact, the club received requests for assistance from a number of our Brother Clubs. Thus **Pres. Felix Amparo** convened the board to decide how best to concretize the sympathy and compassion. The board decided to send financial assistance to seven (7) Brother Clubs in cities and towns most affected by the typhoons. A total of P220,000 was remitted -P50,000

to RC Dagupan in Pangasinan; P30,000 each to RC Baguio North, RC Vigan in Ilocos Sur, RC Laoag in Ilocos Norte, and RC Calamba in Laguna; and P25,000 each to RC Lingayen and RC Binmaley in Pangasinan.

RC Dagupan had earlier sent P20,000 to us to help with our relief operations for Ondoy; and we had earlier dispatched to RC Bay in Laguna 500 bags of relief goods sourced by **PP Jonny Carlos**.

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PROGRAM ADVISORY

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 3 November

MEETING CANCELLED
in observance of
All Souls Day

Tuesday, 10 November

Guest Speaker:
ATTY. KATRINA LEGARDA

RECAP: October 13, 2009



GEORGE TEMBLIQUE
Invocator



CHITO CANTADA
Introducer



PP FIDEL ALFONSO
Moderator



LT. GEN. ROLAND DETABALI
Guest Speaker

FELIX AMPARO
Club President



In the aftermath of Ondoy and Pepeng, the twin typhoons that hit the country a week apart and brought death and destruction to a good part of Luzon, the invocation recited by **George Temblique** was fitting and timely. Prayed he: "Almighty Father, we raise our hearts to You in gratitude for the wonders of creation of which we are part, for Your providence in sustaining us in our needs, and for Your wisdom that guides the course of the universe. We acknowledge our sins against You and the rest of creation. We have not been good stewards of nature; we have confused Your command to subdue the earth; the environment is made to suffer our wrongdoing; and now we reap the harvest of our abuse and indifference. Global warming is upon us; typhoons, floods, volcanic eruptions and other natural calamities occur in increasing number and intensity. We turn to You, our loving Father, and beg forgiveness for our sins. We ask that we, our loved ones, and our hard-earned possessions be spared the threat of calamities, natural or man-made. We beseech You to inspire us to grow into responsible stewards of Your creation and generous neighbors to those in need."

The Heather Kinross Center for Skills Training, the club's vocational training facility, entered into a new phase with the signing last week of a memorandum of agreement with the Asian Food & Beverage Center for the conduct of a Commercial Cooking Training Program for aspiring cooks from our Gawad Kalinga village in Villa Paraiso in Parañaque City. The MOA was signed by **Pres. Felix Amparo** for RC Makati, **PP Nash Pablo**, adviser for

the F & B programs of the Center, and **Dean Velasco**, chairman of the HKC committee, as witness.

Before the introduction of visiting Rotarians, **PP Fidel Alfonso**, who was the moderator, welcomed and thanked the guest speaker, **Lt. Gen Roland Detabali**, "a friend of Arceemak and the 100 Club," for hosting them at the Jungle Fighters Division Shooting Range in Camp Capinpin, Tanay; at his recent birthday celebration; and at the Solcom Commanders' golf tournament in Malarayat, Lipa City the day before Ondoy.

PDG Tony Quila came up for a piece of good news—that The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has approved two more matching grants for the club, bringing the approved matching grants this year to three, a record. This, he said, is the first time in the club's history that we have three matching grants approved in the same Rotary year. The three are:

- 1st: Teaching the Deaf to Speak Project, with Baby Rotarians **Joseph Kuan** and **Felix Ang** as sponsoring Paul Harris Fellows.
- 2nd: Microfinance Project with our Sister Clubs, RC Singapore and RC Sydney, funded by contributions from RC Singapore, \$15,000; RC Sydney, \$15,000; DDF of District 2820-Japan, \$5,000; District 3830, \$3,000; RC Makati, \$1,000; and TRF, 23,500, for a total of P62,500. PHF sponsors for this project are: **DG Sid Garcia**, **PP Jonny Carlos**, **Mon Diokno**; and **Dir. Tony Herbosa**.
- 3rd: Nutrition program for 510 children with first or second degree

