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Chris Fernando Faelnar

President, Rotary Club of Baguio

A great Saturday afternoon Fellow Rotarians! Last September 16, we attended the induction of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio. Together with me were RAPP Oyee, PDG Linda, PP Mia, Rtn. Jun Bahul, Sec. Rico, Dir. Cora, IPP Gigi, Rtn. Joe, Rtn. Raymund, Aud. Atom and Rtn. Amel. Apart from enjoying the Induction itself, we got a special treat from Rtn. Amel who brought delicious mochi and chocolates from his Japan trip to attend the anniversary of the Baguio Scholarship Foundation in Tokyo. I had to control myself to keep my sugar level in check!!! Immediately after the Induction, over cups of coffee & tea, we had an impromptu brainstorming on what PUBLIC IMAGE projects the Club can undertake for Polio Plus. Many thanks to the RCB delegates for attending with me and special thanks to Amel for the Japanese goodies, as well as leading the Public Image brainstorming that night.

The September 17 Club meeting will be remembered as a meeting with the best invocation in the history of the Rotary Club of Baguio!!! With Rtn. Jody Alabanza delivering the Invocation with matching background music, it was a wonderful way to start a meeting. We were also honored to have several Past Presidents and two PDGs in attendance. PDG Bong Joven (PP Veeh's Governor) pinned my Paul Harris Fellow pin and PDG Linda Winter pinned Auditor Atom's Paul Harris Pin in recognition to our contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Big thanks to our GHS Engr. Erwin Posadas who presented to us his advocacy of utilizing Renewable Energy in producing and installing Solar Powered Street Lamps for remote barangays. As I mentioned before, this project can also be implemented in our own barangays to address safety and security issues at a reasonable cost and with NO electricity consumption to pay for.

Also on September 17, eight Rotarians from our Club attended the TRISEM at Newtown Hotel hosted by the Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital. Many thanks to PP CY, IPP Gigi, Sec. Rico, Dir. Nancy, Rtn. Lorena, Rtn. Amel and Rtn. Raymund. I was able to attend the morning session but have to leave to preside our Club meeting. Hopefully the learnings our fellow Rotarians got from the seminar can be applied in our Club.

We are deeply honored today for having our very own PP (Your Honor) Mia Cawed as our Guest of Honor and Speaker. She will be giving us an Overview about our Criminal Justice System. PP Mia's topic is currently very relevant with criminality in our country under the microscope. So fellow Rotarians, be ready with your questions and for another exciting and informative meeting!!!

On a serious note, we would like to express our sincere condolences to PP Cy and Family. RCB PP Hector "Hec" Lopez, RY 1962-1963, Father-In-Law of PP Cy and the Father of RAPP Bing passed away last September 22. PP Hec Lopez was the 19th President of the Rotary Club of Baguio.

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GHS PROFILE



Mia Joy Oallare-Cawed TOPIC

The Criminal Justice System - An Overview

Today, we will hear an overview of the Criminal Justice System of the country from no other than the Presiding Judge of Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch #4 of Baguio City. She also is a faculty member of the School of Law of the University of Baguio. And more importantly, she happens to be the 69th President of the Rotary Club of Baguio having served her term during RY 2009-2010.

PP Mia finished her secondary and undergraduate courses at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. After finishing her BS in Foreign Service, she moved to the Ateneo where she started her MBA course. After finishing several units in her MBA, she decided to shift to Law also at the Ateneo. She later transferred to the Baguio Colleges Foundation (now University of the Cordilleras) where she subsequently got her Bachelor of Laws degree. (It is interesting to note that it was during this time when she met her spouse, Bong). Just recently, she was graduated by San Beda College with a degree of Master of Laws.

Among the distinctions PP Mia received during the course of her profession include being nominated for Judicial Excellence as an RTC Judge; Awarded as an Outstanding Woman in the Legal Profession Sector by the City Of Baguio in March, 2006 and Awarded the distinction of being the Most Outstanding Legal Aid Lawyer by the IBP National Office.

As the clichè goes, it's truly a pleasure and an honor to have one of our own, Judge Mia Cawed as our Guest and Honor and Speaker for today.



PP Rtn Modz Bahul

September 17 was an interesting and fun-filled day of Rotary fellowship.

For a change, I was a good hour early to the meeting. The Baguio Country Club (BCC) staff were still preparing Wolfson Room when I got there, so I had some alone time enjoying baked cheesecake with kiwi and green apple, hot milk, and a relaxing green view at the pastries store. I got back to Wolfson Room at 12:10pm with Rtn. Marlie, whom I chanced upon on the way in. Pres. Chris, Rotakid Ian, Rtn. Jody, and PPs Veeh, Raffy, Lito, Gerard, Bert, and Marilyn were already there. While enjoying her chicken congee (it smelled so good that I ordered the same), PP Marilyn remarked, "Look at Jody, busy practicing kanina pa." I saw in the program that Rtn. Jody was to do invocation, and he looked solemn and serious practicing at the podium.





