

22nd Christmas Bazaar draws over 8000 shoppers, generates P1.13M in net income



Ribbon cutting ceremony by Sen. Loi Ejercito and Ann Elenita Binay

When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping.

That might have been the tag line to the publicity materials for the

club's 22nd Christmas Bazaar, but it was not, of course. Still they came for the bazaar on the 8th of November, and in droves too, the two groups of people who make or break a bazaar—the concessionaires who have goods to sell and the shoppers in search of a good buy. There were 116 vendors selling a wide assortment of products—clothes, jewelry, bags, accessories, linen, décor, and food, lapped up by a steady flood of shoppers, some 8,000 of them, happily parting with their money. Holders of platinum and gold Banco de Oro credit cards enjoyed the privilege, exclusively theirs, of cashless

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At the Last Angel corner



The White Elephant table



The Ticket Sales table

PROGRAM ADVISORY

NO MEETING

on

Tuesday, 22 December

and

Tuesday, 29 December

First Meeting for 2010:

Tuesday, 5 January

Guest Speaker:

HON. JEJOMAR BINAY

Mayor, City of Makati

To deliver his final

State of the City Address



PP ROBERT KUAN
Invocator



PP PEPITO BENGZON
Charger



SEC. GANI FERRER
Moderator

FELIX AMPARO
Club President

DAYAL NANDWANI
Club Treasurer

As you are all well aware, the club was incorporated in April 2009, and is now formally known as the Rotary Club of Makati, Inc. As a corporate entity, it is required by law to hold an annual meeting of members; the first such meeting took place last week, the 8th of December.

PP Robert Kuan delivered a prayer thanking God for His greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this month. Grant, he asked, that His light may shine in our lives and that we may be illumined by Your word. May we continue to be inspired by Him as we try to live up to our motto, Service Above Self.

Announcements. PP Freddie Borromeo invited all to gift-giving activities: in Tondo on the 15th, Antipolo and Tanay on the 17th, and Calatagan, Batangas on the 19th, the last with a fellowship lunch at the Borromeo beach house there. Dir. Frank Chavez was looking for a Santa Claus for the 12th gift-giving program for the Bantay Bata wards, on the following morning (9th Dec.) at the Makati City Hall, while Dick Funk informed that there will be

a career guidance seminar in Mabalacat on 14th January.

One more new member came on board last week—Johnson “Johnny” Tan, chairman and president of the Armak Tape Corp. Proposed by PP Robert Kuan, Johnny was charged by PP Pepito Bengzon, who counseled him on how to make the most of Rotary through the acronym APPLES—A for attendance, P for Payment of dues, P for Participation, L for Learning, E for Enjoyment and S for Sharing one’s three Ts—time, talent and treasure.

Pres. Felix Amparo led a silent prayer for PP Fred Nassr who was in the hospital; reported on the Discon launch and District Christmas party at the SMX on 2nd Dec. and a surgical mission at PGH on the 5th, with 22 patients served; thanked Dean Velasco for hosting a mini social on the 3rd, and reminded everyone of tonight’s Christmas Party at the Manila Polo Club, with entertainment to be provided by a group from that time of our youth.

After Sec. Gani Ferrer certified the presence of a quorum, Pres. Felix made a report on the accomplishments

of the past 6 months, a condensed version of the reports made by the directors in the preceding week, on the occasion of the Governor’s Visit: Club Service A: the 44th Induction Ball, the regular lunch meetings, including the Senators’ Forum and Governor’s Visit and Ladies/Anns Day; and Mini Socials. Club Service B: Membership count upped from 177 at start to the present 181 and orientation sessions for inductees; and in Sports, participation of the Governor’s Cup and District Bowling Tourney, and weekly activities of the Arceemak Gun Club. Community Service A: 9 medical-dental missions, joint disaster relief operations with the district benefiting 4,365 people in 27 sites, donation of P190 to 6 Brother Clubs; 568 children served in anti TB program, 252 of them under D-3830, the rest under the club’s matching grant project. Community Service B-Gawad Kalinga: 5 houses built, medical-dental mission that served 370 patients, 6 trainees trained with Monark Foundation, and a Rotary Community Corps created. Service to Youth: Rotaractors participated Ondoy relief operations and in various youth forums; Interactors took part in English Proficiency Program, various youth forums, and in the *Mamma Mia!* production, and assisted in Ondoy relief operations. International Service A: renewed relations with 7 Sister Clubs;