malnutrition, 17 modules of 30 kids each. The program design also includes training for mothers on the proper implementation of the nutrition program, mini livelihood projects, and values formation; de-worming, and monitoring the children's progress by weighing them twice a month. Funding sources: RC Taoyuan, \$5,500; District 3830, \$15,000; RCM, \$100. PHF sponsors so far: **Gov. Sid Garcia** for daughter; **PDG Tony Quila** for grandson; **PP Ric Librea** for granddaughter; **Pres. Felix Amparo** for son and daughter; and **Dir. Ferdie Ordoveza** for **Ann Menchit**. We also have 5 pledges for PHFs: **PP Robert Kuan**, **Treas. Dayal Nandwani**, **VP Francis Macatulad**, **IPP Larry Boyer**, and **PP Freddie Borromeo**. RC Taoyuan has requested us to pay the \$5,500 we had pledged to them as sponsor club for a matching grant they are applying for. Which means the 5 PHF pledges need to be redeemed ASAP.

PP Freddie Borromeo made a brief report on the relief operations his committee conducted in Tanay and Antipolo, and invited club members to join him at the launch of a new module of the supplemental feeding program at the P. Gomez Elementary School near UST. The nutrition program, he said, is shifting from community-based to school-based for easier monitoring of the kids' progress.

PP Tito Panlilio, drummer for the district fund-raising concert on the 20th at the Polo Club, showed

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TERESITA ANG SEE

Teresita Ang See is the founding President of Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran (Kaisa), a movement made up of Chinese-Filipinos.

With Kaisa as publisher, Ang See has written and co-authored more than 16 books, mostly on the Chinese in the Philippines. The latest was the coffee table book *Tsinoy - the Story of the Chinese in Philippine Life*. Ang See also used to be the editor in chief of *Tulay (Bridge)*, a fortnightly publication.

Today Ang See is the president of the Kaisa Heritage Foundation, which houses Bahay Tsinoy, the museum of the Chinese in Philippine life; the Chinben See Memorial Library and the Kaisa Research and Data Bank.

In 1993, she became one of the prime movers behind the Citizens' Action Against Crime (CAAC) and the Movement for the Restoration of Peace and Order, two of the most active anti-crime NGOs in the country. She is presently the Executive Chair of Manila's People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB).

She has received recognition for her work, most notable of them the TOWNS (Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service) award in 1992 and the Public Service Award from the Ateneo de Manila University in 2001. She was also among 27 Filipino women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

From 2004 until September 2007, she was president of the prestigious International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO). She teaches a course on the Chinese in the Philippines at the Ateneo de Manila University.

Enjoy cashless shopping at RCM Christmas

Leave the wallet at home, just bring the plastic, and shop 'til you drop! And to make it even sweeter, come in free!

That's the treat reserved exclusively for holders of BDO credit cards, Platinum and Titanium. Per agreement with the Christmas Bazaar committee, BDO Elite Cards will be the lone credit facility at our 22nd Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for Sunday, 8 November at the ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel (formerly New World Hotel). This information was shared by overall chairperson **Tessie Amparo** and Publicity Committee chair **Milette Carlos**.

BDO cardholders will have the luxury of shopping at any or all of the 110 tables that will be selling a wide array of carefully selected and reasonably priced products.

So, on that Sunday, leave the cash at home and hie off



CLUB ASSEMBLY & ROTARY ANNS' DAY

Tuesday, 27 October 2009

The Conservatory, The Peninsula Manila

Starts at 12:00 Noon

Adjourns at 2:00 PM

- Call to Order..... **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Invocation **Jean Chavez**
- Philippine National Anthem
- RC Makati Hymn
- Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests ... **Angela Quila**
- Greetings to Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrators
- Club Functions & Committee Announcements
- Introduction of Inductee Proposer

Shane Townsend

Classification: **Wheat Flour Trading**

Asst. Regional Director & Country Director-Phils.

