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It's getting colder and colder in the City of Pines as temperature in Baguio dropped to a new 2017 record low February 15 with 7.3 degrees Celsius. Baguio has been having a particularly chilly week. The chilly weather is caused by the northeast monsoon or hanging Amihan, which brings cold wind from Siberia and China to the Philippines. The weather bureau said temperatures might drop even further this February, and that tourists and residents of the city can expect chilly weather in the city until March. Despite this, our activities continue...

Still on a full schedule this February, I represented Pres. Chris Faelnar to the Welcome Dinner held at Baguio Palace Hotel for the Japanese delegates of the Baguio Scholarship Foundation last February 10, 2017. I was joined in by PDG Linda Winter, PP Gerard Audineau, Dir. Naas Demytennaere, PP Marilyn Barredo and our very own Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas, Executive Director of Abong Foundation. We were treated to a sumptuous dinner after which we entertained the guests by singing various songs while PP Gerard played his harmonica. Another surprise is a dance number from PDG Linda, PP Marilyn and I to the delight of the crowd. Fellowship gave us the opportunity to mingle with new found friends from Japan. Despite the language barrier, actuations and a few broken English from those I were seated with got me through the night.

Thank Yous are in order for Treas. Ali Morales and Dir. Naas Demytennaere who joined me at the Baguio Scholarship Foundation Turnover of scholarship fund. As reported to President Chris, he is very much delighted and grateful to the 26 RCB members, 1 Rotary Ann and 1 Rotakid who attended the Joint Meeting with RC Summer Capital and RC Baguio, who is this year's host for the BSF visit. This meeting made up for the 1230pm regular meeting of our club and He is mighty proud of our Club for having a good showing of support from members by their attendance.

Kudos is also bestowed upon PP Libby Fernandez who even at short notice marvelously planned the RC Siargao visit to our club. While everyone rested on a Sunday, PP Libby Fernandez who was tapped by Pres. Chris Faelnar busied herself planning the arrival of Rotarians from RC Siargao. She gave assistance to the visitors by providing information on hotels where they can book their accommodations. Special thanks is given to the 19 RCB members namely PP Libby, PP Gerard, PE Jun, IPP Gigi, PP Veeh, PP Alfred, PP Cy, PP Raffy, PP Marilyn, PP Bert, PP Chris, PP Uwe, Sec. Rico, Dir. Naas, Aud. Atom, Rtn. Arnel, Rtn. Marlie, Rtn. Marlie who joined the meeting with me representing Pres. Chris during the Sisterhood signing with Pres. Beth Recto and AG John David Corpin. The 12 delegates of RC Siargao were amazed at the video showcasing our projects held during IPP Gigi's term and we were doubly excited when Sec. Elias Brina presented the Siargao youtube video of places we can visit especially when He invited all members to travel to Siargao. They promised to take care of us and that is something we can all look forward to. Siargao here we come!

Special thanks are also in order for PP Libby and PP Gerard who arranged for an educational tour for our visitors from RC Siargao. As she has posted in Facebook, "a perfect day to spend Valentine's Day sharing great projects for humanity" with photos of their visit to Kabuyao Elementary School, Ben Cab where visitors were treated to lunch, and at Dir. Naas SLU office where Inclusive Education and Computer Training for the Blind and visually impaired are being held. According to PP Libby, they were appreciative of the very warm reception held for them.

Our Feeding Program at Mariano Sabarino and Besong Saddle Elementary School continues until next week with the Cosmetology Training for RCC Dontogan culminating this weekend. Hopefully, our members can still catch any of the schedules while they are still ongoing.

February 18, 2017 is our 21st Golf Fellowship for a Cause. We look forward to the support of all members and PE Jun Bondoc would like to thank all Rotary Anns and RCB members for their hole sponsorship and/or assistance in getting sponsorship and raffle donations. Working together for a good cause is always heartwarming.