At 12:30pm, Pres. Chris mentioned that the Guest of Honor and Speaker (GHS) just entered BCC with Dir. Cora and will be in shortly. There seemed to be a consensus to wait a while, so the meeting was called to order at 12:37pm as soon as the GHS and Dir. Cora were seated. Rtn. Jody led a touching invocation, one that he described as "something sacred and solemn." Everybody was quiet and seemingly contemplative while he delivered his piece with some background music. It was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, then the Rotary Hymn with the traditional holding of hands and forming one big circle in the room.

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The 4-Way Test was recited next, and for entertainment, in place of Dir. Nancy Alabanza, who joined the TRISEMINAR also held on that day at the Newtown Plaza Hotel, the Program Coordinator, PP Chris Peralta, called on PP Lito and Rtn. Jody. The duo prevailed over everyone in the room making us go around smiling, greeting each other, and singing Jody's apparent personal favorite "You Are My Sunshine"! The room was full of smiles and laughter; it was a sight of high spirits! Then PP Lito went on to sing "My Way," which he "primarily dedicated to those who have been Presidents, who are usually "compared" to each other.





It was a very animated rendition that a resounding "More, more!" was heard in the room, and PP Lito obliged with a "Number 10" instruction to the sound system operator, expecting what he said was "Unchained Melody" but instead, he sang another timeless classic "The Nearness of You." It's amazing how PP Lito is always ready to entertain, and he clearly knows the lyrics of the songs and the emotions that go with them.

PP Uwe introduced visiting Rotarian, PDG Bong Joven, of RC Dolores; he is a guest of PP Cy, who "escaped" from the TRISEMINAR to join the meeting. Finest Moment came next with Rtn. Marlie fining members P100 if they know the complete name of the person seated on their right, and P200 if they don't. Some Rotarians obviously did not know, they had to ask while it is not yet their turn to do as Rtn. Marlie instructed. (Saur, hehe!) Among those fined P200 were PP Bert for not knowing my complete name, and PP Uwe, who volunteered to be fined P200 for not knowing the complete name of PDG Bong. With Dir. Baby sick, PP Marilyn gladly took over the task of being "raffle queen" assisted by Rotakid Ian. Winners of yummy chocolates were Rtns. Marlie, Jody, Wilma, Jun Cardona, and Joe, GHS Erwin Posadas, Auditor Atom, PPs Marilyn and Cy. Dir. Naas won a bottle of Playboy VIP Perfume, and PDG Bong, who got tickets only on the last minute, was lucky as he took home the main prize, a Hush Win Perfume Set.

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At members' time, Dir. Naas thanked those who supported the computer training for visually impaired adults. VP Lani encouraged participation in the October 23, 2016 Medical Mission in Sayangan (Atok, Benguet), a project co-sponsored by Luzon Hydro. PP Veeh thanked those who contributed and committed to contribute to the Polio Plus Fund. PP Gerard shared about his visits to some Rotary Clubs in Australia. Rtn. Jody raised concern on the traffic congestion and street developments in Baguio City, and he suggested that the Club writes the City Development Council for RCB to be part of it representing civic organizations pursuant to public-private partnership thrusts of the government.





Rtn. Marlie apologized to PP Veeh for an earlier comment that she suspected was misunderstood; she assured that she actually meant that PP Veeh is really good at her task as the Club's Polio Plus Chair and in collecting contributions to the Polio Plus Fund. PP Cy requested PDG Bong to award another PHF pin to Pres. Chris; PDG Linda also awarded one to Aud. Atom.

For his time, Pres. Chris welcomed the GHS and PDG Bong, and he thanked PP Veeh for her being makulit in rallying for contributions to the Polio Plus Fund. He announced that Polio Plus Day will be celebrated on October 24 and there will be some activities that day. He encouraged those who have concerns on Club affairs to inform him or the Board for discussion on their September 19 meeting. He announced that there will be a Club Assembly on October 1, and a family day celebration on October 8 that is planned by PP Veeh. Before he ended, PP Chris presented his birthday gift to PP Lito, a framed caricature of PP Lito aptly describing him as "The Voice." Everyone sang and greeted PP Lito a happy birthday. Another birthday celebrant, PN Jun Bondoc, was not around.









Pres. Chris shared his time with PDG Bong Joven, who reminisced the good old days of his term as governor, shared his passion for golf and how he became a District Governor. He mentioned that it was during his term in Rotary Year 1997-1998 that for the first time, PESETS was held on a cruise ship for three days travelling from Manila to Cebu and back; the participants had no chance of escape from the activity that was then chaired by PP Cy and attended by then RCB Pres. Veeh. He also mentioned that he is organizing a golfers' association for D3790 for inter-district golf tournaments, and he invited golfers to join the 3rd leg of the District Governor Raul Peralta Cup at Pinewood (Baguio City) on November 12, 2016 hosted by RC Urdaneta East. In turn, PP Cy invited PDG Bong to the RCB golf tourney on February 18, 2017. After President's Time, Dir. Cora introduced her favorite college Physics professor, Engr. Erwin Posadas, who was the GHS for the day. Engr. Posadas, who heads the Department of Electrical Engineering of Saint Louis University, shared about the extension program of his Department entitled "Propagating the Use of Solar Energy to Power Street Lamps" that is geared at addressing the demand for streetlights through affordable and sustainable design and empowering residents through involvement in streetlights maintenance and replication, and to advocate "green technology." He underscored the importance of electricity in modern life, sunlight as a source of renewable energy to reduce carbon dioxide emission, the role of street lights in deterring crimes committed at night and its scarcity in places outside Manila. He mentioned that under the program, his Department developed a prototype of a solar powered street lamp costing only P3,190.00 (parts and assembly, excluding cost of the post) with only P765.00 annual maintenance cost. He mentioned that they have an "adopt a lamp post project" for the private business sector, to which some of the club members showed interest. The lecture became interactive because some club members already asked questions before the talk was over, and Engr. Posadas readily answered them. PP Diony Claridad gave the Club's response, and he thanked Engr. Posadas for enlightening the club on the use of solar energy and on his Department's advocacy. Thereafter, Pres. Chris gave the Club's token of appreciation to Engr. Posadas then we sang the RCB Hymn and Pilipinas Kong Mahal. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm. 7