U. S. Wheat Associates

Proposer: **PP Robert Kuan**

- Charging Session **PP Robert Kuan**
- Induction **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- **Club Assembly:**
 - Selection of Club Representative to the District Nominating Committee (DNC)
 - President's Time **Felix Amparo**
 - Introduction of the Guest Speaker **Mimi Valerio**
 - Speech:

Ms. TERESITA ANG SEE

President

Kaisa para sa Kaunlaran

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

Angela Quila

Moderator

to the Renaissance Hotel, flash your BDO card at the entrance, and in you go, no need for a ticket—your card *is* your ticket. Once in, you can spend the day shopping to your heart's content. Free entry and cashless shopping in a tiange—what could be better than that? This is sure to be one of those days you'll be thankful you have a BDO card!



OCTOBER: Vocational Service Month

Today: 27 October (Tuesday)

**Club Assembly &
Rotary Anns' Day
Guest Speaker:
Ms. Teresita Ang See
President
Kaisa Para sa Kaunlaran**

NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation Month

**3 November
Meeting cancelled
In observance of All Souls Day**

**5-7 November
Trip to Taiwan for
48th Charter Anniversary of
Rotary Club of Taoyuan
In charge: PP Robert Kuan**

**8 November (Sunday)
22nd Christmas Bazaar
Grand Ballroom
Renaissance Hotel
In charge: First Ann Tessie Amparo**

**10 November (Tuesday)
Guest Speaker:
Atty. Katrina Legarda**

**18 November
4th Leg Governor's Cup
Southwoods Golf & Country Club
Hosted by: RC Makati**

**22-26 November
Asia Pacific Regional
Rotaract Conference (APRRC)
Singapore**

**24 November (Tuesday)
Guest Speaker:
Ms. Jane Walker**

**29 November (Sunday)
48th Anniversary of RC Itako-Japan
Two options:
One: Short trip—28-30 Nov
Two: Expanded trip—24-30 Nov
Package price for 7D6N: \$1,247
In charge: Dir. Toffy Concepcion**



BIRTHDAYS

ROTARIANS

Louie Lipio, 28 Oct.
Hiro Oba, 28 Oct.
James de Jesus, 28 Oct.
Raul Fores, 6 Nov.

ROTARY ANNS

Titang Montinola, 29 Oct.
Sue Ann Nolido, 31 Oct.
Marian Krohn, 3 Nov.
Tere Boyer, 3 Nov.
Marilyn Velayo, 5 Nov.
Maureen Soong, 6 Nov.
Anny Bosshard, 7 Nov.
Ellen Binay, 9 Nov.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jun & Beth Periquet, 27 Oct.
Dayal & Bina Nandwani, 31 Oct.
Hans & Gi Sicat, 31 Oct.
Jean & Montida Jacobi, 5 Nov.
Peter & Elena Coyiuto, 7 Nov.

8 December (Tuesday)

**Meeting Cancelled
to make way for:**

11 December (Friday)

**Christmas Party
Manila Polo Club
In charge:
First Ann Tessie Amparo**

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an excerpt of the show dubbed *An Enchanting Evening of Music*. Please come, we want you there in the flesh, he exhorted, and to those who returned the tickets, please take them back.

During president's time, Pres. Felix acknowledged the presence of **PP Pep-C Velez** of RC Davao, a Brother Club of ours, which, two weeks earlier, at the height of our collection efforts for relief goods, sent us several tons of bananas—fresh, cooked, frozen—for distribution to the flood victims. He also announced that our Sister Club, RC Taoyuan, had sent us their donation to our disaster relief fund in the amount of \$4,000, way higher than the expected \$2,500.

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RC Makati Rotarians	58
Honorary and Exempt Members /	
Visiting Rotarians and Guests	10
Total Attendance	68
Make-Ups	15
Total Attendance Credit	73
Total Attendance Base	141
Exempted Members	41
Total Membership to date	182
Attendance Percentage	51.77%

Make Ups:

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| 1. Felix Ang | 13. Taba Samson |
| 2. Dennis Botman | 14. George Temblique |
| 3. PP Jonny Carlos | 15. Eddie Yap |
| 4. Tommy de Leon | |
| 5. Mon Diokno | |
| 6. Gani Ferrer | |
| 7. Ben Hughes | |
| 8. Bubi Krohn | |
| 9. Peter Manzano | |
| 10. Vic Ong | |
| 11. Rico Pelaez | |
| 12. Carlo Rufino | |