Are you ready with your Gatsby attires? February 25 is also fast approaching...let's gear up and celebrate our 79th Charter Anniversary with all the glitter and glamor. For sure it is going to be an awesome celebration!

Then off to the month of March...more activities are in store for us. Let us pile up on layers and wear wind-resistant clothes. Waterproof footwear is a must have during the cold season, while hats, mittens and scarves are also advisable. Let us brave the cold weather but sustain our energy to be Rotarians in Action.

RETROSPECT

RCB & RCBSC Joint Meeting

By: Aud. Atom Mendalla



6PM on Feb. 11 was a cool, drizzly evening to have a meeting. It's a rare occurrence but yes, it does happen - a club meeting other than lunch and away from the usual BCC grounds.

The occasion, a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital held in honor of our Japanese guests - our generous scholarship fund benefactors from different rotary clubs in Tokyo, and making up the Baguio Scholarship Foundation (BSF).

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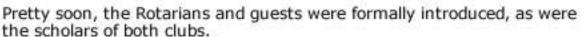


The cuisine – a fusion of Japanese, Italian and contemporary dishes Like clockwork, the meeting was called to order on time. The invocation, the Philippine and Japanese national anthems and the Philippine Rotary Hymn followed in quick succession.

It was quite literally, an amalgamation of international proportions:

The venue - the grand ballroom of Venus Parkview Hotel - with a

decidedly Venetian theme of intricately designed chandeliers, soft lighting, elegant mini topiaries on crystal and lacey candle holders. The people – Japanese guests of honor, a mix of Filipino and other



Reports on the Scholars and Scholarship Funds were formally presented to Mr. Masakazu Ishikawa, Vice Adviser of BSF and Past District Governor.

His succinct but insightful speech was a testament to the long standing friendly relations between the Japanese and Filipino Rotary clubs, and the continued patronage of the BSF.

RCB Summer Capital President Rommel Alcid and RC Baguio VP/PN Lani Fabi expressed gratitude to the Baguio Scholarship Foundation for their untiring support and reiterated the commitment of both clubs to make full and efficient use of the scholarship funds to support well deserving students and creating, dare I say, future Rotarians.



RETROSPECT

Our club was very well represented by 26 members, one Rotary Ann (RAPP Cely Ladilad) and one Rotakid (Lira Jun). Nevertheless, we were vastly outnumbered by the 52-strong Japanese contingent!







While VP/PN Lani ably represented Pres. Chris – we did get asked where he was. His being in Japan, of all places, elicited a few chuckles. I can't exactly pinpoint why, but it was pretty funny.





After an exchange of bannerettes and the gifting of mini bulols to the guests, everyone held hands for a lively rendition of the Rotary Hymn in Japanese.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m, well before the scheduled 9pm ending.

As a few of the (usual) stragglers lingered on after the event, I couldn't help but reflect on how truly apropos the Rotary Hymn is given the tragic and violent past we (as a country) have had with Japan.





RETROSPECT















It is quite ironic that now, as Rotarians, we are one in pursuing truly honorable endeavors.

- I can still hear the words:
 World understanding shall be our cherished goal
 And if we, in a way, help obtain Peace in the World we shall not have lived in vain

Retrospect means to look back. But as I continue to witness Rotarians doing good – I can only look forward with hope and a certainty that Rotarians can and are making the world a much better place to live in!

SEGRETARYS



Rico Ferrer Secretary, RC Baguio

BIRTHDAY

Dir. Jun Cardona - Feb. 12 PP Uwe Koeller – Feb. 21

Visiting Rotarians and Guests Feb. 11 Joint Meeting: Baguio Scholarship Foundation Delegates from Japan, Rotary Club of Baguio Summer Capital

Rotakids/Apos Feb. 11 Joint Meeting: Lira Lee RK of Rtn. Eunice

Rotary Anns Feb. 11 Joint Meeting: RAPP Cely Ladilad

We missed you last Feb. 11 Meeting:

