



GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION

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The GML is published every month. Send letters, photos and other materials for publication to the District GML Editorial Board or email to: priscorivera2005@gmail.com

The cover shows District Governor Roberto “Bobby” Zamora’s leadership and engagement acts during the conduct of the Third Irresistible Team Breakfast Meeting. The cover represents a friendly and approachable stance, while delivering speeches, emphasizing his active role in governance, peace, and conflict prevention. This month’s theme reflects Governor Bobby Zamora’s commitment to fostering dialogues, reducing tensions, and promoting social cohesions, the values that reinforce the importance of collaboration and proactive measures in maintaining peace within District 3800.



Rotary International President Message

This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate The Magic of Rotary — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change.

One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world. For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries.

These centers cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact. Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership. His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts. Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies The Magic of Rotary — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
President 2024-2025



District Governor's Message

February is being celebrated in Rotary as Peace and Conflict Resolution Month. What a coincidence as the whole world also celebrates Valentine's Day in February 14. Spouse Raquel and I send you all our love, lots of love! Spread love, not hate! Spread positivity, not negativity!

Indeed, Promoting Peace is one of Rotary's area of focus. The goal is to create environments where peace can be built and maintained through sustainable and measurable activities worldwide. Indeed, peacebuilding remains a cornerstone of Rotary's mission as an international humanitarian and service organization. So, how do Rotary Clubs in our district assist in promoting peace and conflict resolution amongst people? What are Rotary Clubs doing to promote peace and goodwill?

I am amazed and proud that all of our clubs, led by our Irresistible Presidents, are continually promoting peace, harmony, and the general wellbeing of the communities around them with a wide portfolio of initiatives designed towards the achievement of this area of focus. All our Rotary Clubs in the district have accomplished and implemented a variety of projects and initiatives towards maintaining Peace and resolving Conflicts not only in the communities they serve, but also in schools and colleges covering all age groups and sectors of society. In fact, some clubs have liaised or collaborated with local government units, national government agencies, schools, colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, socio-civic institutions or non-government organizations to help promote peace, maintain harmonious co-existence, and foster the general wellbeing of people. Some clubs conducted free legal counselling, peace walk/rally, values formation seminar, life skills training, anti-bullying forum, debriefing sessions, peace caravan and reintegration programs for the benefit of our persons deprived of liberty, abused/battered women or children in conflict with the law, to name some. Undoubtedly, these projects or initiatives relate to peace and conflict resolution as they try to make the beneficiaries calm and composed to understand better the nuances of the issue/s they are confronted with so they can act properly.

Peace of mind is priceless. It cannot be bought. While conflict is part of human life, it can be avoided or managed for one to have a sound sleep!

On another note, I wish to thank all of the host clubs of our district activities scheduled in the month of February. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Caloocan and the Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop for hosting the Rotary Academy 102 and 2025 Palarotary on 1 and 2 February 2025, respectively. Gratitude is also extended to DDS Rose Caoc and Zones 6, 7 and 8 for hosting the 3rd Breakfast Meeting on 8 February 2025.

May all of our conflicts turn to peace and tranquility! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with all of us, Rotarians!

Roberto "Bobby" B. Zamora

District Governor, Rotary District 3800
Rotary Year 2024-2025



District Governor Spouse's Message

Calling all spouses and partners of our Irresistible Presidents and District Officers to register and participate in the 2025 District Conference (DISCON) scheduled on 28-29 March 2025 at the posh Manila Hotel. With the theme “Ang Pagbubuklod”, it will be a very fun and enriching experience as we all gather as one district in the spirit of service and fellowship. I assure you, with RC Wack Wack as our host club, and as supported by the EXECOM, led by my husband, Governor Roberto “Bobby” Zamora, you will not regret registering and participating in that event. Indeed, expect only the best and the finest the RID 3800 way!

By the way, the early bird promo is still up until 28 February 2025 only at Php6,800.00 per Rotarian or Spouses/Partner. After which, the regular rates of Php7,500.00 per Rotarian and Php7,000.00 per Spouse/Partner shall apply until 27 March 2025. For payment reference/details, please check my column last edition.