SHANE TOWNSEND

"Shane" - American
Classification: **Wheat Flour Trading**
Proposer: **PP Robert Kuan**

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Birthday:	Sept. 12
Ann's Name:	Abby
Ann's Birthday:	Nov. 24
Wedding Anniversary:	April 11

Yaps host mini social

A good number of Rotarians turned up on 17th October at the Forbes Park residence of the Yaps to join **Eddie Yap** for a mini social, a belated celebration of his birthday on the 13th. Eddie admitted that he wasn't too keen on celebrating his entry into the circle of senior citizens. His guests consoled him with stories on the benefits of senior citizenship and why it is fun. After enjoying a man-size meal tailor-made for man-sized appetites—a repast of angus burgers, sausages and

the most delicious pancit prepared by gracious **Ann Dellie**—the group sang the 'happy birthday' song to the birthday celebrator.

The Rotarian guests: **PP Fidel Alfonso, George Barcelon, PP Freddie Borromeo, Chito Cantada, PP Jonny Carlos, Javier de Castro, Wash Lou, Peter Manzano, PP Fred Parungao, Rico Pelaez, Ed Rojas, Baby Rtn. Carlo Rufino, PP**



Charlie Rufino, Taba Samson, George Temblique, and PP Gigi Zulueta.

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RC Baguio North

Pepeng, the typhoon that exited Philippine territory and parked itself just outside Ilocos Norte, only to make a u-turn as it was sucked in by a third storm, wreaked untold havoc on Northern Luzon, giving special attention to Baguio.

It was the kind of attention any city could do without. Continuous rain brought floods and eroded mountains, causing landslides that buried entire houses, their occupants included. All three roads leading to Baguio—Kennon Road, Marcos Highway and Naguilian Rd.—suffered landslides, isolating the mountain city for a few days.

On the 10th of October, **PDG Mark Go** and **Pres. Budz Royeca** led RC Baguio North Rotarians in distributing relief goods at the Aguineldo Elementary School, where evacuees took shelter after fleeing their homes at the flooded City Camp Lagoon. The Baguio Rotarians also conducted relief operations at the Puguis Elementary School, which served as temporary lodging to families that had lost their homes and belongings in a massive landslide that claimed many lives in Little Kibungan, La Trinidad in Benguet.

RC Lingayen

In Pangasinan, Pepeng dumped rain on many towns, the historic Lingayen among them, to create a dire situation made direr by the release of



RC Calamba



water from San Roque dam.

Six barangays were under water - Rosario, Wawa, Tombor, Basing, Aliwekwek, and Lasip. People clambered up rooftops, waiting to be rescued. But with only one, solitary rubber boat on hand, the waiting would take forever.

PP Pepito Bengzon went home to Lingayen as soon as the floodwaters allowed travel northward and joined members of another Brother Club, RC Lingayen, for relief operations. With the RC Makati donation of P25K to RC Lingayen, he bought goods, including 720 packs of instant noodles and 420 bottles of purified water, and brought them to his hometown. On the evening of Saturday, 10th October, he, together with RC Lingayen members headed by **Pres. Ike Puzon**, went to the Naguelguel Elementary School to distribute relief bags to some 100 families who were lodged there. The following day, with some 1,000 families still perched on rooftops awaiting deliverance, PP Pepito once again joined Pres. Ike and other Lingayen Rotarians for another relief drive at

Brgy. Rosario, where the water was neck-deep in some areas. The situation was bad enough in some areas to warrant another relief distribution activity by the Lingayen Rotarians a week later, on the 18th of October, at the Aliwekwek Elementary School.

RC Calamba

Calamba City was among the Southern Luzon towns inundated by the flooding brought on by Ondoy. Like its neighbor towns, Calamba had it bad—some 7,339 families in 29 barangays affected, 301 houses totally damaged, 31 schools turned into evacuation centers for 35,700 individuals, for an average of 1,153 persons per school. By 10th October, the number of evacuation centers had shrunk to 10, an indication that things had gotten better since only 1,850 families remained in the centers. On this day, RC Calamba **Pres. Rosemarie Villanueva** and **PP Junjun Aguilar**, chairman of their Relief Operations Committee, led fellow club members in distributing 3,325 packs of relief goods to the flood victims.

