

Bantay Bata links up anew with Makati SWD for Mothers Classes on Family Life Improvement

The Bantay Bata Committee joined hands once again with its partner, the Makati Department of Social Welfare, for a two-day seminar on Family Life Improvement. Conducted by the Child and Welfare Section of the Makati SWD, the seminar, billed as Mothers' Classes, was held 28-29 January at the Makati City Hall.

A total of 193 mothers, and one father, attended the seminar, 95 from District 1, 98 from District 2.

Pres. Felix Amparo and Dir. Frank Chavez graced the first day session and delivered inspirational messages. Pres. Felix thanked the participants for being there and, noting that there was a solitary father among the all-women participants, remarked that parenting is not the responsibility of mothers alone but of fathers as well. Dir. Frank spoke about Bantay Bata and what it is doing for abused children and their parents. It was Dir. Frank who initiated the project about a decade ago and has chaired it since. Ms. Marjorie de Veyra, MSWD head, attended the second day.

The seminar was divided into 4 modules. Module 1 was on Proper Health Care for the Family--Health Care Habits and Immunization & Other Disease Prevention Practices, while Module 2 centered on Proper



Pres. Felix Amparo



Dir. Frank Chavez

PROGRAM ADVISORY

NEXT WEEK
Tuesday, 16 February

Guest Speaker:
HON. GRACE PADACA
Governor
Province of Isabela

Nutrition for the Family--Nutritious & Affordable Meals and Nutrients/Food Requirements per Age Bracket & Other Nutritional Heeds. Module 3 concentrated on Good Parenting, including the Types of Parenting and the Rights & Responsibilities of Parents, while Module 4 covered Family

Relationships--Husband & Wife Relationship and Management of Child Misbehavior. Ms. Melanie Aldeguer and Ms. Hazel Aboga served as resource speakers.

Twenty-three (23) barangays sent representatives--20 barangays in the first district, 13 in the second.



PP FRED PARUNGAO
Invocator

HENRY AQUENDE
Introducer

PP RIC LIBREA
Moderator

BERNARDO M. VILLEGAS, Ph.D.
Guest Speaker

FELIX AMPARO
Club President



PP Fred Parungao gave thanks to God for the chance to renew our fellowships during our weekly meetings and for giving us good health, happiness and relative prosperity. He also asked the Lord to “heal the sick among our members” that they may soon rejoin us at our meetings, and to bless our club officers, “that they can continue to provide us with their unselfish and enlightened leadership.” Finally he asked that the Lord may bless the guest speaker, **Dr. Bernie Villegas**, “with the gift of intellect, so that he may continue to share it with us and other members of the community.”

Announcements. PP **Freddie Borromeo** reiterated an earlier invite to the magic show to be performed by a group of Japanese magicians for a captive audience of 70 kids from Guadalupe Viejo last Saturday, 6 February at the MRCFI Building, to be followed by merienda for the kids and cocktails for the Rotarians and Anns who will come. PP Freddie later did a Take 2, to make a pitch for the books authored by **Eddie Yap** and other CPAs on the making of the national budget. The book costs only P50, but Eddie is donating P100 for every book the club sells, and the proceeds will be used to finance PP Freddie’s supplemental feeding program. Not a bad deal, that. . . PP **Jonny Carlos**

reminded everyone of tonight’s Valentine’s Party to be hosted by the Baby Rotarians who, he said, are handling all the preparations and paying for almost everything. Please be there, he exhorted. . . **Dir. Ferdie Ordoveza** called on the Baby Rotarians to stay after adjournment for a short meeting to tie up loose ends about the Valentine’s Party they are hosting.

Pres. Felix Amparo, during his president’s time, reported on the Mothers’ Classes on Family Life Improvement conducted on the 28th and 29th of January under the Bantay Bata Committee chaired by **Dir. Frank Chavez**, in partnership with the Makati Department of Social Welfare. He made special mention of the opening day session on the 28th, which he and Dir. Frank attended, where there was a seminar on health, nutrition, family relationships and how to bring up children, for the mothers of abused children under the care of the Bantay Bata and Makati SWD. He also informed

that on that occasion, Dir. Frank conducted a straw vote among the participants who would win the May presidential elections. The results, he said, would surprise you, though he declined to reveal them openly. He also made a “happy announcement” - that the club has received a donation of 5 houses to our Gawad Kalinga village in Villa Paraiso. The donation was made



Dir Frank Chavez does the birthday-cake routine

by the Ortoll family, through the efforts of **Mon Diokno**. Finally he reminded all that there would be no meeting on Tuesday, 9th February, because of tonight’s Valentine’s party.

Dr. Bernardo Villegas is called “prophet of boom” in local business circles, for good reason: his outlook on the Philippine economy has always been rosy. Last week, his outlook was still positive, though he was more guarded than usual with his forecasts.