The RCB TRUST FUNDS

1. ORIGINAL PURPOSES OF RCB TRUST FUNDS and their approximate present values:

A. RCB Trust Fund :

Principal: P 207,079.58 (approx. present value)

Restriction: Bank interest may be diverted to RCB General Fund.

Principal amount MAY NOT be used for any other purpose.

B. RCB Building Fund:

Principal: P653,741.00 (approx. present value)

<u>Restriction</u>: Sole purpose is for the procurement of a RCB club house as approved by RCB Board of Directors. Funds, including interests, MAY NOT be used for any other purpose.

C. Gelacio Munsayac Scholarship Fund:

Principal: P85,301.87 (approx. present value)

Restriction: Only the annual interest will be used to fund the tuition fee and allowance of an Engineering student scholar as approved by the committee.

D. Pitz-Heinz-Woelke Scholarship Fund:

Principal: P77,796.46 (approx. present value)

Restriction: Only the annual interest will be used to fund the tuition fee and allowance of a scholar, preferably in Teacher Education, as approved by the committee.

E. "Anonymous Donor" Fund :

Principal: P744,256.00 (approx. present value)

<u>Purpose</u>: The annual interest will be used to grant a "Paul Harris Fellow" recognition to the immediate Past President who will work on a RCB community service project to completion, through the Matching Grant process.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS of the Board of Trustees and Subsequently Approved by the RCB Board of Directors in its Board Meeting held last September 19, 2016 :

- A. The positions for all Board of Trustees for the RCB Trust Fund and the RCB Building Fund be declared vacant.
- B. Designation of a single set of Board of Trustees for all five (5) RCB Trust Funds, namely :
 - a.Permanent BOT: PP Benny Sunga, PP Cy Fagar, PP Veeh Balajo
 - Non-permanent BOT: incumbent President and the immediate Past President

C. Single Depository Bank

a.All the Trust Funds should be deposited in a single depository bank managed by a RCB Rotarian. Each Fund shall have its own account.

D. Signatories of the Funds:

a. For the RCB Trust Fund and the RCB Building Fund : any 2 of the 5 trustees

- For the GMSF, PHWSF and ADF: any 2 of the permanent trustees
- E. Merging of GMSF and PHWSF into just 1 trust fund, to be named as GM-PHW Scholarship Fund, for the tuition fee of approved scholars who will take either education, engineering, any related vocational courses or <u>Tesda</u> accredited courses.

F. Amendment to the "Anonymous Donor" Fund PHF recognition:

a.If the IPP is already a PHF, he/she may designate, at his/her option, another RCB member to be the PHF, with the IPP as donor and the designated member (who is not yet a PHF) as the recipient... Provided that both of them will actively work out a community service project identified by the RCB BOD for the current year and funded in part as a result of the PHF donation. The designated recipient should be acceptable to the Board of Trustees.

MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING September 19, 2016



Call to Order: 6:30pm

Board of Directors Present:

Voting: Pres. Chris Faelnar

VP Lani Fabi Sec. Rico Ferrer Treas. Ali Morales IPP Gigi Maranan Dir. Jun Cardona Non-Voting: PP Cy Fagar

PP Libby Fernandez Aud. Atom <u>Mendalla</u>

Quorum Established: 6 voting members out of 11

- I. Approval of Minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting
- II. Matters Arising:
 - A. PP Libby suggested that a board resolution be made for a creation of a TRF Account separately from other accounts and that the signatories shall be PP Veeh Balajo, PP Libby Fernandez and Pres. Chris Faelnar. Motion was made by Pres. Chris and seconded by VP Lani Fabi.
 - B. The remaining golf fund be transferred to the community fund on Sept. 20, 2016 by Treas. Ali.
 - C. That a board resolution be made for the approval of the annual budget of RCB.

- D. That a board resolution be made to create a scholarship fund for RCB and shall be named General Scholarship Fund.
- E. VP Lani motioned that 15% of the Golf fund raising be transferred to TRF, and another 15% to Community Fund, seconded by IPP Gigi.

III. Agenda:

- A. Financial Report for 2015-2016
 - Treas. Ali reported that there were discrepancies in the collection of dues during RY 2015-2016 in that records showed some members as unpaid although claims were made as to them being paid. Pres. Chris advised that extra effort be made to collect past dues and move on.
- B. October 1 Club Assembly:
 - Pres. Chris advised Treas. Ali and all the committee chairs to be ready for the club assembly for a comprehensive report.