On the prescribed attire during the first day (28 March 2025) of the 2025 DISCON, all male Irresistible Presidents, District Officers and their spouses/partners should come in black suit, black pants, white inner long sleeves and theme tie while the ladies are expected to wear black blazer, black pants, white inner blouse and theme scarf. For the other Rotarians, spouses and guests, they may come in business attire. During the Governor's Ball, gentlemen should wear barong and black pants while ladies should be in Filipiniana.

For Day 2 (29 March 2025), all male Irresistible Presidents, District Officers and their spouses/partners should come in theme barong uniform and black pants while Lady Rotarians should don their theme barong with black pants as well. In the case of the Spouses/partners, the prescribed attire is red blouse uniform and black pants. For the other Rotarians, spouses and guests, the attire is Barong Tagalog for gentlemen and casual Filipiniana for ladies.

The Governor's Ball rehearsals are ongoing. Details on the schedules and venues are posted at the viber group chat of the Irresistible Team. Please check for it and see you there!

Raquel D. Zamora

District Governor Spouse, Rotary District 3800
Rotary Year 2024-2025



District Secretary Message

We are now in the Love Month of February where we also celebrate Peace and Conflict Prevention Month in the Rotary calendar. I hope everybody is happy and not alone on Valentine's Day! February is also the month where we normally start our series of rehearsals for the Talent Night and Governor's Ball. We hope that all members of the Irresistible Team will be able to participate in these highly-anticipated events happening during the District Conference next month.

In last month's edition, I discussed about timely payment of Semi-Annual Report (SAR) dues for Rotary International. As I have stated before, timely payment is one of the mandatory requirements for the District Awards, among others.

Hope your club was able to settle your 2nd semester SAR dues by this time. By the way, the current invoice is based on your club's reported membership as of 1 January 2025. You may note that there was an earlier reminder for clubs to update their membership data not later than 1 January 2025 as no adjustments are made to the invoice thereafter.

In case your club has not yet paid your 2nd semester SAR dues, kindly settle it as soon as possible to avoid receiving reminders from Rotary International, or worst, your club being delisted from the roster of Rotary Clubs worldwide. You may view your club's current and previous invoices as well as invoice details on My Rotary's Club Administration page. Updated How- to guides and frequently asked questions are likewise located on the Club Invoice page under Resources & References.

If you have not already done so, please create an account at Rotary.org. For more information, please visit the Membership Dues page on My Rotary or contact your club's financial representative .

Before I forget, may I please provide you with the following details on upcoming district events:

Date	Event	Venue	Host
1 February	Rotary 102	Great Eastern Hotel	RC Caloocan
2 Feb	<u>Palarotary</u>	Marikina Sports Center	RC Marikina Hilltop
8 Feb	3 rd Breakfast Meeting	Club Filipino	Zone 6, 7, 8
28-29 March	District Conference	Manila Hotel	RC Wack <u>Wack</u>
14 June	District Awards Night	TBA	RC Cainta

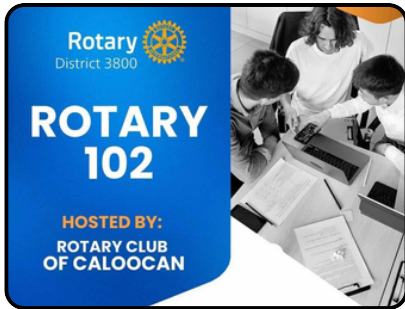
Hope everyone is doing fine and well! God bless everyone! Thank you.

Danilo Santos

District Secretary, RY 2024-2025

The Rotary Academy 102

by Sps Ludi Vistro
RC Caloocan



The first day of February this year was marked as a significant date for the Rotary Club of Caloocan, as they hosted the Rotary Academy 102. The seminar took place at the Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City, and attended by 165 registrants.



Able to be hosted by President-Elect Jecos Carlos, the program proper commenced at 1:00 PM with District Governor Roberto "Bobby" Zamora striking the bell with a gavel for the call to order. After the usual preliminaries, PP Erwin Belleza, Event Chair, delivered the Welcome Remarks, earning applause from the audience as he mentioned the sumptuous lunch, delicious merienda and free flowing coffee especially prepared for the attendees. He promised that the day would be a wonderful learning experience for everyone.



Subsequently, Maria Rita Carla Dejerer, Vice Chair, District Learning Committee, provided a noteworthy overview of Rotary Academy 102, followed by District Governor Bobby Zamora's warm greetings and inspiring message.