Report to the Members of the MRCFI

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Gentlemen:

In the spirit of transparency and in order to keep the membership fully aware of all the significant activities of the Foundation allow me to report to you two important matters:

1. Activities of the Foundation during Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng

The devastation wrought by Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng spurred the Foundation to take immediate action to address the needs of the many who were greatly affected by the twin storms. On September 27, 2009, the day immediately after the onslaught of Typhoon Ondoy, the Foundation opened the MRCFI offices and allowed the same to be used as a center for the management and preparation of relief goods. On that first day, more than a thousand relief goods were prepared and distributed to the victims. Over the next few days the Foundation and the Club worked together to prepare up to 4,500 relief bags, which were sent out to various relief centers, through Rotary Clubs in the district. The goods were donated or sourced by the club and RC Makati members, other clubs in the district and private donors.

Through the Ways and Means Committee of Rtn. Tommy De Leon and with thanks to generous benefactors from the United States, resulting from the active solicitation efforts of the President, Jonny Carlos, the Foundation was able to raise several thousand US Dollars, which will also be used for Typhoon relief and rehabilitation. The moneys will be deposited in a special account and reports will be given to donors to apprise them as to the use of the funds they have given. The effort to raise more funds is on-going. In addition, the Foundation is currently negotiating for donations of medicines for the victims.

Lastly, the Foundation would like to thank Rtn. Mike Varela and the PCCI for their generous donation of P50,000, coursed to the club, which funds were also used for the purchase of relief goods.

2. Case versus KPL Aircon, Inc.

As previously reported by Trustee Reggie Nolido, the Foundation has filed an eviction case against KPL Aircon, Inc., the Foundation's lessee in its Paranaque property. The case resulted from the refusal of KPL Aircon Inc to settle its annual rental obligation to the Foundation in the total amount of Eight Million One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P8,100,000.00). KPL Aircon Inc asserts that it is only liable for a much lower amount citing as basis the provisions of the original deed of donation for the property. They insist on asserting their position in spite of the explanations by the Foundation that the terms of the original deed of donation have been superseded and are no longer in effect.

After the filing of said eviction case, a case was filed by Koppel, Inc. as plaintiff against the Foundation citing the violation of the deed of donation and calling for the rescission of said deed of donation and the return of the property to Koppel, Inc. It appears that KPL Aircon, Inc. is now claiming to be Koppel Inc. the donor of the property and they are trying to convince the courts that the property should be given to them. The evaluation of the legal committee is that this is a blatant attempt by KPL Aircon Inc. to mislead the court and try and usurp the property from the Foundation. The board authorized the president to take immediate action by hiring counsel and filing the proper answer and motion to dismiss before the court.

Rest assured that the Foundation board and officers are doing their level best to make sure that the cases against KPL Aircon Inc. are decided in our favor. All efforts will be exerted to ensure that the Foundation's property is protected. If there is a way any member can assist the Foundation in these cases, please feel free to notify the officers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonny Carlos
President

He also acknowledged additional donations in cash and in kind from **Dir. Tony Herbosa**. Finally he reported on the relief operations he led in Pateros, where they gave away 500 packages to flood victims in 5 health centers. He also informed that the club has responded to requests for assistance made by some of our Brother Clubs, adding that although we still have some money left in our relief fund, it is fast dwindling; any donation our members can give will be greatly appreciated.

"Solcom: Partner in Nation Building" was the topic **Lt. Gen Roland Detabali** chose to speak about. "Solcom" means South Luzon Command. The general showed a PowerPoint presentation on Solcom's area of responsibility; the threat to peace and development, their nation building activities, the value of the Rotary Club in their ISO, and areas for collaboration and support. He spoke at length about the threat to peace and order, naming the local terrorist group as the main threat to peace, and on environmental protection, with emphasis on disaster rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations. He painted the Solcom as an entity with a mandate that goes beyond soldiering. In fact, Gen. Detabali, spoke on the Kalayaan Barangay program, its program for the youth, and its medical and dental missions.