IV. Attendance and Club Dues

- · 40% of the members have not paid their dues as of this time
- A formal letter of termination is to be drafted by Membership Chair IPP Gigi addressed to Rtn. Mark Flores due to his unmade-up absences for the period of July to September. He will be requested to reply within 10 days of the date of the letter. Said letter will be signed and delivered personally by Pres. Chris.
- Pres. Chris will visit PP <u>Angeling</u> in Manila to see how he is considering he has been able to attend meeting for quite some time now and to collect his dues.
- The board unanimously approved the motion put on the table that the club will continue to hold regular weekly meetings but for reporting purposes, 2 meetings per month will be used for computation of the percentage of attendance. A resolution will be made to address the Council of Legislation's recommendation regarding flexibility of meetings per month.

V. TRF commitments

It was established that the club's commitment to the Polio Plus fund is



\$2,650 and that as of the present date approximately \$100 has been collected although a larger amount has been pledged by the members.

VI. Trust Funds Update

- Updated by PP Cy with the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees (see attachment)
- The BOD Confirmed the minutes of the BOT meeting

VII. Med Mission

Bakun - Oct 22 – 23, 2016

VIII. Fellowship

- October 8, 2016 at the BCC Powerhouse
- The Program suggested by PP <u>Veeh</u> was discussed and was approved by the board for implementation

IX. Other Matters:

- A. A Special <u>Kapihan</u> sa Baguio in celebration of Oct. 24, 2016 as End Polio Day was discussed by Sec. Rico as a project of the PR Committee
 - Suggested date Oct. 17 Monday
 - IPP Gigi suggested that PR committee should talk to PDG Oyan for sponsorship of venue and food.
 - · Production fee of Php. 5,000.00 for the coverage
 - Tri-media participation
 - Media Kits should contain information on Rotary, End Polio Now, TRF, and projects of RCB to these topics, name of panelists and their topics.
 - · Expect questions from the media, and a one on one interview after kapihan
 - 20-30 pax
- B. VP Lani received a message from PP Yu <u>Daibong</u> of RC <u>Wonju</u> regarding a project with the club
 - A contingency from D 3730 will be arriving to Baguio. Their itinerary is:
 - Nov. 10 arrival
 - Nov. 11 visit to <u>Cabuyao</u> Elementary School for ground breaking ceremony
 - Nov. 12 attend RCB meeting
 - They will turnover PHP 1.4M for wash area, toilet, rehab of classrooms, water system, rehab of water tanks.
 - On March they are expected to come back, so we are asked to leave a
 portion in the <u>Cabuyao</u> project to give the Koreans the opportunity to do a
 little painting of the structures for photo purposes and to conclude the
 project with them.
- C. Rtn. Atom requested that on her 50th Birthday Celebration she would like to have a meaningful project with RCB asked the club to help in conceptualizing the project.

Adjournment: 10pm

Prepared by: Sec. Rico Ferrer

Cabuyao Elem. School Math Training

Editor's Note: The first day of the Cabuyao Elementary School Math Teachers' Training, a project of Service Projects A Chair Dir. Naas Demyttenaere was held last September 16, 2016. Dir. Naas was with PP Gerard Audineau. PP Gerard will take Dir. Naas' place when the latter leaves for France. Conducting the training is Ms. Alma of the Bridges Tutorial and Learning Center. Trainings will be held every Friday.







Lamut Elementary School Visit

Editor's Note: VP Lani conducted a site visit to Lamut Elementary School last September 16 as part of her search for recipients of the feeding program to be conducted by Service Projects B.











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RC Metro Baguio Induction

Editor's Note: The Rotary Club of Metro Baguio held its 30th Charter Anniversary and Induction of Officers last September 16 at the Diamond Ballroom of Hotel Supreme. In attendance from our club were Pres. Chris and RAPP Yolly Faelnar, PDG Linda Winter, PP Mia Cawed, Rtn. Jun Bahul, Sec. Rico Ferrer, Rtn. Reymund Barrios, Dir. Cora Ocampo, Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas, Rtn. Joe Ursua, Aud. Atom Mendalla and IPP Gigi Maranan.













PR Committee Brainstorming

Write-up:

Last September 16, after the induction of RC Metro Baguio, the PR Committee headed by Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas met at Gloria Jeans Café in Hotel Supreme to brainstorm on possible PR projects for End Polio Day in October. Ideas such as an essay writing contest among the Interacts, river-way cleaning, quiz bee, barangay information dissemination and a special kapihan were discussed. The committee will be finalizing all plans and inform the club at the soonest time possible.

Present to throw in their 2-cents worth on the project were Pres. Chris and RAPP Yolly, PDG Linda, Rtn. Joe, Sec. Rico, Dir. Cora, Aud. Atom and IPP Gigi.











TRI-Seminar

Editor's Note: The District TRI Seminar was held last September 17 at the Newtown Plaza Hotel. Sub-seminars held were on Public Relations, Rotary Community Corp and Training the Trainers. In attendance were Pres. Chris, PP Cy, IPP Gigi, Sec. Rico, Dir. Nancy, Rtn. Lorena, Rtn. Lorena and Rtn. Arnel.