Rtn. Cess Apostol, Rtn. Modz Bahul(mu), PP Veeh Balajo(mu), PE Jun Bondoc(mu), Rtn. Vangy Cacho (mu), PP Mia Cawed, Rtn. Lorena Cachola(mu), Rtn. Arland Caronongan, PP Raffy Chan(mu), PP Diony Claridad(exc), Dir. Naas Demyttenaere(mu), Rtn. Dwight Dulnoan, Pres. Chris Faelnar(mu), PP Libby Fernandez(mu),Rtn. Glenn Flores, Rtn. Mark Flores, Rtn. Glory Fritz, Rtn. Carlo Gallardo, Rtn. Bennie Laranang(OL), PP Angeling Palma (exc), PP Lito Pangilinan(exc), PP Chris Peralta(mu), Rtn. Pam Perkins(OL), Rtn. David Rees(OL), PP Helmut Schlaaff(exc), PP Benny Sunga(exc), Rtn. Wilma Tadije, Rtn. Tonton Tan.

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

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

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- 1. Log on to Rotaryeclubone.org
- 2. Click on: Make-up Programs
- 3. Spend 30 minutes on site by reading any 3 articles
- 4. Click on: Request Make-up
- 5. Complete make-up form and indicate secretary's email address (rico_v51@yahoo.com)
- 6. Our club number is: 16863
- 7. Forward emailed copy and/or make a print out of your make-up confirmation to the secretary.

*Ask for a Make-up card from the club you have made up with and submit it to the Club Secretary.

Feb. 18 - RCB Golf Fellowship: Baguio Country Club

Feb. 25 - RCB Charter Anniversary: Cameron Forbes

Ballroom, BCC Feb. 26 - Fellowship with RC Bukit Bintang: PP Marilyn's house

Feb. 27 - Opening of Rotary Booth at Session Road in Bloom

March 3 - Visit to Kabuyao Project with Dist. 3730 - Fellowship with Dits. 3730: Pres. Chris house March 4 - Medical Mission w/ RC Wonju

March 10-12 - PESETS

THIS WEEK'S AGTIVIT

RCB Board Meeting Feb. 9 at David's Tea House SM:
Pres. Chris Faelnar, VP Lani Fabi, PE Jun Bondoc, IPP Gigi Maranan, Treas. Ali Morales, PP Uwe Koeller,
PP Veeh Balajo, PP Marilyn Barredo, PP Libby Fernandez, PP Gerard Audineau, Dir. Baby Kaur.

Sisterhood Signing between RC Baguio & RC Siargao Feb. 13 BCC Training Center:

AG/CP John David Corpin and Ann, Pres. Baby Recto, Exec. Sec. Elias Brina, Dir. Marietta Tagalo, Dir. Maria Paz, Dir. Chloe Digal, Dir. Allan Navarro, Dir. Nedy Eva, Dir. Shiela Digal.

RC Baguio:

VP Lani Fabi, IPP Gigi Maranan, PE Jun Bondoc, Sec. Rico Ferrer, PP Marilyn Barredo, PP Alfred Laygo, PP Raffy Chan, PP Chris Peralta, PP Gerard Audineau, PP Veeh Balajo, PP Uwe Koeller, PP Cy Fagar, PP Bert Talco, Dir. Naas Demytteneare, Aud. Atom Mendalla, Rtn. Marlie Dela Cruz, Rtn. Arnel Cabanisas, Rtn. Vangy Cacho.

Feeding Program Feb. 8 and 16:

Cosmetology Training Feb. 10, 13, 15 and 17: Rtn. Lorena Cachola

Japanese Welcome Dinner

Editor's Note: Last February 10th members of RCB attended the welcome dinner hosted by the Abong Foundation for our Japanese benefactors from the Baguio Scholarship Foundation. This was held as the Mr. Ching Restaurant of the Palace Hotel and was attended by PDG Linda, PP Marilyn, PP Gerard, VP Lani and Dir.