Family Health & Nutrition Committee conducts relief operations in Tanay, Antipolo; opens supplemental feeding module in Manila

Relief Operations

Tanay, Rizal and Antipolo City were among the towns worst hit by Typhoon Ondoy. Being a bit distant from Ondoy's Ground Zero (Marikina, Pasig and Cainta, which suffered the most and from which most of the tales of misery and heroism emerged), Tanay and Antipolo received

scant media attention at the height and in the immediate aftermath of the storm. But news travels, anyway, TV or no TV, and soon the plight of their residents reached the ears of individuals and groups who were in a position to help.

On the 10th and 11th of October, the Rotary Club of Makati, through its Family Health and Nutrition Committee headed by **PP Freddie Borromeo**, brought relief goods to 4 barangays in Tanay—Tandang Kutyo, Katbayani, Kaysakat and Plaza Aldea; and Brgy. San Luis in Antipolo, all sites of the club's feeding program. The goods were donated by kind Makati Rotarians.

PP Freddie reports that 384 families in Tanay are to be relocated permanently to a safer place. The RCM team gave them safe drinking water and relief packages.

PP Freddie also recalls that in some places, "the crowds were so thick that we had to surreptitiously unload the goods into other vehicles to avoid being mobbed and avert a riot," a distinct possibility had they been unable to give to all those present.

Says PP Freddie: "It's just a drop in the bucket compared to their needs, but to those who received our gifts, it was something. We were received warmly everywhere we went, and we could see how appreciative and grateful they were for what they got."



Relief operations in Tanay



Launch of feeding program in Manila

He went on: "Thanks to the generosity of some Rotarians, some 200 families displaced by the greatest calamity in recent history received a measure of hope, knowing that there are people who care for them."

Feeding Program Launch

On the 20th of October, a Tuesday, PP Freddie went to the P. Gomez Elementary School in Sta. Cruz, Manila to launch a supplemental feeding program, the first for this Rotary year. With PP Freddie were **Bruce Newfield**, **Baby Rtn. Richie Santiago**, and **Anns Jojo Borromeo**, **Lu Limjoco** and **Angela Quila**. Ann Angela was there in her capacity as director of Kabisig ng Kalahi, the club's partner in its feeding and TB eradication programs. She also chairs a newly-formed special committee called "Pasiglahin and Estudyanteng Pinoy."

The feeding program is being made possible by a generous donation from **PN Rene Limjoco & Ann Lu**, who are underwriting the cost (P60,000) of providing thirty (30) malnourished children of pre-school age with one hot, nutritious meal a day for 6 months. The meal is rounded off with a glass of milk provided by corporate sponsor, Mead Johnson Nutritionals. The program, which had been originally confined to pre-school kids, has been expanded to include Gr. 1 and 2 pupils. It has also

shifted its phase from community to school.

The committee took the feeding project a step farther by undertaking, together with Kabisig, the screening of the children for primary complex. Those found positive for the disease will undergo 6 months of medical treatment, free of charge. The kids' mothers will be also be trained in the preparation of nutritious meals on a low budget. Everyone in the group assisted in the distribution of gift packages to the children enrolled in the feeding program.

The principal of the P. Gomez Elem. School has also made a request for books for their library from our Books Across the Seas Project. The request has been forwarded to BATS chairman **Jay Savage** and **Pres. Felix Amparo**.

A Very Important Reminder

Please mark your date book:

Sunday, 8 November
Rotary Club of Makati's
22nd CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Renaissance Hotel Ballroom
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

(Free entry for BDO Platinum & Titanium cardholders)

Training Program in Commercial Cooking Launched

On October 13, 2009, the Rotary Club of Makati, represented by **Pres. Felix B. Amparo**, and Asian F & B Center, Inc., represented by **Ignacio “Nash” Pablo**, adviser for the F&B programs of the Center, signed a memorandum of agreement for the conduct a training program for selected youth for Commercial Cooking developed by the Center, in consultation with the BRYDCE program of Rotary Club Rizal West. Nash Pablo signed for and in behalf of **Mr. Neil R. Langit**, training manager of the Asian F & B Center, Inc. and as witness, while **Dean Velasco**, Chairman of the Heather Kinross Center for Livelihood Skills Training and Entrepreneurial Development (HKC for short), signed as witness for RCM.