What made the event all the more exciting were the three distinguished and competent speakers. First to expound on the topic, "Leadership Skills of a Rotarian", was PP Chuck S. Manansala of the Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop. He has been with the Rotary Academy for several years now as a Speaker, Chairperson and Executive Director. His invaluable insights about Rotary leadership would undoubtedly benefit the participants.



The Rotary Academy 102

by Sps Ludi Vistro

The next speaker was PP Bobby Rosadia of the Rotary E-Club of Marikina. He is the Executive Director of the Rotary Academy. His topic, “Igniting the Magic of Rotary”, was truly an engaging and captivating discussion that encouraged creative thinking and participation among his audience.

After a delightful break for that delicious merienda, was the last but certainly not the least speaker, Past District Governor Saldy Quimpo. His delivery of the topic, “The Core Value of Integrity and the Four-Way Test”, stirred up the attendees. Governor Saldy provided essential values instilling a sense of rightness to everyone.

To further enhance the learning experience, an Open Forum ensued, with PP Marilyn Tan as the Moderator. As more questions were asked, more minds were enlightened with an array of knowledge gained from the answers of the speakers.

As a token of appreciation to the registrants, Certificates of Attendance were distributed while Certificates of Recognition were given to the speakers. After which, a “class picture” of the attendees, together with DG Bobby and DG Spouse Raquel, the speakers and the members of The Rotary Academy, was taken.

This uplifting and enlivening afternoon experience was punctuated by the Closing Remarks of LtG. Rey Vistro. He acknowledged and expressed appreciation to all the participants of this very successful event.

But there was more to just saying goodbye. Surely a fellowship in the form of raffling prizes is a welcome parting shot after the adjournment. The lucky ones who were the recipients of the interesting prizes amounting to more than P 23,000.00 gladly went home with light hearts and smile on their faces.



Palarotary 2025: A Celebration of Sportsmanship and Unity

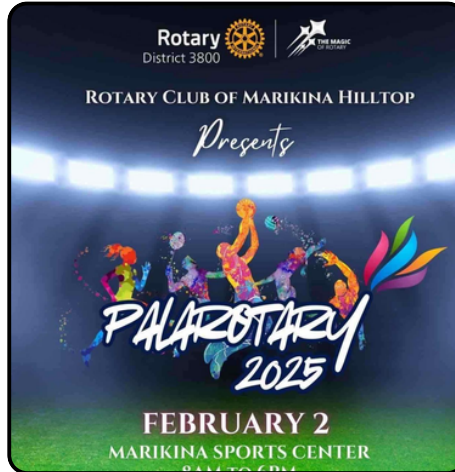
by PN Runel Rabino
RC Marikina Hilltop

Palarotary 2025 brought together Rotarians from District 3800 for a day of competition, camaraderie, and fellowship. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop, the event was held at the Marikina Sports Center on February 2, 2025. It was a celebration of the resilience and unbreakable spirit of the members across the district.

The day began with a Holy Mass, setting a reflective and inspiring tone. The welcome remarks and the message from Irresistible District Governor Roberto “Bobby” Zamora reinforced the values of service and sportsmanship, reminding participants that beyond the games, Rotary’s mission remained at the heart of every activity.

A highlight of the opening ceremony was the Zone Parade, where clubs proudly marched in showcasing their unity. The Lighting of the Torch symbolized the passion and dedication of Rotarians in promoting harmony through sports.

The real action unfolded during the games. The event featured a variety of sports from basketball and volleyball to relay races and friendly competitions, all designed to foster teamwork, skills, determination, and commitment. Each match reinforced the values of respect, perseverance and a spirit of healthy competition. Cheerful chants and bursts of laughter echoed through the venue reminding everyone that more than winning medals, Rotarians gained renewed energy, resilience, and a sense of belonging.



Palarotary 2025: A Celebration of Sportsmanship and Unity

by PN Runel Rabino
Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop

The awarding ceremony recognized outstanding performances, but the true victory lays in the strengthened relationships among clubs. The event closed with fellowship, reinforcing the message that Rotary is not just about service, it's about the people behind it, united in purpose.

Palarotary 2025 was a testament to the district's commitment to fostering stronger ties among members. It proved that while Rotarians work hard to serve their communities, they also know how to come together, celebrate, and uplift one another.