Johnson “Johnny” Tan is sworn in by Pres. Felix Amparo as proposer PP Robert Kuan looks on (left) and is welcomed by the rest of the club

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shopping.

The best news is that the bazaar was able to raise a big, fat income for the club—P1,137,373 net of expenses. This amount includes receivables of P347,100. Against the backdrop of the prevailing global recession, this is a huge achievement indeed! First Ann **Tessie Amparo**, overall chairperson, co-chairpersons **Mely Hechanova** and **Angela Quila**, and of course **Pres. Felix Amparo**, have every reason to be delighted.

Most of the income was derived from concessionaires' fees, which came to P649,500; ticket sales of P396,100; and sponsors/donors, who brought in a nice, round figure of P400,000. Total expenses came to P514,054. As in past years, the biggest expense was the venue rental, at P300,000, although it must be noted that substantial savings were realized with the move to New World Hotel, which offered a rate lower by P130,000 than that of the former venue.

The bazaar formally opened at 9:00 AM with the ceremonial ribbon cutting by **Sen. Loi Ejercito** and Makati First Lady **Elenita Binay**, which declared: Let the shopping begin!

The Rotarians were there too, of course, content with their second-lead roles as announcers, annotators and "barkers" calling attention to the give-away prices at the White Elephants table and discounts at this or that booth, announcing raffle winners, inviting shoppers to buy a present for some child at the Last Angel



tree, and warning everyone to be careful with their purses. On their off-hours, they went around for some shopping, by themselves or with their respective Anns, to dutifully carry their shopping bags.

The hard work had paid off once again. As early as August, the Anns had started laying the groundwork, which grew to a frenzy as the D-Day approached. The team of **Terry**

Tambunting, chairperson of the Advance Ticket Sales Committee, with the support of members **Teody Buenaflor**, and **Lil Dominguez**, handled the pre-event ticket sales; **Caling Young** and **Irene Barcelon**, chair and co-chair of the White Elephants Committee, begged and cajoled friends and relatives to donate goods to them, while Sponsorship Committee chairperson **Mely**

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Today: 11 December (Friday)

Christmas Party

Manila Polo Club

In charge: **First Ann Tessie Amparo**

Note: The Christmas Party takes the place of the meeting of Tuesday, 15th December

Tuesday, 22 December

No Meeting

In observance of Christmas

Tuesday, 29 December:

No Meeting

In observance of the New Year

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 5 January 2010

Guest Speaker:

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matching grant project; under Heather Kinross Center, graduated 72 trainees for welding and 41 in English literacy, commercial cooking program on-going; approval of MG for microfinance project with RC Sydney and RC Singapore. District Affairs: hosted the District Handover, Colloquium on AnTB, fundraising concert, Am Enchanting Evening of Music, and 4th leg of Governor's Cup; co-hosted launch fo Every Reader a Leader project, Project Fair, Literacy Summit and IT Seminar. Finally: the 22nd Christmas Bazaar, held 8th November at the New World Hotel, earned P1.1M for the club.

Treas. Dayal Nandwani reported that of the total budget of P8,600,000 requested from the Makati Rotary Club Foundation Inc. (MRCFI), P3,500,000 has been received, leaving a balance of P5,100,000. Total funds (actual receipts) as of 30 November stood at P4,764,634. Budgeted expenses for operations for the Rotary Year 2009-2010 is P10,122,000, with actual expenses of P5,257,764 as on 30 November, leaving a balance of P6,375,951.