Orientation for the 3-month training course took place on October 5 and classes started on October 6. The class is composed of 13 student-trainees—ten from Gawad Kalinga Villa Paraiso and surrounding neighborhoods in Sun Valley, Paranaque, supported by RC Makati; and the rest supported by RC Rizal West. They were selected after a rigorous process of recruitment, interview and screening. The required qualifications for the training program are: (a) at least high school graduate; (b) 16 - 29 years of age; (c) pleasing personality and clean cut; (d) ability to communicate orally and in writing; (e) Interested in learning how to cook; and (f) willing to invest at least 20 hours a week for 6 weeks during center training and 48 hours a week for 6 weeks during on-the-job training (OJT).

The ten student-trainees selected for the Commercial Cooking course are Eleonor Grace Alvarez, Jonard G. Daigdigan, Vanessa Garay, Sharmaine Fernandez, Mary Jane T. Galvez, Carlito B. Manso, Rodrigo C. Marquez, Jr., Alex Briol Mingoy, Herman O. Natural, and Grace A. Quintana.

The student-trainees shall undergo three (3) months’ training in Commercial Cooking conducted by the Asian F & B Center. The course has two modules: one, 1.5 months’ center training comprising lectures, learning activities and laboratory at the Asian F&B Center building; and two, 1.5

months’ OJT at one of the outlets in the Larry J. Cruz Group of Restaurants.

The training fee per student-trainee for the complete training program is Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000.00). As the Asian F&B Center is accredited by TESDA and its Commercial Cooking course is classified as NCII course, the students can avail of a tuition scholarship of Php8,000 per student under the Pangulong Gloria Scholarships (PGS) Program. RCM will pay the balance of the tuition fee of Php17,000, of which half will be subsidized by RCM and the other half to be repaid by the trainee after completion of OJT, starting from the time the trainee gets employed. Under a written agreement with each student and his/her parent or guardian, the trainee is obligated to repay the unsubsidized amount of Php8,500. The enrollment fee of Php500 charged at the start of training will be considered as the first payment. The balance of Php8,000 will be repaid over a period of 16 months; this is equivalent to an amortization, without interest, of Php500 per month. In case the trainee drops out and does not complete the Program, the trainee shall repay in full Php16,500 (amount advanced by RCM of Php17,000 less the Php500 enrollment fee) within thirty days from demand by RCM. Failure to repay will make the trainee liable to pay interest at the rate of 1% per month until full payment.

In addition, the student-trainee will receive a Php3,000 grant under the Training Support Fund (TSF) administered by TESDA. The TSF grant will be given as daily transportation allowance at Php60 for each day that the student attends class, for up to 50 days (10 weeks). RCM will supplement the TSF transportation allowance provided by TESDA for days of training in excess of 50 days, or about 10 days (2 weeks). As specified in the PGS Scholar’s Affidavit of Undertaking



MOA signing with Asian F&B Center

signed by the trainee, the TSF grant should be refunded in full in case the trainee fails to attend at least eighty percent (80%) of classes and does not meet the participation requirement for completion of the training program or is expelled due to a just/valid cause.

HKC was able to obtain the TESDA tuition scholarship and its TSF grant with the assistance of the office of District Governor Sid Garcia who has made arrangements with TESDA for scholars of Clubs of District 3830 to avail of the F&B training scholarships. HKC wishes to express its appreciation particularly to Patricia Marjorie (Marge) Lamberte of RC Paranaque Metro who is in charge of coordinating for RI District 3830 the PGS for F&B training and the TSF grants. Marge conveyed the requirements of the scholarship program, coordinated with HKC and the Asian F&B Center, obtained the vouchers of the Pangulong Gloria Scholarships Program for the 10 trainees supported by RCM, secured the TSF grant for the transportation allowance, and liaised with TESDA.

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