3rd Breakfast Meeting of Irresistible Team successfully conducted

by **Charter President Prisco S. Rivera, Jr.**
Rotary Club of San Mateo Highlands

The 3rd Breakfast Meeting of the Irresistible Team was conducted on 8 February 2025, Saturday, at the Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City. The meeting was led by Irresistible Governor Roberto “Bobby” Zamora and District Governor Lady Raquel Zamora, graced by some past and future District Governors and Ladies, District Executive Committee members, District Officers and Irresistible Presidents from different zones, fostering camaraderie and collaboration across the district.

Registration started at 7 am. Attendees then enjoyed the sumptuous breakfast. At 8 am, the meeting proper ensued wherein relevant Rotary topics were discussed. Representatives from different District Committees, like Membership, Service Projects, The Rotary Foundation, Public Image and Youth service, gave their reports and shared updates, highlighting the impactful works of some clubs and zones done throughout the current Rotary Year. Updates on forthcoming district events like the 2025 District Conference were also shared. With the current Rotary Year nearing its end, the Irresistible Team expressed their excitement and commitment to finishing their term remarkably strong.

District Governor Zamora delivered an empowering and inspiring message. He encouraged everyone to continue implementing projects and keep their clubs vibrant, ensuring that Rotary’s mission of service above self remains strong in the district. Moreover, District Secretary Danilo Santos gave some reminders before adjournment. Raffle draws ensued with pictorials and fellowship concluding said meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rotary
District 3800

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

DISCON

2025

ANG PAGBUBUKLOD

March 28-29 | The Manila Hotel
Registration Starts at 7:30am

EARLY BIRD RATE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2025	REGULAR RATE MARCH 1 TO 27, 2025
PHP 6,800- ROTARIANS & SPOUSES	PHP 7,500- ROTARIANS PHP 7,000- SPOUSES

Hosted by: RC Wack Wack

DISCON REGISTRATION	CLUB LISTING
Bank deposit to: REMEDIOS SANTOS BDO: 0011-5038-0282 BPI: 3853-0114-19	P 5,000.00 Bank deposit to: REMEDIOS SANTOS Chinabank: 217-074-4317

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rotary District 3800

Simply IRRESISTIBLE ANNUAL GRAND RAFFLE

TICKET PRICE **P 300**

MARCH 29 GRAND RAFFLE DRAW DISCON 2025 The Manila Hotel

ALMOST 2 MILLION WORTH OF PRIZES



Rotary District 3800

Simply IRRESISTIBLE ANNUAL GRAND RAFFLE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. All the proceeds raised will benefit the various projects of the District.
2. Ticket buyers must legibly write their name, contact numbers, address and signature on each individual ticket stub.
3. To purchase a ticket or claim a raffle prize, you must be either 18 years old or older or have a legal guardian to claim your prize.
4. All payments or remittances must be made on or before March 7, 2025. Only tickets paid on said date shall be eligible to be included in the draw.
5. **UNSOLD TICKETS** must be returned to your respective coordinators on or before March 6, 2025. Unreturned tickets are considered **SOLD** by March 7, 2025.
6. All ticket purchases are final and no refund will be allowed.
7. On March 29, 2025 the day of the raffle draw, the raffle ticket stubs submitted will be checked and verified by the District Raffle Committee (if valid and/or paid), before these are dropped inside the Tamblo.
8. Winners will be picked by random drawing from the Lottery Drawing Machine in the presence of the District Governor, the District Raffle Committee, and the District Conference Participants.
9. Winners need not to be present to win a prize. The Rotary Club to which the winning tickets were allotted to, will be informed immediately.
10. When claiming the prize, the winner must present the winning raffle ticket and the District Raffle Committee may further require the winner to show proper identification.
12. **PAYMENT OF ANY/ALL APPLICABLE TAX/ES IS/ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FEES PERTAINING TO THE PRIZE SHALL ALSO BE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE WINNER.**
13. Winners acknowledge that RI D-3800 shall not be made, in any manner, responsible or liable for any warranty, representation or guarantee expressed or implied in fact or in law, relative to any prize, including but not limited to its quality, mechanical condition or fitness for a particular use.
14. The decision/s of the District Raffle Committee shall be final on all matters concerning the raffle.
15. **THE SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE ANNUAL GRAND RAFFLE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MANILA HOTEL DURING THE RI D-3800 DISTRICT CONVENTION ON MARCH 29, 2025 AND WILL BE LIVE STREAMED HERE: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564043591688&mibextid=LQQJ4d>.**