On a motion by **PP Ric Librea**,



BIRTHDAYS

ROTARIANS

- Gani Ferrer, 11 Dec.
- Rante Aguila, 15 Dec.
- Mike Escaler, 16 Dec.
- PP Puno Pena, 18 Dec.
- Reggie Nolido, 19 Dec.
- Jun Periquet, 20 Dec.
- PP Willie Soong, 20 Dec.
- Vic Ong, 23 Dec.
- Eddie Galvez, 24 Dec.
- Cesar Cruz, 26 Dec.
- Ronnie Concepcion, 29 Dec.
- Peter Ng, 29 Dec.

ROTARY ANNS

- Chinit Rufino, 11 Dec.
- Pilina Rocha, 13 Dec.
- Christine Lee, 16 Dec.
- Tess Lopez, 17 Dec.
- Menchit Ordoveza, 18 Dec.
- Jojo Borromeo, 21 Dec.
- Patty Chilip, 21 Dec.
- Jenny Ng, 23 Dec.
- Natalie Co, 23 Dec.
- Mely Hechanova, 26 Dec.
- Celia Hizon, 3 Jan.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Bimbo & Queenie Mills, 12 Dec.
- Pilo & Gin Eugenio, 14 Dec.
- Ramon & Marie Lou Gonzalez, 14 Dec.
- PP Conrad & Chit Marty, 16 Dec.
- Vic & Corlu Caparas, 20 Dec.
- Raymond & Charina Garcia, 20 Dec.
- Gary & Sylvia Quemado, 21 Dec.
- PP Tito & Brin Panlilio, 22 Dec.
- Eddie & Trina Galvez, 26 Dec.
- Chito & Vicky Cantada, 27 Dec.
- Manny & Baby Javelosa, 27 Dec.
- Felix & Grace Ang, 28 Dec.
- Philip & Mita Soliven, 29 Dec.
- Francis & Anna Macatulad, 29 Dec.
- Vic & Zeny Floresca, 30 Dec.
- Ai-Ai & Rose Galvez, 1 Jan.
- PP Froily & Milen Aragon, 3 Jan.
- PP Carlos & Mariza del Rosario, 3 Jan.

seconded by **PP Cesar Campos**, the accounting firm USA & Co. was named the club's external auditor. The election of 4 new directors was still on-going, with the results to be announced in due time.



1 December 2009

RC Makati Rotarians	67
Honorary and Exempt Members /	
Visiting Rotarians and Guests	2
Total Attendance	62
Make-Ups	12
Total Attendance Credit	72
Total Attendance Base	140
Exempted Members	41
Total Membership to date	181
Attendance Percentage	51.43%

Make Ups:

1. PP Pepito Bengzon
2. PP Freddie Borromeo
3. Frank Chavez
4. Toffy Concepcion
5. Javier Fernandez de Castro
6. Tommy de Leon
7. Mon Diokno
8. Gani Ferrer
9. Ramon Garcia
10. Reggie Nolido
11. PP Tito Panlilio
12. Migs Puyat

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Santiago, Therese Santiago, nurses;

For the 5 December mission: Drs. Virge Acain, Mel Agdeppa, Sherwin Alamo, JC Alcarazen, Liza Apolinar, Neil Bacaltas, Mark Berces, Joey Carpio, Madge Elloso, Rainier Lutanco, Shiela Macalindong, Patrick Menas, Al Peco, Butch Refuerzo, Jen Reyes, Ronnie Salazar, Aloe Zaragoza, doctors; Ma. Teresa Bascava, Jean Belardo, John Paul Co, Emil Geronimo, Christine Gratil, Jillan Rapal, Jackie Talon, nurses.

The monthly surgical missions are conducted free of charge for indigent patients from all over the country.

Prayers requested for the

Speedy & complete recovery of
PP Fred Nassr



Here and Now

By Pres. Felix Amparo

Warmest Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year of Joy, Peace & Plenty

The last time I looked, we were having our Induction Ball at this very same venue, and tonight we've reached our mid-year point—how time flies, indeed!

