

Bantay Bata, MSWD join hands for mass baptism

It has been discovered that many children born to Catholic parents grow up without the benefit of a proper baptism in the faith. Among the common reasons for the omission are: lack of time, lack of money, a tepid faith, or plain ignorance of the significance of the sacrament.

To set things right for these children and their parents, the Makati Department of Social Welfare & Development (MSWD) under department head **Marjorie de Veyra**, teamed up once

again with RC Makati's Bantay Bata Committee under **Dir. Frank Chavez** to organize and sponsor the mass baptism. Service to Youth **Dir. Eddie Galvez** was there to represent the Club.

A total of 46 children took advantage of the free sacramental service: 22 from 11 barangays in District 1 (Carmona, Kasilawan, Olympia, Palanan, Pio del Pilar, Poblacion, Sta. Cruz, Olympia, San Antonio, Singkamas, Valenzuela) and 24 children from 9 barangays



Fr. Lito Villegas officiates at baptismal rites



Dir. Eddie Galvez handing presents to the children



in District 2 (Cembo, Comembo, East Rembo, Guadalupe Nuevo, Guadalupe Viejo, Pembo, Pitogo, South Cembo, West Rembo).

As arranged, the children were baptized on 30th October 2009 by **Fr. Lito Villegas**, parish priest at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Brgy. Poblacion. Fr. Villegas spoke to the parents and children, enlightening them on the significance of baptism in Christian life, while Service to Youth **Dir. Eddie Galvez** delivered an inspirational message and gave presents to the children, and **Ms.**

Remedios Ramos, MSWD assistant department head, gave the closing remarks.

Snacks were served after the ceremony.

PROGRAM ADVISORY

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 24 November

Guest Speaker:
MS. JANE WALKER
Chief Executive Officer
Philippine Christian Foundation

RECAP: Tuesday, 10 November 2009



MAU BLARDONY
Invocator



JOHNNY ROCHA
Introducer



ENZO LEE
Moderator



FELIX AMPARO
Club President

ATTY. KATRINA LEGARDA
Guest Speaker

Mau Blardony began the meeting with a prayer, giving thanks “for our life, all You have done and all that You may still do for us.” He went on: “We seek Your help in bad times and often forget You in between. Forgive us, Lord, for our weaknesses and failings, and especially those poor souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them. We ask that You continue to enlighten us and our ignorant and stubborn enemies as well.” In conclusion he asked the Lord “to give us the strength to carry on” and to bless us all.

From one prayer the meeting moved on to yet another prayer, called by Moderator **Enzo Lee**, this time for the health of **PRID Paing Hechanova** who was due to undergo an operation in the States on that day.

VP Francis Macatulad introduced a special part of the program, a recognition number for a rare breed of civil servant, **PO1 Jimmy Reginaldo** of the Paranaque City police department who had done something distinctly praiseworthy, especially in light of the

tough economic times. **VP Francis** said that they had wanted to do something special last month in observance of Vocational Service Month but couldn’t because of timing constraints. So, the celebration came, if a bit late, last Tuesday, with a very special guest who, as **VP Francis** said, “had done something exemplary in the course of performing his chosen vocation.” The guest is 38 years of age, married, with 4 children, an ordinary man who had done an extraordinary deed. **VP Francis** shared the policeman’s proud story, which had been front-page material in newspapers: Last September, **PO1 Regalado** boarded a cab and accidentally sat on a wallet. Upon inspection, he saw a thick wad of cash in pesos and US dollars, credit cards, ATM cards and other stuff. He immediately reported his find to his commanding officer, contacted the owner and turned over the wallet to the Mayor who in turn turned it over, contents intact, to the owner—an outstanding example, indeed, of performance of vocational service in a memorable and exemplary way. Thus was **PO1 Jimmy Reginaldo** given the “Honest Cop” citation. And to demonstrate that the club knows how to “put our money where our mouths are,” and that it truly believes that “no good deed goes unrewarded,” as **VP Francis** put it, the club awarded a one-year scholarship at the Sumulong Memorial High School to **Honest Cop’s** son **Reginald**. The recognition was witnessed by **PO1 Regalado’s** wife and children, as well as

Paranaque Vice Mayor Gus Tambunting, Deputy Superintendent Andrada, and Pres. Felix Amparo.