SECRETARY'S PAGE



Rico Ferrer Secretary, RC Baguio

BIRTHDAY'S

PP Raffy Chan September 27

Visiting Rotarians September 10 Club Meeting PDG Bong Joven

We missed you last September 3 Club Meeting

Dir. Nancy Alabanza (mu), Rtn. Cess Apostol, Rtn. Reymund Barrios (mu), PE Jun Bondoc (mu), Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas (mu), Rtn. Lorena Cachola (mu), Rtn. Arland Caronongan, Sec. Rico Ferrer (mu), Rtn. Mark Flores, Rtn. Glory Fritz, Rtn. Carlo Gallardo, Dir. Baby Kaur (mu), Rtn. Joseph Kim (OL), PP Ben Ladilad (OL), Rtn. Lily Landayan (mu), Rtn. Bennie Laranang (OL), PP Alfred Laygo, IPP Gigi Maranan (mu), Treas. Ali Morales, PP Angeling Palma (exc), Rtn. Pam Perkins (OL), Rtn. David Rees (OL), PP Helmus Schlaaff (exc), PP Benny Sunga (exc), Rtn. Tonton Tan

THIS WEEK'S

Cabuyao Elementary School Math Teachers' Training Sept. 16:

PP Gerard Audineau, Dir. Naas Demyttenaere

Lamut Elementary School Visit Sept. 16: VP Lani Fabi

RC Metro Baguio Induction Sept. 16:

Rtn. Jun Bahul, Rtn. Reymund Barrios, Rtn. Amel Cabanisas, PP Mia Cawed, Pres. Chris & RAPP Yolly Faelnar, Sec. Rico Ferrer, IPP Gigi Maranan, Aud. Atom Mendalla, Dir. Cora Ocampo, Rtn. Joe Ursua, PDG Linda Winter

WHERE TO MAKE-UP

Mondays: RC La Trinidad – Hotel Supreme, 7:30pm

Tuesdays: RC Metro Baguio – Baguio Country Club, 7:30pm

Wednesdays: RCB Sunrise - Baguio Country Club, 8:30am

RCB North -Ranch House, Albergo Hotel 7:30pm

RCB Summer Capital - UB PSD Canteen, 7:30pm

Fridays: RCB South – Baguio Country Club, 7:30pm

RC Downtown Session - Newtown Plaza Hotel, 7:30pm

Make-ups by Internet:

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GLUB INDUCTIONS ATBP.

October 1, 2016, Saturday – Club Assembly October 8, 2016, Saturday – 1st Quarter Club Fellowship (tentative)

October 22, 2016, Saturday – Pre-DTTS and Pre-PETS for RY 2017-2018

October 23, 2016, Sunday - Bakun Medical Mission

AGTIVITIES

PR Committee Meeting Sept. 16:

Rtn. Reymund Barrios, Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas, Pres. Chris & RAPP Yolly Faelnar, Sec. Rico Ferrer, IPP Gigi Maranan, Aud. Atom Mendalla, Dir. Cora Ocampo, Rtn. Joe Ursua, PDG Linda Winter

TRISEM Sept. 17:

Rtn. Nancy Alabanza, Rtn. Reymund Barrios, Rtn. Amel Cabanisas, Rtn. Lorena Cachola, Pres. Chris Faelnar, PP Cy Fagar, Sec. Rico Ferrer, IPP Gigi Maranan Board Meeting Sept. 19:

Dir. Jun Cardona, VP Lani Fabi, Pres. Chris Faelnar, PP Cy Fagar, PP Libby Fernandez, Sec. Rico Ferrer, IPP Gigi Maranan, Aud. Atom Mendalla

A Collection of Thoughts

By: Rtn Marlie dela Cruz

Whenever I look at my children, emotions take over me. I realize how time flies by so quickly that I then start to ponder where did it go? What have I done with it that I feel like I'm running after it always...have I been using it to my detriment? Or have I been using it wisely?

As I reminisce and travel back down memory lane, I can see the transition, a mind-boggling thing. I didn't plan things to happen, they just happen, as is the will of God! I have now a young adult, a teenager and my little lady as she's about to be ten in a few months. I used to cradle them in my hands... so tiny... so fragile....





Time as they say is our great nemesis.... we are always after it.... always in need of it.... but what really is time? An ally? A friend? Quite a mystery indeed.

Looking back, we too were once a baby, then became a toddler, a kid, a teenager, a young adult, adult and now, I would say that we are at our prime. The thing is, we still wonder what we did with our time.

As a mother, I would say that my children are the best representation of what I did with my time. They define who I am and they make me, not me making them. I am just an instrument; molding them, helping them become who and what they want to become.



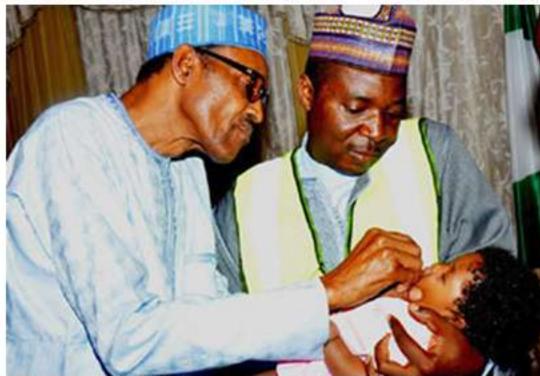


They are independent from me as they have their own minds. At this point actually, I feel at times that they don't need me anymore; they make decisions already and just consult if need be.