Business will be good in the first half of 2010, he said, offering 4 reasons: the national election, which will generate spending of anywhere from 20 to 50 billion pesos; the momentum from the pump-priming and rehabilitation work done by the government last year in the aftermath of Ondoy and Pepeng, the benefits of which will run through the first semester of the year; the continued inflow of OFW remittances that last year even increased by 4% despite the tough times; and the growth in exports which exporters can capitalize on because the US economy is still doing well.

The Philippines has so far done well—it is one of three that managed to avoid a recession (the other two are Vietnam and Indonesia, hence the acronym VIP)—



A book for Dr. Villegas



Here and Now

By Pres. Felix Amparo

Welcome to our Valentine's Party!

You will note that our Baby Rotarians, who are hosting this fellowship social, have chosen to bill it as something "Red Hot." They have worked hard to make tonight's affair a night of fun and pleasure. Our part is to do what we can to make it live up to its "Red Hot" billing. The first part is easy. We can go literal and simply wear red. The second part is a bit more difficult, but with a little effort, I guess we can manage.

Allow me to focus on our current batch of Baby Rotarians, our members who have been with us for less than a year. I have already mentioned that they are the organizers and hosts of tonight's party. With Dir. Ferdie Ordoveza in the lead, they met several times to share ideas, map out plans and divide the work. These Baby Rotarians have banded together to partially underwrite the expenses for tonight's party. And many of them have demonstrated the spirit of Rotary in many other ways as well.

Allow me to acknowledge and thank them:

- Felix Ang of CATS Motors donated a substantial amount for the party. So when he makes his presentation about his company tonight, kindly give him your undivided attention. He just might be able to persuade you to make room for an MB in your garage. Dennis Botman, Joseph Kuan, Bimbo Mills, Jonathan Tan and Casey Young also pitched in to make this Valentine's party red hot indeed.
- Joseph Kuan and Richard Santiago have shown outstanding support of our various projects with generous donations of their products—Joe Kuan siopao and siomai from Joseph, Mang Ineng's pork barbeque from Richard. They are also active in our feeding program and in our educational project in Tondo.
- Aris del Mundo of Armvet Printing Company has been giving us concessional rates for our printing requirements and had so graciously consented to sponsor the printing, in full color and on premium paper, of the Kaunlaran last month and for a few more issues as well. He also participated in our relief operations for Ondoy and in our feeding program.
- Jonathan Crook has been generous with the Manila Pen gift certificates that we raffle off during our big events such as the Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Party, and has saved us substantial sums by waiving corkage fees.
- Migs Puyat is working with PP Freddie Borromeo as co-chairman of the Discon 2010 Committee which PP Freddie chairs; while Bimbo Mills and Rodrigo Segura are both involved in the feeding program.

In addition, Rodrigo, along with Casey Young and Johnson Tan, have participated in our weekly programs as invocator and greeters. Casey, in fact, is co-emceeing tonight's program with Ann Cat Rufino.

I am very pleased with and proud of the support of these Baby Rotarians, and I am truly thankful for having them on our team.



Thursday, 11 February 2010

Brasserie 21

21/F, Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Ave, Makati City

- Call to Order..... **Pres. Felix Amparo**
- Invocation **Bimbo Mills**
- Philippine National Anthem
- RC Makati Hymn
- Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests ... **PP Ric Librea**
- Greetings to Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Celebrators
- Club Functions & Committee Announcements
- President's Time **Felix Amparo**
- Dinner
- Audio Visual Presentation **CATS Motors**
- Game
- Raffle Draw
- Game
- Raffle Draw
- Game
- Awarding of Prizes for Best Dressed
- Adjournment

Casey Young & Cat Rufino
Emcee

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the project his personal advocacy?

That's pretty much what transpired in the morning of 6 February, when Fred toured the Rotex team around Gawad Kalinga Villa Paraiso, which has indeed become a showcase of the Rotary-GK partnership at its best.

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but whether it can sustain it remains to be seen. It depends, he said, on whether we will have HOPE—honest, orderly and peaceful elections, on who we will become the next president, and on what happens in the next 12-18 months in the US, China, Japan and our ASEAN trading partners. He put emphasis on the importance of electing a good leader who can address the economic problems of the country and weed out corruption.

He said there is an urgent need to amend the Constitution, to rid it of the provisions that breed protectionism and restrict foreign investments, and keeps the country from thinking global. He then went on to present a comparisons of developing and emerging economies, and predicted that given the world economic situation, the G8 will expand to a new G20, to include economies that are too important to ignore.



TODAY:

Valentine's Party
Brasserie 21
21st Floor, Security Bank Building
Ayala Avenue, Makati City
6:00PM
Hosts: **Baby Rotarians**

12 & 13 February (Friday-Saturday)
**9th Conference on
Philippine Rotary Concerns**
Baguio Country Club
Baguio City

16 February (Tuesday)
Guest Speaker
Hon. Grace M. Padaca
Governor
Province of Isabela

23 February (Tuesday)
**Ladies' Day/Off-Site Meeting at
and Tour of St. Luke's Medical
Center-Global City**
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig
Guided Tour: 10:30 AM
Luncheon Meeting: 12:00 Noon
SLMC Auditorium
In charge: **PP Robert Kuan**

26 Feb-2 March
Visit of RC Kota Kinabalu
Includes trip to Northern Luzon to
visit RC Dagupan & RC Baguio North.
Also features a picnic at Hundred Islands
In charge: **PP Robert Kuan**
PP Sonny Tambunting

BIRTHDAYS

ROTARIANS
PN Rene Limjoco, 11 Feb.
Bud Melvin, 12 Feb.
Ernie Martelino, 15 Feb.

ROTARY ANNS
Marilou Alejandro, 11 Feb.
Cha Diangkinay, 13 Feb.
Cat Rufino, 13 Feb.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Bryan & Angelina Cockrell, 9 Feb

27 February (Saturday)
How to Remain Young at Heart
MRCFI Building
1:00 to 3:00PM
In charge: **PP Pepito Bengzon**

2 March (Tuesday)
Club Assembly

9 March (Tuesday)
44th Charter Anniversary
Rigodon I, The Peninsula Manila

16 March (Tuesday)
No Meeting
Note: *In lieu of the meeting, you are encouraged to attend the DisCon on the 19th & 20th at Sofitel*

19-20 March
D-3830 District Conference
Sofitel Philippine Plaza
In charge: **PP Freddie Borromeo**
NOTE: Let us show our support for Gov. Sid Garcia by showing up in full force at the Discon.

25 January 2010

RC Makati Rotarians 55
Honorary and Exempt Members /
Visiting Rotarians and Guests 12
Total Attendance 67
Make-Ups 12
Total Attendance Credit 67
Total Attendance Base 137
Exempted Members 41
Total Membership to date * 178
Attendance Percentage 48.91%

Make Ups:
1. PP Pepito Bengzon 8. DG Sid Garcia
2. PP Cesar Campos 9. PP Robert Kuan
3. Toffy Concepcion 10. PP Ric Librea
4. Tommy de Leon 11. Reggie Nolido
5. Dick Funk 12. Johnny Rocha
6. Ed Galvez
7. Ai-Ai Galvez

*** Members Lost:**
1. Jean Jacobi
2. Bert Manabat
3. Anthony Sotelo
4. Henry Sun

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they were in for another treat—a hearty merienda of pancit, Joe Kuan siopao (donated by Baby Rtn. **Joseph Kuan**), Mang Ineng's pork barbeque (donated by Baby Rtn. **Richard Santiago**) and fruit juice. To top it off, the children were also given toys, leftovers from the Last Angel gift-giving program we had last December.

The Rotarians and Anns joined the magicians for cocktails—lechon (donated by **PP Freddie Borromeo**) dinuguan with puto, and pancit bijon, washed down with beer for the guest magicians and red wine for the hosts.

Rotary Youth Exchange Team from D-3620 Korea visits GK Villa Paraiso

It's been a while since we last had a Rotary Youth Exchange (Rotex) team come a'visiting, so it was a welcome development to have one last week.

The 10-member Rotex team from Korea's District 3620 expressed a desire to see for themselves what a Gawad Kalinga community is and what it looks like, and PP Jojo Josol of RC Las Piñas West knew exactly where to bring them.

What better way to make them understand the GK concept than to have them walk through a GK neighborhood, see the gaily-painted houses, perhaps even

enter one or two of them, and meet the house owners? And where better to demonstrate how the GK concept works than in an actual GK community like our Villa Paraiso, with its 153 new houses, tiled pathways, multipurpose building, library, health clinic, and a water system that brings clean water directly to the houses' taps?

And who better to tell the visitors about what Rotary has done and is doing for the residents of the GK Villa Paraiso



village than **Fred Menzel**, who has made *To page 3*



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Magic Show brings fun to kids, creates occasion for fellowship for Rotarians & Anns

Saturday the 6th of February was a day to remember for 65 lucky children from our adopted community on Camia St., the vicinity of our clubhouse in Guadalupe Viejo.

At 4 PM on that day, the kids were treated to a special magic show by the 12 Waku Waku magicians from Fukuoka, Japan, whom Hiro Oba had invited to perform, pro bono, for the kids. The stage was set at the open hall on the third floor of the MRCFI building.

The children shared the magic of magic with young-at-heart Rotarians and Anns who came to watch the show—Pres. Felix Amparo, PP Freddie Borromeo & Ann Jojo, PP Jonny Carlos & Ann Milette, PP Robert Kuan with 3 grandchildren, Javier Fernandez de Castro & Ann Bambi, Mon Diokno, Baby Rtn. Joseph Kuan, Dayal Nandwani and son Shaun, Hiro Oba & Ann Marlyn, Baby Rtn. Rodrigo Segura & Ann Marie, and Ann Terry Tambunting with daughter RC and children.

The magic show wasn't the only fun thing the kids would enjoy. As it turned out



Waku-Waku magic show



A token of appreciation for the Japanese magicians



Distribution of gifts to the children



The magicians with PP Jonny (left) and Hiro Oba & PP Jonny



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