Announcements. **PP Freddie Borromeo** shared that after the spate of natural calamities in various parts of the country, the Family Health & Nutrition Committee which he chairs, was switching gears and changing direction “somewhat.” He spoke about how certain families in Tanay had lost their homes in the recent typhoons and how the local government of Tanay had bought a property to be used as a resettlement site for them. He also mentioned that **Treas. Dayal Nandwani** had put him in touch with **Ron Noseworthy** of an NGO, Shelterbox, which provides tents from the Rotary Club of Kenora in Ontario, Canada as temporary shelter for displaced families. Costing P30,000 each, the tent can accommodate 10-15 people. He also added that the club was to receive some 100 tents to temporarily house about 1,000 people in Tanay. **PP Freddie** also reported that the **Makati Rotary Club Foundation Inc. (MRCFI)** had given his committee money with which to purchase medicine for so-called “lepto kits” to be given to families hard-hit by the typhoons who are most susceptible to diseases that are common in crowded evacuation sites. He was soon to visit Baguio, Bay in Laguna and the Tanay/Cainta area to bring the people the ‘lepto kits.’

PP Tito Panlilio issued a final call for the 4th leg of the Governor’s Cup, which is hosted by the club, to be played tomorrow, Wednesday the 18th, at the Southwoods Golf & Country Club. He announced that they need sponsors



Honest Cop PO1 Jimmy Reginaldo (2nd from left) with wife and son is flanked by (L-R) Pres. Felix, Deputy Supt. Andrada and Paranaque Vice Mayor Gus Tambunting

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BENJAMIN PEDLEY

Benjamin Pedley's career began in Sydney, Australia where he worked for various institutions including Macquarie Bank and HSBC. In 1999 he moved to Asia as an economics and currency analyst for CNBC before joining LGT Bank in Liechtenstein (Singapore) Ltd in January 2005, where he worked as an investment strategist. In March 2008, he moved to Hong Kong, where he was promoted to Managing Director, Head of Advisory Services.

Mr. Pedley's areas of specialty include foreign exchange and commodities. His current role involves sourcing and creating investment vehicles, including structured products on behalf of clients.

As a regular guest on cable stations Bloomberg, CNBC and BBC, amongst others, Mr. Pedley is often invited to speak and give his views on the current state of, and outlook for, financial markets around the region.

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for four of the 18 holes, with 14 holes already subscribed. He thanked **PP Conrad Marty** for having his company sponsor two holes; and **George Barcelon**, one. On behalf of **PP Rey Adriano**, PP Tito also called on the golfers to show up before 7AM and expressed the hope that they would be able to field a big team to the golfing tournament. PP Tito is in charge of fund-raising, PP Rey Adriano is tasked to organize a team of 10-15 players, while VP Francis is overall chairman.

Dir. Toffy Concepcion announced that twelve Rotarians have already signed up for the trip to Japan, 27-30 November, for the charter anniversary of our Sister Club, RC Itako. If anyone else wants to join, please get in touch with Dir. Toffy or the secretariat. . . **Wash Lou** invited everyone to a special Mass at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park for the successful operation of PRID Paing Hechanova.

Pres. Felix Amparo began his president's time with a report, preliminary, he was quick to point out, on the then just-concluded Christmas Bazaar held at the Renaissance Hotel on the 8th of November. Said he: "Tentative numbers indicate that we netted P1.2 Million." Considering the tough times, *that* is an awesome figure indeed! He attributed it to two things: one, higher sponsorships; and two, lower cost, in particular, the move from the Intercon to Renaissance and other cost-cutting measures that accounted for over P200K in savings. The combination of more income and less cost, he said, plus the efforts, contributions, help and support of Rotarians and Anns made for a very successful bazaar. Pres. Felix also reported on the recent trip to Taiwan, 5-7 November, for the 48th charter anniversary of our Sister Club,



Tuesday, 17 November 2009
The Conservatory, The Peninsula Manila

Starts at 12:00 Noon

Adjourns at 2:00 PM

- Call to Order..... **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Invocation **Tony Herbosa**
- Philippine National Anthem
- RC Makati Hymn
- Introduction of
Visiting Rotarians and Guests ... **PP Roland Young**
- Greetings to Birthday and
Wedding Anniversary Celebrators
- Club Functions &
Committee Announcements
- President's Time **Felix Amparo**
- Introduction of
the Guest Speaker **PP Carlos del Rosario**
- Speech:

MR. BENJAMIN PEDLEY

Managing Director

Head of Advisory Services, Asia

LGT Bank in Liechtenstein (Singapore) Ltd.