We've done well, I must say with "pardonable pride," to borrow a favorite phrase of Dir. Frank Chavez, whenever he speaks of something he has done that deserves applause or praise or at least a smile. Those accomplishments were reported at length by the directors at the Governor's Visit on 1st December, and reiterated by me last Tuesday during the Annual Meeting of Members, our club's first as a corporate entity, the Rotary Club of Makati, Inc.

It's been a semester heavy with projects in the service department, but we have not forgotten to moisten and fertilize the soil on which our fellowship tree grows, strong, robust and lush as ever, made so by the bonds of friendship, common causes and shared values that hold us together in a tight knot, and by occasions of fun and laughter, food and wine. Tonight is one such occasion. Let us all enjoy it!

As we move close to the sunset of 2009 and the dawn of 2010, allow me to thank you all for the solid support, without which none of the things we have done would have been possible. I trust that the rest of the year will see us all working as hard as we have, if not harder, to meet our targets and reach our goals.

From my Ann Tessie and our family to yours, warm wishes for a blessed Christmas and a New Year of joy, peace and plenty.



Friday, 11 December 2009
Manila Polo Club

6:00 PM	Registration	
6:30 PM	Invocation	PP Conrad Marty
	Philippine National Anthem	
	Rotary Hymn	
	Christmas Message	Pres. Felix Amparo
8:00 PM	Buffet Dinner	
	Raffle Draw	
	Entertainment	
	Dance . . . Dance Dance . . .	

Chito Cantada
Master of Ceremonies

Tessie Amparo, Jean Chavez
Lil Dominguez, Chit Marty & Maureen Soong

Food & Entertainment Committee

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visited RC Kota Kinabalu, RC Sydney, RC Taoyuan, and RC Itako. International Service B: renewed agreements with 20 Brother Clubs, visited 7 Brother Clubs, forged Brother Club ties with RC Downtown Davao and RC Legaspi West in Albay; signed up 20 Paul Harris Fellows. Vocational Service A: 416 books distributed to 332 school under BATS; continuing Teacher and Principal Training Programs; donated P500K to Philippine Christian Foundation for school in Payatas; recognition of and financial assistance to Honest Cop, **PO1 Jimmy Reginaldo**. Vocational Service B: 4 SSLC scholars supported, employment at RCM office of SSLC graduate; at PID, 6 half scholars supported, another 6 supported under a

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Hechanova and co-chair **Lil Dominguez** looked for sponsors and donors, and **Jojo Borromeo**, assisted by co chair **Lil Dominguez** and member **Teody Buenaflor**, shopped around for prizes to raffle off to shoppers. As the bazaar day drew near, **Millette Carlos**, chair of the Publicity Committee, with help from co-chair **Chit Marty** and member **Baby Newfield**, beat the drums louder and louder for the bazaar. **Mimi Valerio** and daughter **Nikkie** did a yeoman's job of screening and selecting the concessionaires, mindful of the product mix and the quality of the merchandise; they were also there on the eve of the bazaar to supervise the assignment of tables, as was **Terry Tambunting**, chair of the Physical Arrangements Committee. Terry, of course, was there long after the last shopper had gone, to oversee the clean-up.

Everyone was there early on the 8th, never mind that it was a Sunday. **Lu Limjoco**, chairperson of the Day Ticket Sales Committee, took care of the ticket sales table, while **Menchit Ordoeza**, chair, with co-chair **Pam Manzano** and member **Melanie Laggui** manned the entrance and exit. **Marilou Alejandro** and **Maureen Soong**, chair and co-chair of the Marshals/ Security Committee, with **IPP Larry Boyer** as adviser, were tasked to maintain order and ensure the safety of everyone.

The Last Angel Committee chaired by **Tere Boyer**, with **Angela Quila** as co-chair, put up



a Christmas tree from which hang angel tags bearing the names of boys and girls to whom the club would be bringing Christmas presents. The gift-giving started last Wednesday the 9th of December and will culminate on the 21st in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati.