I loved and cherished the times when they were small as they were so dependent on me, but even then, they have proven to be independent-minded as they too tell me of their disgust over the food I prepare, the clothes I choose for them, the shoes I buy, or even the words I say.

Nonetheless, I could sum up everything to this. My time is well spent, well-tailored for my children, my family. I can sit here all day talking and reminiscing with fond memories and full of love, and all for the love I have for them...

Polio: More cases imminent in Nigeria - Reports Vanguard, Nigeria



The campaign to eradicate polio from Nigeria for more than two decades suffered unimaginable loss when on 11 August 2016, the World Health Organization, WHO, confirmed two fresh cases of wild poliovirus in the northern part of the country.

While Nigerians were still dazed by the announcement, another fresh case was reported, soon afterwards, in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State by the world health body. These discoveries were among refugees from areas recently won back by the military from Boko Haram insurgents. The Federal government, supported by the WHO, UNICEF and partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, GPEI, quickly swung into action to curtail effects of the first two cases. A plan was fine-tuned to immunise children in the troubled Northern part of the country.

An estimated one million children in Borno State and a further four million neighbouring states are now being immunised against the deadly Wild Polio Virus.

But the emergence of the 3rd case of wild polio virus just three weeks after the first two fresh cases, may have thrown a wedge in the response efforts.

Prior to the revelation, Nigeria, once one of only three countries left where polio was endemic – was on the path to becoming polio-free by 2017.

Following this development, Nigeria is now facing an epidemic situation as WHO has maintained that a case of polio is an epidemic.

It is no longer news that the world may have to wait a while longer than anticipated for eradication of one of the world's most devastating disorders.

Confirming the newest case, the WHO said a crippled toddler tested positive to the polio virus. Federal health officials, who said the development was not unanticipated following the Boko Haram insurgency on the communities, are worried that the situation may deteriorate even further.

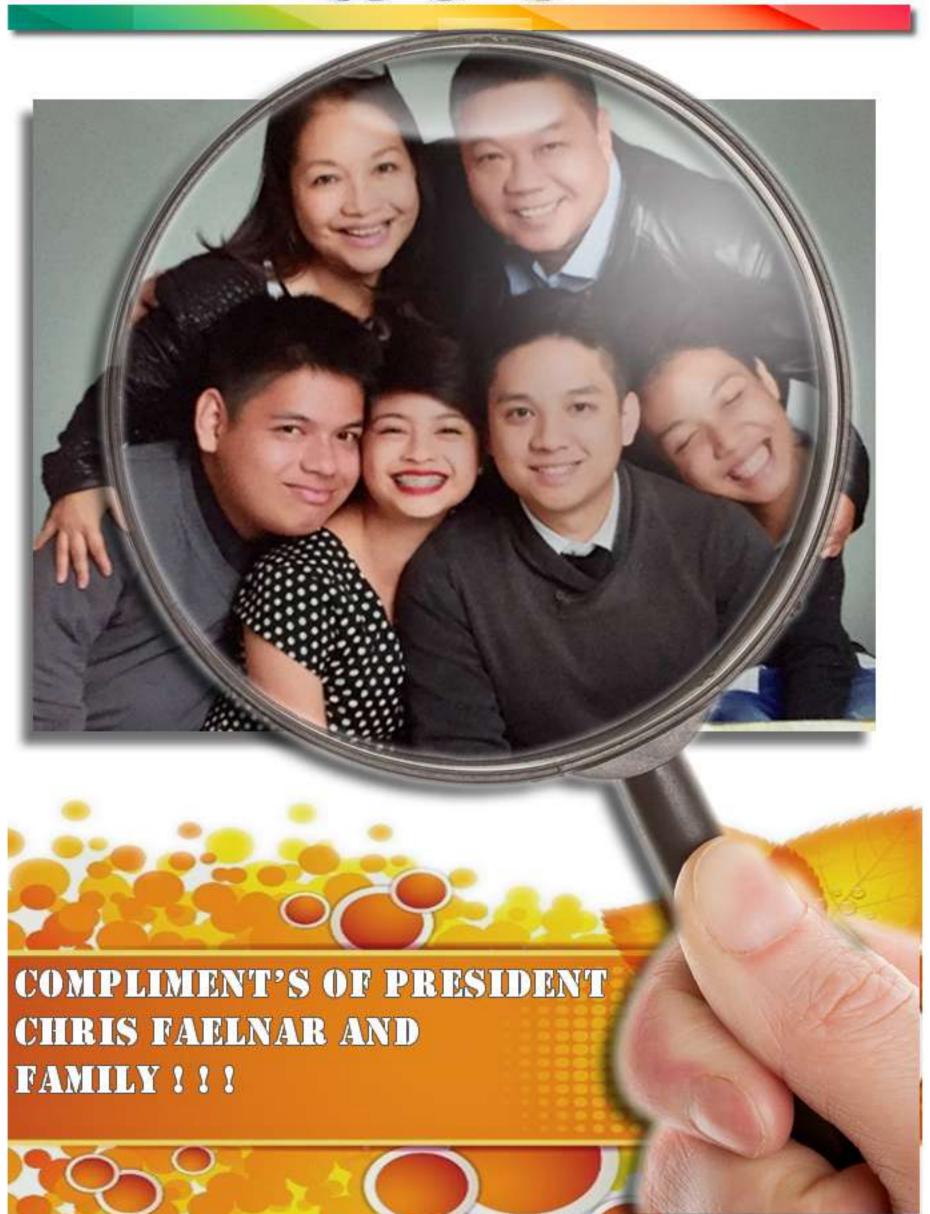
Nigeria has now rejoined Afghanistan and Pakistan that are still struggling to wipe out the wild polio virus. Apart from their remote and isolated populations, a common factor among the three countries is the dire security situations that are making disease prevention challenging than ever.

Although a new campaign to reach 25 million children before the end of the year is now in progress, UNICEF has warned that not less than one million children are in areas too dangerous to access. There are actual expectations that more cases will be discovered in the restive communities.

As expressed by one of the field experts, one cannot really say the country is cleared of polio cases in those regions.......

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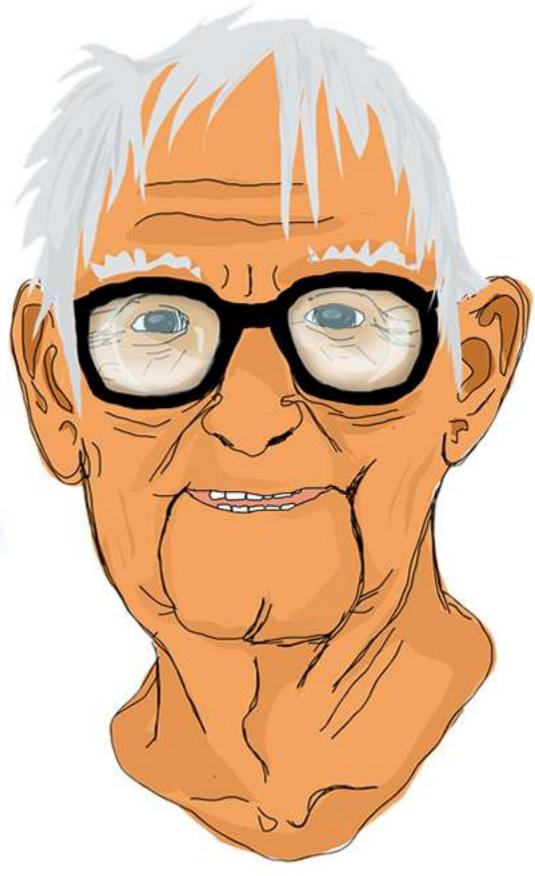
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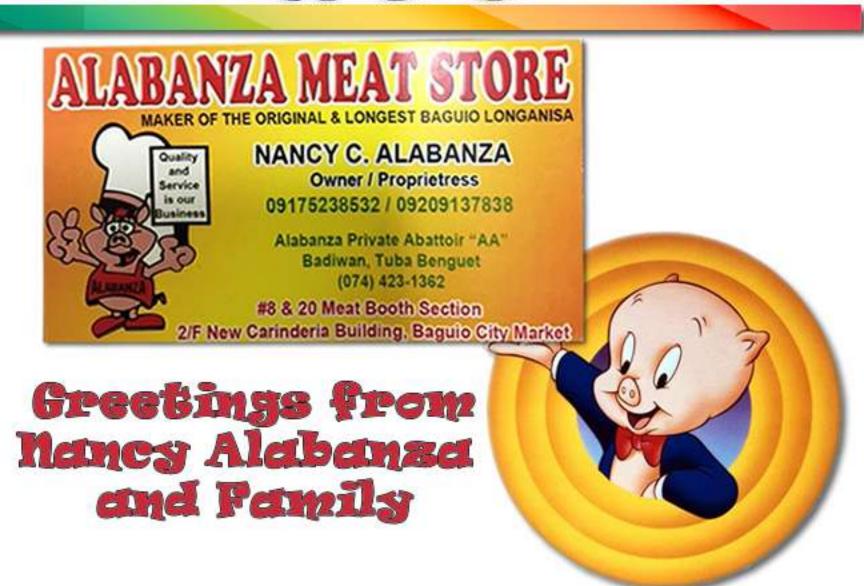








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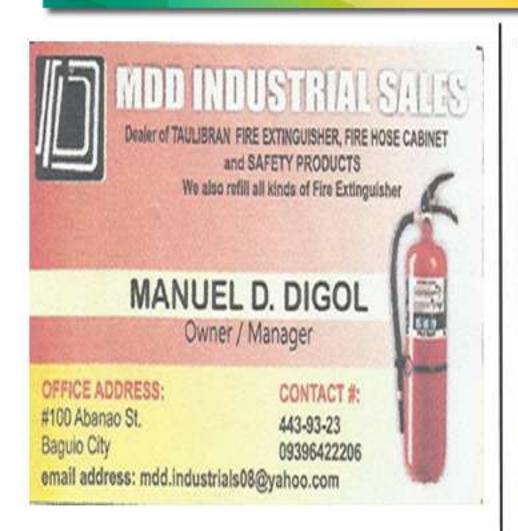
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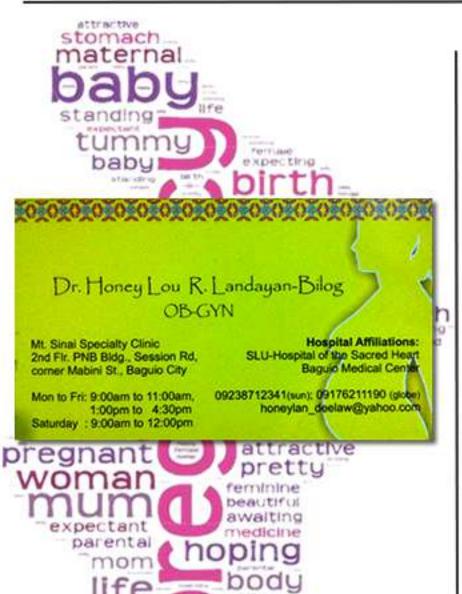




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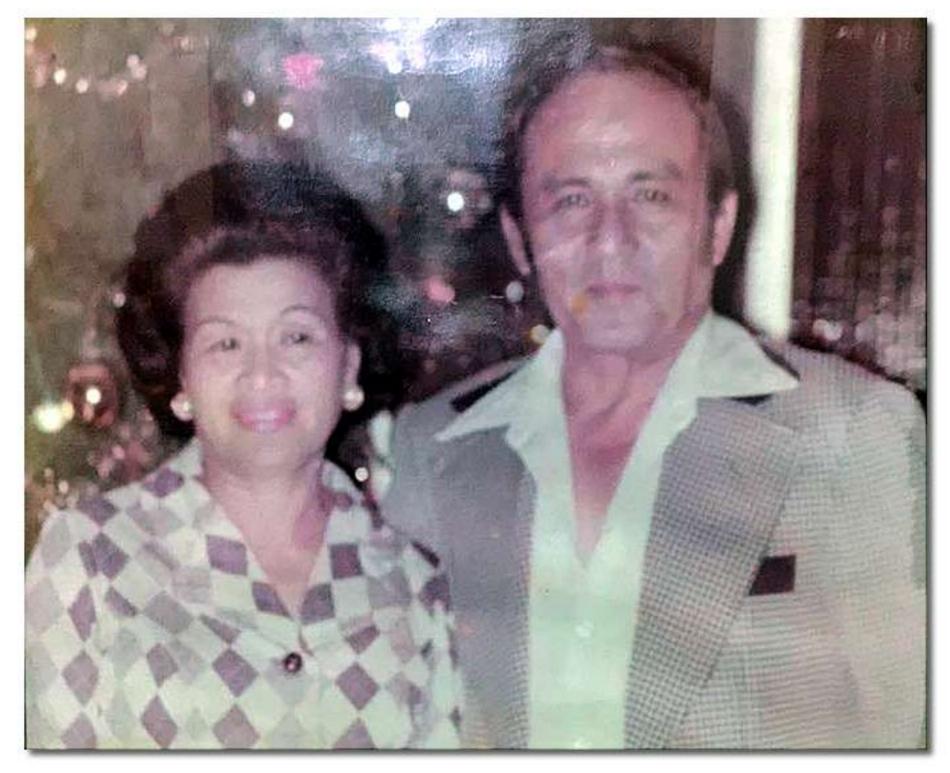




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In Memoriam



PAST PRESIDENT HECTOR "HEC" LOPEZ

January 6, 1918 — September 22, 2016

19th President of the Rotary Club of Baguio, RY 1962-1963

Please offer a silent prayer for the eternal repose of his soul.

HUGOT OFTHE WEEK

To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that sparks but a special heart that listens.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM OCTOBER 1. 2016



The Rotary Club of Baguio Hymn

(The Force of Goodwill)

Composed by Dennis P. Flores, M.D.

We have been summoned by God's loving call
To follow a great, self-less road
To serve, heart and mind, every trial, stand tall
Unburden a man's heavy load . . .
Trained to examine the gifts of the past
Consider the present we bear
To aim for the best of the future we must
Broaden our minds as we care . . .

Chorus:

We are the force built on Goodwill and Service Love friend or foe, we embrace this demand Called to be brace through life's burning furnace Rotary Club of Baguio, we stand

The Truth, all actions must certainly yield

To all of our mankind, be fair

For Goodwill and Friendships we constantly build

Forever God's Goodness we share . . .

(Repeat Chorus twice)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 1, 2016

Club Assembly

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12 noon	Registration	
12:30	Call to Order	Pres. Chris Faelnar
	Invocation	Rtn. Carlo Gallardo
	Pambansang Awit	
	Rotary Hymn	
	4 Way Test	
12:40	Entertainment	Rtn. Tonton Tan
12:50	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PDG Linda Winter
12:55	Members Time	
1:05	President's Time	Pres. Chris Faelnar
1:15	Club Assembly	Committee Chairs
220	Open Forum	
225	RCB Hymn	
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal	
2:30	Adjournment	Pres. Chris Faelnar