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

PP Roland Young

Moderator

Cassey Young

Greeter

RC Taoyuan. He informed that RC Taoyuan used the occasion for the formal turnover of a wheelchair lift van for which RC Makati had provided partial funding through a matching grant to RC Taoyuan Bai Ling, a daughter club of RC Taoyuan's. RC Taoyuan Bai Ling was able to acquire 7 lift vans, which they were to donate to the government for use in transporting wheelchair-bound patients for a significantly lower fee than a private firm would charge. He also said that the anniversary was well-attended, with visiting Rotarians from Japan and Korea, and RC Makati the lone club from the Philippines.

Atty. Katrina Legarda, a legal luminary whose name precedes her, tackled the Magna Carta of Women in a comprehensive presentation that started with a broad backgrounder on the role and rights of women as writ in the 1987 Constitution. She spoke on gender bias and equity, and the rights of women to health, housing, decent work and to livelihood, credit, capital and technology. As expected, the lady lawyer who sent Romeo Jalosjos to jail spoke of crimes against women including all forms of sexual harassment.



NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation Month

Today: 17 November (Tuesday)

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Benjamin Pedley

Managing Director

Head of Advisory Services, Asia

LGT Bank in Liechtenstein

(Singapore) Ltd.

18 November

4th Leg Governor's Cup

Southwoods Golf & Country Club

Host Club: RC Makati

In charge: PP Rey Adriano

NOTE: Tournament fee of

P3K per player will be shouldered by the club

22-26 November

Asia Pacific Regional

Rotaract Conference (APRRC)

Singapore

24 November (Tuesday)

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Jane Walker

Chief Executive Officer

Philippine Christian Foundation

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**

1 December (Tuesday)

Governor's Visit

8 December (Tuesday)

General Assembly

11 December (Friday)

Christmas Party

Manila Polo Club

In charge: **First Ann Tessie Amparo**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Helen Sun, 19 Nov.

Ronnie & Menchu Concepcion, 21 Nov.

HEALTH BULLETIN

PRID Paing Hechanova underwent an angioplasty (with 5 stents) last Tuesday, 10th November, at a hospital in San Francisco. **PP Froily Aragon** phoned in on the 11th with a piece of good news: the operation was a success. However, he said, PRID Paing has to undergo a second surgical procedure on the 24th, this time to correct his aneurism.

Ann Mely and the Hechanova family wish to thank everyone in the club for the prayers and well wishes, especially those who attended the Holy Mass offered for his intention last Tuesday, 10 November, at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park and another at the St. James the Great Church in Ayala Alabang Village.

The family requests continued prayers for the success of the next operation and for PRID Paing's speedy and complete recovery.

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in doubt and submit your case to the rules committee for a final score on the questioned hole.

Besides the free tournament fee, club organizers are pooling together P100,000 worth of give-away and raffle prizes, plus five (5) gift certificates for Sunday brunch for two (2) at the Escolta Restaurant of The Peninsula Manila. Additional raffle items are being solicited by the organizers.

Fun hole prizes will be awarded to nearest the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive. Organizers are also working on a hole-in-one prize.

So come on, golfers! Adjust your calendar and join us for some fun and sunshine, while showing support for our very own **Gov. Sid Garcia**. And remember, it's free!

--PP Rey Adriano



27 October 2009

RC Makati Rotarians	57
Honorary and Exempt Members /	
Visiting Rotarians and Guests	22
Total Attendance	79
Make-Ups	15
Total Attendance Credit	72
Total Attendance Base	142
Exempted Members	41
Total Membership to date	183
Attendance Percentage	50.70%

Make Ups:

1. Chito Cantada
2. PP Jonny Carlos
3. Javier Fernandez de Castro
4. Tommy de Leon
5. Aris del Mundo
6. Mon Diokno
7. Eddie Galvez
8. Drex Laggi
9. PP Ric Librea
10. PN Rene Limjoco
11. PP Conrad Marty
12. Dayal Nandwani
13. Migs Puyat
14. PDG Tony Quila
15. Eddie Yap

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checked for defects. This, the seminar emphasized, is key to saving lives and property. The seminar was held at the Function Hall of the Insurance Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Ayala Life-FGU Center on Ayala Avenue, Makati.

This year's Fire Safety Compliance Awards will culminate in March 2010, as part of the observance of Fire Prevention Month. Every year since its inception in 1998, the recognition program has attracted the participation of buildings and establishments in the Makati Central Business District and other parts of central Makati.

The Makati Fire Safety Foundation, Inc. is run by a board of trustees, of which our own Makati **Mayor Jojo Binay** and **PP Cesar Campos** are members. Mayor Binay represents the City Government of Makati, while PP Cesar represents the club.

MRCFI creates Disaster Relief & Rehab Committee, PP Freddie Borrromeo named chairman

PP Freddie Borrromeo has taken on a new assignment, as chairman of the newly-created Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation Committee of the Makati Rotary Club Foundation Inc (MRCFI). The appointment was made by MRCFI Pres. Jonny Carlos in answer to the pressing need, in light of recent natural calamities, for a quick-response facility to attend to the needs of affected families when they need help the most. Specifically, the committee is tasked to bring medicine to victims of typhoons and floods and other disasters.

PP Freddie was in Baguio last weekend to bring two boxes of medicine to our Brother Club, RC Baguio North. It will be recalled that in early October, Baguio suffered flooding and landslides at the height of Pepeng to the point of being isolated for a few days as all

three roads leading to it—Marcos Highway, Naguilian Road and Kennon Road—were shut down by landslides. The medicine kits contain medicine for respiratory ailments, diarrhea and leptospirosis, illnesses most commonly contracted by people who have to stay in crowded evacuation centers. RC Baguio North was one of seven Brother Clubs that received financial assistance from the club for their relief operations in their respective communities.

Pres. Budz Royeca, PP Oscar Cadelina and Sec. Billy Siti received the two boxes of medicine from PP Freddie and Ann Jojo. The medicine packs, which contain anti-diarrheals,

ointments for skin infections, and antibiotics, were provided by MRCFI through MRCFI Pres. Jonny Carlos.

PP Freddie is planning a visit to Bay, Laguna as well as Tanay and Cainta in Rizal to deliver medicine kits soon.



Turnover of medicine to RC Baguio North, L-R: Sec. Billy Siti, PP Oscar Cadelina, Ann Jojo, PP Freddie and Pres. Budz Royeca

Golfers called upon to play for RCM in 4th Leg of Governor's Cup tomorrow at Southwoods—for free

The fourth leg of the Governor's Cup Golf Tournament has been scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, 18th November 18, at the Southwoods Golf and Country Club.

Our club will be the host and grand sponsor of this event. Tournament fee is P3,000, but here's good news: all golf-playing members of the Rotary Club of Makati are extended **free tournament fee**. Organizers are hopeful all golfers will participate and help ensure the success of this club-hosted sports event.

You and/or your company can extend a hand as a sponsor to promote your products or services. Or, if you just want to contribute any amount to help shoulder the cost of this event, contact the secretariat, VP Francis Macatulad or PP Tito Panlilio as soon as possible.

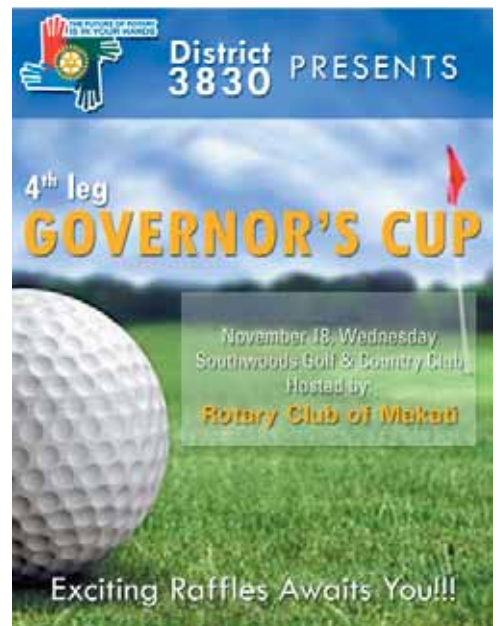
The least we can do for the club is play as a member of the RC Makati golf team. There are no limits to the number of players in a team. The aggregate of the best four (4) net

scores will count as team score. We need to win the team championship in one leg to qualify for the Tournament of Champions this Rotary year.

All you need to do is register with the secretariat anytime and show up at Southwoods, ready to tee off by 7:00 a.m. to 9:a.m. tomorrow. Since your tournament fee is free, all you need to pay for is your breakfast and drink, hole chit, mulligan, caddy fee and the golf cart rental if you need a ride. Lunch too will be free during the awarding of prizes.

You need to submit your handicap index rating for November 2009 to qualify for the individual/team honors. Participants will be grouped into four (4) class divisions based on handicaps. Individual awards will be given for the lowest gross score, lowest net score, and the class champions, and first and second runners-up. Those who do not have an established handicap index can play using the system 36 scoring format.

This is a medal play format using



the RPGA or IPPI handicap index for scoring, with a maximum net score of five (5) under par. In the event of a tie, the lower handicap wins. We will play under the RPGA and local club rules. To avoid delay, play two balls if

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Here and Now

By Pres. Felix Amparo

Many Thanks to You All

It has been exactly 9 days since our very successful 22nd Christmas Bazaar at the Renaissance Hotel, and although I had said ‘thank you’ last Tuesday, I would like to reiterate it, this time in more detail.

Thank you to:

- Our precious Rotary Anns, for the long hours spent, the talents put to good use, the resources expended, to put up a project at which they have developed expertise unequalled in these parts. Their efforts have borne much fruit, concretized in the estimated P1.2 Million in net revenues we are most likely to make, a substantial amount which will be used to fund our projects;
- Our fellow club members who accepted and did not return the tickets issued to them, those who came on bazaar day to shop, assist the Anns, serve as “barkers,” or simply to be counted;
- Our generous sponsors and donors for adding to our net revenues;
- Our concessionaires for their support and cooperation, and especially for the trust and loyalty of our “old” vendors who have joined our bazaar year after year for many years now;
- The shoppers who came in a steady stream from opening hour to closing time; with special thanks to those who supported our Last Angel Gift-Giving Project for children; and
- Our secretariat staff, for the hard work and dedication to the objective of ensuring the success of the fundraiser

Allow me to make special mention of my Ann Tessie, for orchestrating the project from beginning to end, for putting things together and tying up loose ends, with one goal and one goal alone: to raise as much funds as possible for the many programs and

projects the club is undertaking for the individuals, families and communities who look to the Rotary Club of Makati for help.

As I said last week, the convergence of two key factors accounted for the success of the bazaar—high income and low cost. The high income came from higher sponsorships, while the low cost came by way of a new venue and other cost-cutting measures that gave us some P200K in savings. Those are the quantifiable factors.

But there were other factors, way beyond measure, that sealed the bazaar’s success—the commitment and hard work of the Anns, the teamwork among the Rotarians, Anns and staff; the solid support of the sponsors; and the cooperation of the vendors and shoppers.

To all of them and all of you, *maraming salamat!*

MAFSAFI launches 2010 Fire Safety Compliance Awards in Makati

The Makati Fire Safety Foundation, Inc. (MAFSAFI) launched late last month the Fire Safety Compliance Awards (MFSA) for 2010. This is the annual search for establishments and buildings that have complied with the provisions of the National Building Code (PD 1096) and the new Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514). The search is being conducted in cooperation with the City Government of Makati, Makati Commercial Estate Association, and the Rotary Club of Makati, which are all founding members of the Foundation. The Makati City Fire Department is also playing a role in the implementation of the program.

Now on its 12th year, the MFSA has been very effective in raising among Makati residents greater fire

safety awareness and advocacy for the protection of life and property against fires. The awards come in three categories: Building Fire Safety Compliance, Building Fire Brigade, and Corporate Fire Safety.

For the Building Fire Safety Compliance, the awards are categorized into three—5-star for a grade range of 90 to 100, 3-star for a grade range of 85 to 85.99 and 1-star for a grade of 80 to 84.99. An ocular inspection of the building premises shall be conducted by a team of fire safety inspectors from MAFSAFI, the Makati City Fire Department, and the Office of the Building Official of Makati City. The inspection team will conduct an actual inspection and testing of all of the building’s existing fire protection

equipment, and check the existing maintenance records and operation manuals of all equipment.

With the new Fire Code and its implementing rules now in effect, the Foundation conducted on the 30th of October 2009 a whole-day seminar on the new code’s “Requirements for Automatic Fire Suppression (sprinkler), Standpipe and Hose Systems.” Targeted primarily to building owners and managers, the seminar sought to give participants a greater understanding of the need for properly designed and high-quality fire protection equipment and systems and the imperativeness of installing them in one’s building and in having them regularly maintained and

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