Naas and Rtn. Arnel who was there to represent the Abona Foundation.































SISTERHOOD SIGNING WITH RC SIARGAO, RI District 3860 February 13, 2017 at the Baguio Country Club Training Center

By: PP Cy Fagar



Despite the strong earthquake in Surigao last Saturday, a delegation from the Rotary Club of Siargao, RI District 3860, arrived in Baguio today to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between our clubs to formalize our Sisterhood Agreement.

As a backgrounder, I understand that RC Siargao's Charter President, John Corpin, and our IPP, Gigi Maranan, have been communicating with each other about this Matched Club arrangement since last Rotary year. RC Siargao, chartered on March 11, 2015, wanted to learn the secrets of "long life" from our Club.





















The programme was supposed to start at 7:00pm at the Baguio Country Club Training Center but our guests were a little late. The program actually started at about 7:30pm. The nine man RC Siargao delegation was headed by their President, Baby Recto. In contrast, 20 members of our club attended the activity. VP Lani and PE Jun headed the RC Baguio group. It is noteworthy to mention that of the 20 RCB members present, 11 are Past Presidents.

The Program was a relatively informal one. PP Libby started it by giving the Invocation. This was followed by the Welcome Remarks of the Chair of our Sister Club Committee, PP Gerard Audineau. After PP Gerard's Welcome Remarks, PE Jun gave a brief history of our Club. Then, Rtn Marlie dela Cruz introduced the members of our Club present.

Next was the introduction of the members of RC Siargao by its president, Baby Recto. After the Introduction by President Baby Recto, Charter President John Corpin followed. He talked about the history of his Club.

















The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement was next. VP Lani Fabi signed in behalf of our Club while President Baby Recto signed in behalf of RC Siargao. The secretaries of both clubs, Rico Ferrer and his counterpart Elias Brina, acted as witnesses for the document. After the signing, there was the usual exchange of banners and the presentation of tokens by our Club.

For our guests to know more of our Club, we showed an Audio Visual Presentation after the signing ceremonies. It was a 10 minute clip showing what happened and what we did last Rotary year. The AVP was made by VP Lani and if I may say, an excellent one! After the AVP, Secretary Elias of RCS went to the podium to talk more about Siargao and its beauty. We were told, among other things, that the island of Siargao in Surigao del Norte has 9 municipalities with a population of about 200,000. There are three Rotary Clubs in the area. These clubs are all new clubs with RC Siargao as their mother club.

Expectedly, we were invited to return the gesture and visit Siargao. And judging from what I heard from the members of our Club present, we might as well have an "out of venue meeting" in Siargao. The question now is when are we going?













RCB Tours RC Siargao

By PP Gerard Audineau

Tuesday it was a pleasure to guide our friends of RC Siargao for a tour in the City of Baguio.

A big thank you to PP Libby and Dir/ Naas to accompany us during this tour. We started by the visit of Kabuyao Elementary School to show the work going on for the renovation of classrooms and construction of toilet blocks. The teachers of Kabuyao prepared kindly for us good coffee and camote.













After that we went to Ben Cab Museum, but Dir. Naas had lunch obligation. We had a good lunch in the restaurant of Ben Cab Museum, visit of the garden under a nice sun, and visit of the museum just when clouds were coming. After we went to the restaurant of the village to take some photos, but the clouds covered slowly all the sky.





As Dir. Naas was waiting for us in his office to present the work done by the "Institute for Inclusive Education", we took a long way, but shorter in time, true Balacbac, Bakakeng, Kennon and Loakan road, to go there. We passed also thru the Camp John Hay and arrived in SLU building of Navy Base.

Dir. Naas started to present one of the visual impaired computer teacher who made a demonstration with explanations appreciated by our guests. At this time I had to leave them to join Terry at home and Dir. Naas took care of them.





Hair Straightening



Feeding Program Updates







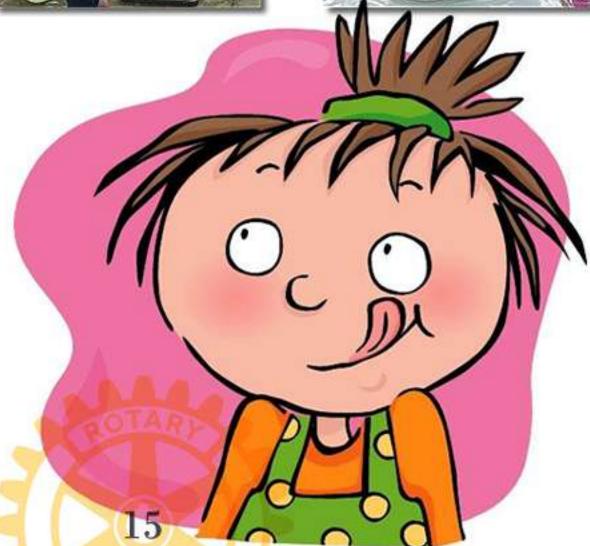




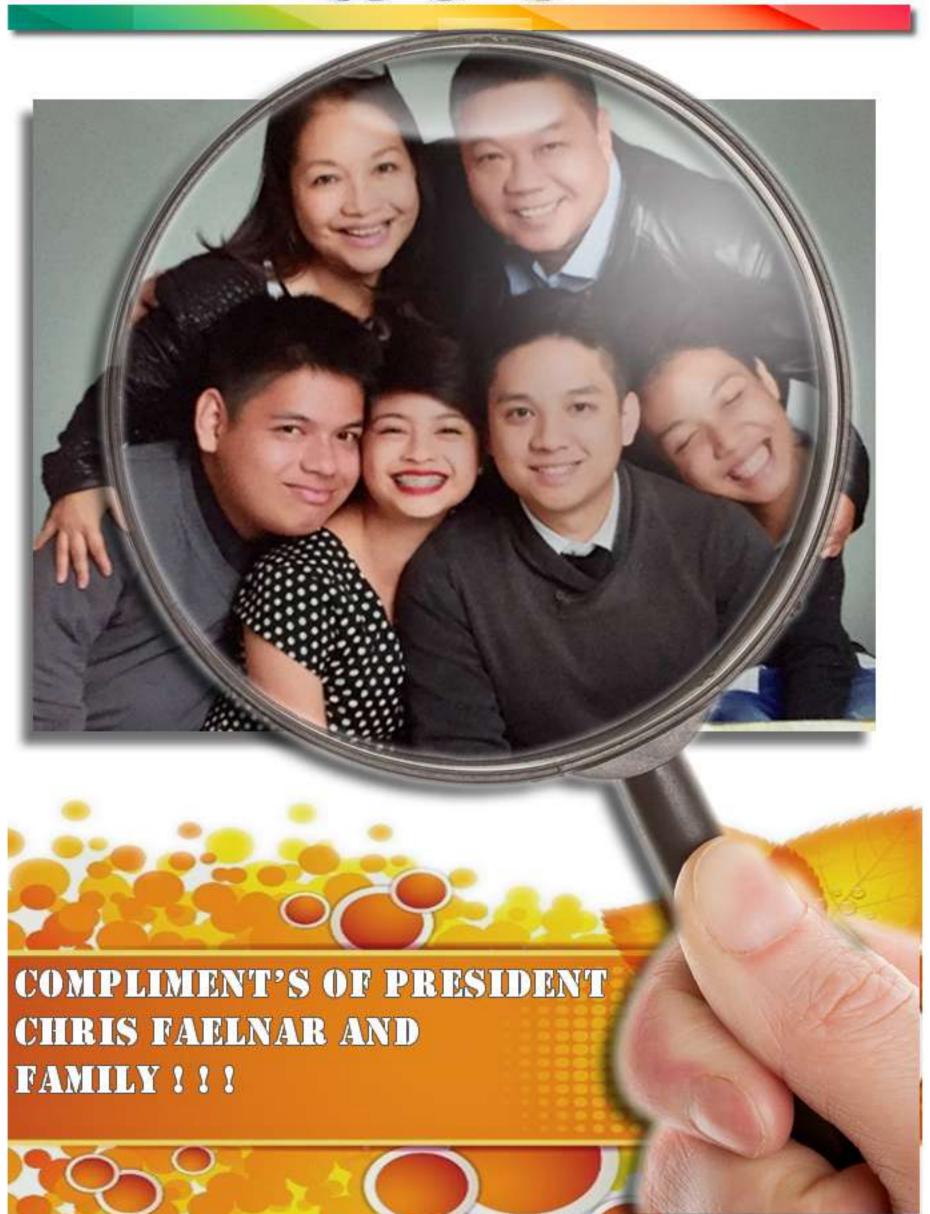
















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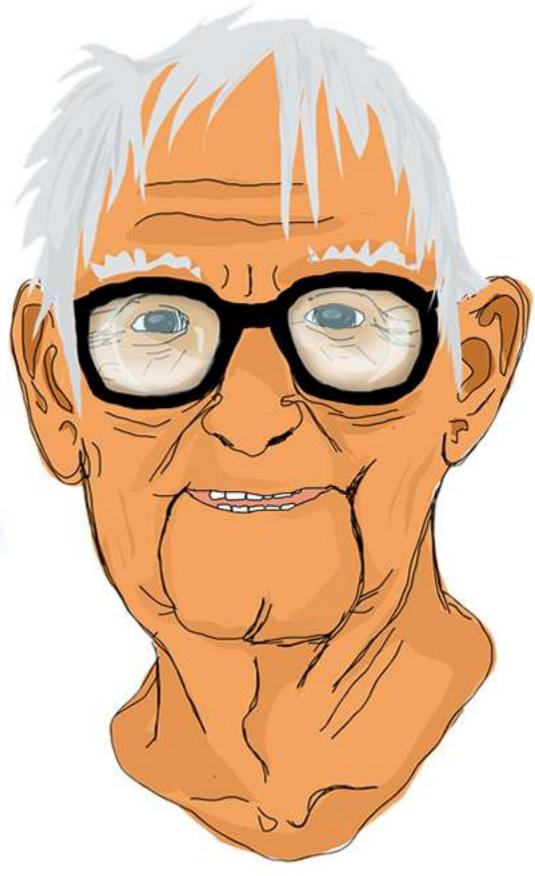
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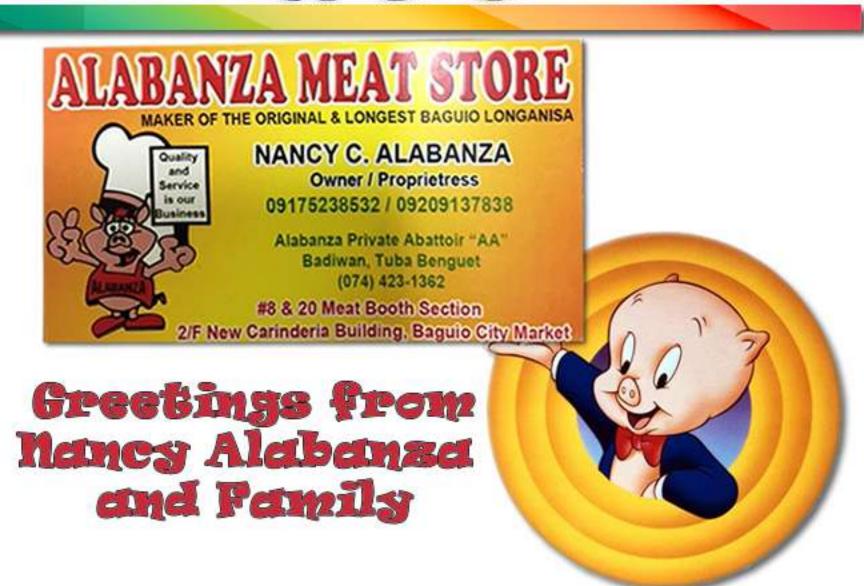