The Finance Committee composed of **Et Librea** as chair and **Yvonne Kuan** as co-chair went to work the day after the bazaar, poring over expenses, collections and receivables, pencil-pushing, checking and re-checking the figures and making sure everything added up. The financial statement, from which the figures cited in this story came, is their handiwork.

Kudos to the Anns for pulling off this feat for yet another year, and many thanks to everyone who had a hand in the bazaar's success—the concessionaires old and new who sought us out, some as early as July; the sponsors for their financial contributions, and



the donors of raffle prizes and White Elephant items from their kind assistance; the New World Hotel for the attentive accommodation and the low rental that allowed us big savings; the shoppers who sealed the bazaar's success with their presence and patronage; the Last Angel supporters for the gifts they gave to the children; the RCM staff for their hard work; and the Rotarians for their solid support.

One last time, the Anns pray:

Please join us in delivering the Lord's providence and good cheer

The Anns are in the thick of their pet outreach project—the Last Angel Gift-Giving activity, which brings them to various communities and charitable institutions to bring Christmas presents to children who belong to families to whom presents, even at Christmastime, are something only devoutly to be wished. This year, in particular, should be doubly hard for them, given the tough and trying times the world is in. The Last Angel Project is something these children look forward to, to bring a measure of cheer to their lives at Christmastime. Indeed, what better way to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child than to share our blessings with the children.

Seventeen (17) sites have been chosen as beneficiaries of the project this year. Four of these have already been visited for the gift distribution activity—last Wednesday, 9th December, the Bantay Bata wards, 67 of them, were served in a simple program at the Makati City Hall in the morning; and in the afternoon, the Bahay Maria orphanage in Bel-Air Village, Makati, where 36 orphans received gifts; yesterday, Thursday the 10th, two project sites were served: in the morning, the Sta. Clara

de Montefalco Parish in Pasay City where the 100 kids graduated from the club's TB Eradication Program were handed presents, and in the afternoon, in Pateros, Rizal where gifts were distributed to 30 children enrolled in the Family Health & Nutrition Committee's supplemental feeding program.

You are invited to take part in this tradition by signing up for any of the remaining Last Angel days. Please don't pass up this opportunity to see the joyful smiles on the children's faces as they receive that precious gift from your hands. Sign up with project coordinator **Eden Noche** for any of the following days:

Saturday, 12 December, 9:00 AM (52 wards)

- Hapag-Asa Feeding Program site
Brgy. Sampaloc, Parañaque City

Tuesday, 15 December, 2:00 PM

- Happy Land, Payatas (30 wards)
- E. Gomez Elem School, Sta. Cruz Manila(30 wards)
- Asilo de San Vicente, UN Ave. (59 wards)
NOTE: Meet at the RCM office, 1:00PM

Thursday, 17 December, 9:30 AM (160 wards)

- Brgy. Sta Ana, Taytay Rizal
 - Brgy. Binayoyo, Antipolo City
 - Brgy. Tandang Kutyo, Tanay Rizal
 - Brgy. Kay Buto, Tanay Rizal
- NOTE: Meet at Tiendesitas, 8:30AM

Friday, 18 December,

- 9:00AM: (43 wards)
MCM & Last Supper -Batibot
Las Pinas City
- 11:00 AM (14 wards)
Allegro Pacific Multinational Village
Brgy. Moonwalk, Parañaque City
- 3:00 PM (100 wards)
Gawad Kalinga Villa Paraiso
Brgy. Sun Valley, Parañaque City

Sunday, 19 December, 2:00 PM (30 wards)

- E.Z Foundation, Kilitisin Elem School and Balibago Elem School
Calatagan, Batangas

Monday, 21 December, 10:00 AM (100 wards)

- Brgy. Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City

2 Surgical Missions held at PGH

The club's Medical Missions Committee chaired by Boy Hilvano joined hands anew with the Philippine General Hospital for two surgical missions held a week apart—the first, a hemorrhoidectomy exercise on the 28th of November, the other a cholecystectomy mission, using laparoscopy and open surgery, on the 5th of December.