MARCH 29 GRAND RAFFLE DRAW DISCON 2025 The Manila Hotel

ALMOST 2 MILLION WORTH OF PRIZES

TICKET PRICE **P 300**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



RI D3800 DISCON 2025 Photo Exhibit Guidelines & Criteria

Organized by the District 3800 Photography Club
Chair : PP Dhon Paulino, Rotary Club of Angono
Co-Chair : CP Bobby Rosadia, Rotary E-Club of Marikina
RY2024-2025

Entry Specifications/ Guidelines:

- A. One entry per club, i.e., Only one (1) picture.
- B. Collage of pictures is not allowed.
- C. Entry Photo should be posted securely on the BLACK side of 20" x 30" illustration board before bringing them to the venue. See sample.
- D. Size of photo entry is 16" x 20" and in **LANDSCAPE** orientation.
- E. Entries should be printed in **COLORED**.
- F. Entry Photo should be taken during the **Magic of Rotary Year**.
- G. An entry must be an **ACTION PICTURE** depicting one of the Seven Causes of Rotary:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Supporting the environment



Highly recommend to follow the People of Action style and mood requirements:

- The image represents genuine, unstaged moments of Rotarians at work – a natural and engaging mood.
- It shows a clear visual narrative.
- Subjects' faces and actions should be positive, happy and engaging.
- If the project has beneficiaries' on-site, images of Rotarians interacting with the beneficiaries that represent the work of the project should be captured.
- Two or more people in the frame.
- i. **NO CAPTIONS.** A picture must speak for itself.
- j. Name plate of the Rotary club will be provided by the organizer.
- k. Entries will be posted on panels positioned near the area where the **DISCON** activities will be held.
- l. Entries that deviate from the above specifications/guidelines will be disqualified.



B. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING PHOTO EXHIBIT:

a. Content – 50%

- Emphasis will be on the 7 Causes.
- An Action Picture should tell the Rotary story.

b. Visual Presentation – 20%

- Use only photo paper for the pictures.
- Size of Picture: 16" x 20"
- Use of any kind of electrical gadgets or appliances is not allowed.
- Follows the People of Action style and mood requirements.

c. Impact – 30%

- Appeal of the photo exhibit. – touches their heart
- Clarity of the Cause in the photos – one can identify the Cause being depicted in the photo
- Exemplary concepts in the presentation – something that inspires and motivates the viewer

C. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

- a. Rotary Clubs must signify their intention to join on or before **March 17, 2025** by posting the following message at the **RI D 3800 DISCON 2025 Photo Contest** viber group:

"RC <name of Rotary Club> intends to join the DISCON Photo Exhibit."

Sequential posting will be implemented. **FIRST COME, FIRST POSTED BASIS.**

- b. Submission of Entries will be at the DISCON venue on **March 28, 2025** strictly from **7:00am to 8:30am only**.

Location of your club's photo entry will depend on time of submission.

- c. You should be the one to paste your entry in your chosen panel location. Organizer will provide double adhesive tapes.

- c. You may get back your photos after the Talent Night presentation. The Photo Exhibit organizer will not keep your photo for you.

Prizes:

1st Prize	- Php 8,000.00 + Trophy
2nd Prize	- Php 5,000.00 + Trophy
3rd Prize	- Php 3,000.00 + Trophy

Photography Club's Choice Award
People of Action Award

magic of rotary

Composed and Music by:
LtG Rey Pineda

The sun shines brightly in the open sky
Spreading love from the heaven above
Time to reach communities, building trust, and promoting peace
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let the magic spark and let us start!

CHORUS

Shalala la-la-la
Share the Magic of Rotary
Shalala la-la-la
Share the Magic of Rotary
Shalala la-la-la
Spread the Magic of Rotary
Serve the year with love
Let's have a magical one

Let's connect and communicate
Share the mission we are to take
Serving others above ourselves
Unity in diversity
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let the magic spark

Repeat Chorus

Lead the way in fulfilling dreams
Set examples of leadership
Open doors of opportunities
Imagine a word that's embracing peace
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let that magic spark
And let us start

Repeat Chorus

Share the year with love and fun
Let's have a magical one
Let's have a magical one



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY