

Club conducts Career Guidance Seminar for 128-strong graduating class in Pampanga

Some 128 members of the graduating class of the Teodoro Santos Institute in Mabalacat, Pampanga were given a very special treat not all high school seniors get—a career guidance seminar that gave them sound advice on the things they need to do and the attitudes they need to have to make it to the university.

Organized by Dick Funk, chairman of the Career Guidance Committee and president of the Teodoro Santos Institute, the seminar had four Rotarians as resource speakers—Dir. Toffy Concepcion, Drex Laggui, Mundy Gonzalez, and Gary Quemado—who graciously drove all the way to Pampanga and spent the whole of 14th January at the school. Ann Baby Funk was also there to provide moral support.

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Dick Funk



Gary Quemado



Mundy Gonzalez



Drex Laggui



Dir. Toffy Concepcion



Turnover of books



It was a virtual ‘ode to humility,’ the invocation that **Gary Quemado** delivered last week, which began with an acknowledgment of God’s power: “we are nothing without You.” He went on: “We seek Your grace to acquire the virtue of humility,” it being “the foundation of all virtues.” From then on it was a personal supplication, to be like Jesus, “meek and humble of heart,” as Gary dropped “we” for “I” and “us” for “me.” Jesus, he prayed, “delivered me from the desire of being esteemed, of being loved, of being extolled; of being honored, praised, and preferred to others. Deliver me from the desire to be consulted and approved, and from the fear of being humiliated and despised; deliver me from the fear of suffering, rebuke and calumny, of being forgotten, ridiculed and wronged. Deliver me from the fear of being suspected and of others being loved more than me. Grant me this grace, to desire the virtue of humility,” the kind of humility, we might add, that is more divine than human.

PRID Paing Hechanova came up to greet everyone and thank them for their prayers “during my sickness in the past 5 months.” Citing the sainted Mother Teresa, who said that “to pray is to believe, to believe is to love, to love is to serve,” he said that “because of your prayers I can continue to serve our club, our district, our country

and Rotary International.”
PP Freddie Borromeo, chairman of the Family Health & Nutrition Committee, informed that through the efforts of **IPP Larry Boyer**, two cleft palate patients referred by the Rotary Club of Taytay East will soon be undergoing surgery, with the assistance of the Enrique Zobel Foundation and ‘Operation Smile.’ He also announced that **Hiro Oba** is organizing an art exchange among public schools that the supplemental feeding program is sponsoring. He expressed the hope that the exchange will lead to something more substantial. Hiro is also bringing in a group of magicians from Japan to perform a show for the children in Camia St., Guadalupe Nuevo, where our clubhouse is located. They will be flying in from Taipei for the 6 February show in Makati. **PP Freddie** also issued an invite to join him on the 23rd, a Saturday, for the launch of a supplemental feeding program in Bay, Laguna, in partnership with our Brother Club, the Rotary Club of Bay. It will be worth your time, **Dir. Ferdie Ordoveza** has promised.



Turnover of computer to Kabisig ng Kalahi

Dick Funk, chairman of the Career Guidance Committee, announced that the career guidance seminar in his school in Mabalacat, Pampanga would push through as scheduled on Thursday, 14th January, adding that it was unfortunate that **Service to Youth Dir. Ed Galvez** and **VP Francis Macatulad** would not be able to make it as resource speakers.

For his part, **Dir. Ferdie Ordoveza** called on two batches of Baby Rotarians—RY 2008-2009 and RY 2009-2010—to join him for a brief post-meeting meeting at 2:00 PM—**Jonathan Crook, Miguel Puyat, Aris del Mundo, Dennis Botman, Rodrigo Segura, Joseph Kuan, Vicente Mills, Richard Santiago, Felix Ang, John David**

Young, Shane Townsend and Johnson Tan.

Pres. Felix Amparo began his president’s time with an exchange of banners with **PP Jessie Malvar**, a



PP Jessie Malvar of RC Santa Clara Sunrise, California exchanges banners with Pres. Felix Amparo (left) and awards honorary membership in her club to PP Robert Kuan





LEO H. DE LEON

Leo de Leon has over 30 years of diverse Financial, Marketing and Business Development experience. He has an extensive knowledge and experience in North America and Southeast Asia in the areas of Food Service, Energy, and Real Estate.



Currently, he is the President of Allegro Beverage Corporation, a food service equipment and product distribution company in the Philippines and in Guam; President of Allegro Italian Caffè Inc. and the Chairman of the Global Culinary and Hospitality Academy with 3 culinary schools in the Philippines. He is also the President of Allegro Properties Corporation, a real estate company engaged in the development and management of apartment complexes and condominiums in Guam.

Previously, he was the Senior Vice President and General Manager of JAKA Investments Corporation in the Philippines and Financial Controller for Air Products and Chemicals, a US Fortune 200 Company, engaged in industrial gases, chemicals and energy systems.

Leo de Leon graduated with an A.B. Economics degree from Ateneo de Manila University and finished his MBA Finance at Temple University in Pennsylvania. He was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Americans" in 1981 by the U.S. Jaycees. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Makati.

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member of the Rotary Club of Santa Clarita Sunrise in California, who is in town on a visit. PP Jessie in turn called on PP Robert Kuan to award him an honorary membership in her club, an assignment she said she had been tasked to carry out while in town. Pres. Felix also reported that on the 9th, the Feast of the Black Nazarene, the Last Angel Committee chaired by Ann Tere Boyer conducted its last gift giving activity in Payatas, Tondo. Most of the gift-giving had been done in December, when over a thousand gifts were delivered to children in the organizations and communities that the club supports. He then thanked those responsible for the project, those who helped raise funds and those who participated in the gift distribution, and congratulated them on doing a good job. He also requested the directors and committee chairmen to take a look at the status of their objectives, plans, programs and the requirements of the District Governor to see where they stand at the present time. He also asked them to do a self-assessment and informed them that he will be meeting with them, one on one, to get updated on "where we are and what we need to do for the balance of our term."

Nereus Acosta, known via his TV ads by the monicker "Teacher Neric," is seeking election to the Philippine Senate under the banner of the Liberal Party, whose standard bearer is Sen.



Tuesday, 19 January 2010
The Conservatory, The Peninsula Manila

- Call to Order..... Pres. Felix Amparo
- Invocation Mau Blardony
- Philippine National Anthem
- RC Makati Hymn
- Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests ... Tommy de Leon
- Greetings to Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrators
- Club Functions & Committee Announcements
- Turnover of milk donation to RC Makati Metro President Albert Guevarra
- President's Time Felix Amparo
- Introduction of the Guest Speakers PP Tito Panlilio
- Speech:

LEOPOLDO "LEO" DE LEON
President, Allegro Beverage Corporation
& Allegro Italian Caffè, Inc.

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

Tommy de Leon
Moderator

Wanted: Sponsors for Kaunlaran

Starting this month, we are printing the *Kaunlaran* in color and in a new format—9" by 12". That means easier-to-read texts, clearer pictures, and overall better printing. This upgrade comes to us this month courtesy of our member, Aris del Mundo, proprietor of Armvet Printing Company, who is underwriting the publication of the bulletin for January.

As sponsor, Armvet gets a full-page ad in the *Kaunlaran*.

We're now looking for sponsors for February and the succeeding months. If interested, kindly call Arlene Ramirez at 8997863 to 65, local 102, to sign up. First come, first served.

Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino Jr. It was no wonder, therefore, that he pitched for his party and the ideals it stands for—integrity, honesty, and trust. He didn't do any hard-selling spiels for his party, Noynoy or himself; what he pushed hard was the imperativeness, especially for the 9 million strong new voters among the youth, to take an active interest in politics and to

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TODAY:

Tuesday, 19 January

Speaker:

Leo De Leon

President

Allegro Beverage Corp.

& Allegro Italian Caffè, Inc.

Saturday, 23 January

Launch of Joint Supplemental

Feeding Program with RC Bay

Site: Bay, Laguna

Assembly: 8:30AM, MRCFI Bldg.

Guadalupe Viejo, Makati

In charge: **PP Freddie Borromeo**

Tuesday, 26 January

Mr. Danny Abinoja

Chairman of the Board

PCG Savings & Loan Association

6 February (Saturday)

Waku Waku Magic Fukuoka

(A special Magic Show from Japan)

MRCFI Building Driveway

4:00 O'clock PM

Audience:

70 children from Camia St.

Brgy. Guadalupe, Makati

In charge: **Hiro Oba &**

PP Freddie Borromeo

BIRTHDAYS

ROTARIANS

Bryan Cockrell, 20 Jan.

Rene Galve, 20 Jan.

Ting Ayllon, 23 Jan.

Chris Chillip, 23 Jan.

PP Fred Parungao, 24 Jan.

Rick McGonegal, 25 Jan.

ROTARY ANN

J'net Zulueta, 23 Jan.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Connie Toledo, 22 Jan.

Joe & Jane Kuan, 22 Jan.

PP Jonny & Milette Carlos, 23 Jan.

Raul & Baby Fores, 24 Jan.

Bubi & Marian Krohn, 25 Jan.

Wednesday, 10 February

Valentine's Party

Hosts: **Baby Rotarians**

North Forbes Park Pavilion

6:00 PM

Tuesday, 16 February

Hon. Grace M. Padaca

Governor

Province of Isabela

5 January 2010

RC Makati Rotarians	64
Honorary and Exempt Members /	
Visiting Rotarians and Guests	3
Total Attendance	67
Make-Ups	12
Total Attendance Credit	76
Total Attendance Base	141
Exempted Members	41
Total Membership to date	182
Attendance Percentage	53.90%

Make Ups:

1. Gani Buenaflor
2. Toffy Concepcion
3. Javier Fernandez de Castro
4. Tommy de Leon
5. Mon Diokno
6. Ai-Ai Galvez
7. Ramon Garcia
8. Tony Herbosa
9. Reggie Nolido
10. Vic Ong
11. Pocholo Romero-Salas
12. George Temblique

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care enough for the country's future to register and vote. He cited an encounter with a student at the Bicol University during one of their Register & Vote Campaign sorties in July last year, where a 17-year-old posed a question that gave them pause: what guarantee, she asked, could they offer that those who will be elected to office will not betray them again. The question, Mr. Acosta pointed out, reflects the cynicism of the youth, which speaks volumes about their lack of trust in their leaders and their ability to deliver on their promises and to abide by the "terms of reference" in their "social contract" with the electorate. He also spoke of the people whom they have met on the campaign trail, ordinary folk who contribute a peso, twenty pesos, a piggy bank of coins to their campaign, who ask only that they be "good," that they serve honestly when/if elected.

While "galing at talino" and "sipag at tiyaga" are important, Teacher Neric emphasized. "katapatan and kabutihang-loob" are far more important, for it is integrity and goodness of heart that will make the people trust in our government and in our leaders again.

Pres. Felix Amparo turned over a computer set to Pres. Vicky Wieneke for Kabisig ng Kalahi, the club's partner in its supplemental feeding and TB eradication programs.

How We Treat People

Here are lessons to make us think about the way we treat people.

The Cleaning Lady

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz.

I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello".

I have never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11.30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, a gesture generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached... It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others. Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole."



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Last installment of Last Angel Gift-Giving Activity held

Over-run by the frenzy of the Christmas rush, the Last Angel Committee conducted one final gift-giving activity in January, specifically Saturday the 9th, in Payatas, one of the city's dumpsites, in Tondo, Manila.

Ann Tere Boyer, this year's Last Angel Committee

chairperson, went solo as she handed out Christmas presents to the 24 children, who were all too happy to receive them. By tradition the immediate past First Ann



Last Angel Chairperson Tere Boyer in action at Payatas, Tondo

chairs this committee, an adjunct of the Christmas Bazaar.

The Payatas activity wrapped up this Rotary year's Last Angel run, which

benefited over 1,030 children in 15 sites—4 charitable institutions, 13 communities, 1 parish and 3 schools.

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opening remarks by Dr. Amada Tuazon, school principal, Dick, who has been doing this for a number of years now, began the session with the career orientation, basically a word on the objectives of the seminar and what the students need to watch out for in the speakers' talks. Dick had earlier emailed to the speakers a set of guidelines on their presentations, the better for the students to get the most of them. A survey of Region 3 had revealed that 34% of high school graduates pursued courses in Commerce and Business, 31% in Education, 20% in Information Technology and other technical courses, and 15% in other fields.

Gary spoke about Economics, stressing the need to be "good in math," to be disciplined, have good communication skills and a grasp of statistics. He said one also needs to have basic knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of exchange rates, gross national product, and gross domestic product, among other economic matters. He also told the students that poverty is no hindrance to success in school and in life. What is important is that one studies/works hard and has the passion to pursue his/her dreams.

Mundy placed emphasis on three things he considers important and essential to the attainment of success: interest—know what you want to do and choose an area you are really interested in; ability—be sure you have the capability and perseverance

to pursue your interest; and opportunity—look for opportunities and take advantage of them. His advice: Find your strengths and pursue your interests, and opportunities will come.

For his part, Drex reiterated the basic ingredient for success in life—hard work—and the basic requirements in school—a good head for math ("the language for everything," he called it) and good communication skills. He told the students that in order to succeed, one must have the right attitude; focus and discipline are must-haves as well.

Taking up the rear was Dir. Toffy who began with an open confession—of being the nerdy type. He then went on to encourage the business minded among the students—like those who sell e-load—by lauding them for their enterprising spirit. To give the students a broad view of the options open to them, Dir. Toffy presented a brief on various occupations, such as call center agent and computer technician, and salary ranges and their respective salary ranges. He also spoke on the benefits of savings and investments, and encouraged them to engage in the two activities.

Every talk was followed by a Q&A, during which the students posed questions or clarified points. Dir. Toffy and Drex



gave cash gifts to the students who took part in the open forum, as well as those who sang during the program.

The Rotarians also gave books to beef up the library of the Institute.

In closing, Dick thanked the resource speakers for sharing their time and thoughts with the graduating class and Pres. Felix Amparo for making the seminar possible.

PROGRAM ADVISORY

NEXT WEEK
Tuesday, 26 January

Guest Speaker:
MR. DANNY ABINOJA
Chairman of the Board
PCG Savings & Loan Association