A total of 45 patients benefited from the two missions, with 23 undergoing surgery for hemorrhoids and 22 for gall bladder ailments.

Two teams from UP-PGH

performed the operations—for the 28 November mission: Drs. Russel Alegarle, Jed Aro, Neil Bacultos, Romel Domingo, Carlo Garcia, Jett Gonzalez, JP Gonzalez, Marc Paul Lopez, Cocoy Maglaya, Patrick Matias, Ferdie Melendrez, Diovy Montecillo, Dionne Sakdalan, residents; Drs. Raquel Peji, Sabine Torno, Kristina Trocio, Clarissa Tuliao, JC Valencia, interns; Michelle Allasco, Joan Aguinaldo, Mai-mai Aquino, Emil Geronimo, Celso Ezra



Juan, Karen Lopez, Arnedo Meer, Edwin Nada, Erwina Rojas, Joie Sanchez, Joy
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Bantay Bata Committee sponsors Workshop for Barangay Coordinators on Children's Rights

Bantay Bata Committee chairman and Community Service B **Dir. Frank Chavez** pushed for the committee's 5th project for this year with the Rotary Club of Makati's sponsorship of a seminar in Los Banos, Laguna on 24-26 November 2009.



Dir. Frank Chavez addresses the participants (left) and poses for a photo op

The 3-day training workshop, which was participated in by 35 Barangay Coordinators of the street and urban working children project of the Makati Social Welfare Department, consisted of 5 modules:

1. The Inner "Me," a self-assessment activity
2. Good Parenting & Family Relationships
 - Types of Parenting
 - Rights & Responsibilities of Parents
 - Husband & Wife Relationship
 - Management of Child Misbehavior
3. Early Detection & Prevention of Child Abuse
 - Definition & Types of Child Abuse
 - Early Signs of Child Abuse
 - Ways to Prevent Child Abuse
 - Procedures in Helping a Child Victim of Abuse
4. Child Welfare & Protection Concerns
 - National & Local Laws on Children
 - National & Local Programs for Children
5. Action Planning/Workshop
 - Identification of Children Issues and Concerns in their

Barangays

- Identification of Possible Solutions & Recommendations
- Identification of their Roles & Functions

Unable to attend the opening of the workshop on the 24th (as it was in conflict with the club's regular Tuesday meeting), Dir. Frank made it a point to attend the closing ceremonies at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 26th.

Also present was **Ms. Medy Ramos**, head of the Makati Social Welfare Dept. Support staff.

Club co-hosts launch of District Conference 2010

The Club joined the Rotary Club of Parañaque East as co-host of the program to formally launch this Rotary year's District Conference, which is scheduled for 19-21 March at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza. The launch was held at the SMX Center at the Mall of Asia on the 2nd of December, with **PP Pepito Bengzon** as emcee.

It was only right that the club serve as event co-host as we shall be the host of the DisCon itself, since the District Governor, **Sid Garcia**, is a member of our club.

At the launch, **Pres. Felix Amparo** delivered the welcome remarks in which he invited everyone to the DisCon and assured them that it will be worth their while. **PP Freddie Borromeo** has been

designated chairman of the DisCon Committee.

For his part, Gov. Sid made a strong pitch for the DisCon, urging one and all to be there and be counted.

An audiovisual presentation, which preceded Gov. Sid's message, showed the projects and activities of the different clubs in District 3830.

Aiming to hit two birds with the same stone, the launch segued to the District Christmas Party, where everyone let their hair down and had fun.

There to show support for Gov. Sid



were Pres. Felix, PP Pepito, PP Jonny Carlos, PP Conrad Marty, PP Sonny Tambunting & Ann Terry, PE Jun Rojas, VP Francis Macatulad, and of course D-3830 First Ann Tesha Garcia.