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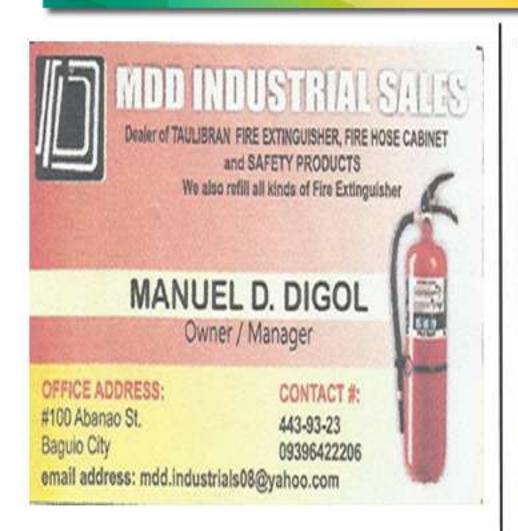
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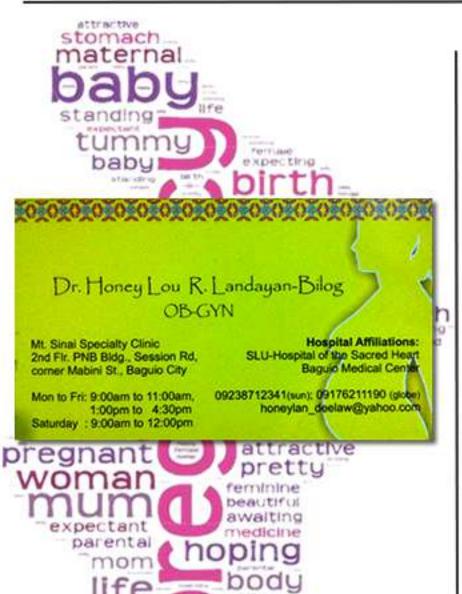




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HUGOT OFTHE WEEK



With the right person, you don't have to work so hard to be happy. It just happens, effortlessly • • •

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2017

78th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME CAMERON FORBES BALLROOM

Theme: THE GREAT GATSBY

Attire: formal

PART I - Registration / Holy Mass PP Benny

Sunga

5:00pm Mass At the Powerhouse

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Sec. Rico Ferrer

PART II - Program Proper

5:00pm Registration Sec Rico Ferrer & Treas

Ali Morales

Start of Fellowship and Cocktails String Quartet
7:00pm Call To Order PRES CHRIS FAELNAR

Invocation I Offer My Life

Pambansang Awit All Rotary Hymn All

7:15pm Welcome Remarks PE JUN BONDOC 7:20pm Dinner and Entertainment String Quartet

7:35pm Introduction of VR&G PP ALFRED LAYGO
7:45pm AVP - This is the Rotary Club of Baguio

We Work Hard, We Fellowship Hard

7:50pm Anniversary Rites

Roll Call of RCB members (PROCESSIONAL)

SEC RICO FERRER

Lighting of Candles PP MARILYN BARREDO

Prayer for the deceased members

Renewal of Commitment to Rotary and RCB

PP BENNY SUNGA

Toast PP CY FAGAR

8:15pm RCB Hymn All

8:20pm Messages & Presentation of Tokens from

Sister Clubs RC Bukit Bintang

RC South Triangle

Seichi Morita

8:30pm Introduction of Guest Speaker

PDG LINDA WINTER

Guest Speaker GOV RAUL PERALTA

Presentation of Token of Apprecition

PRES CHRIS FAELNAR

8:45pm Formal Adjournment PRES CHRIS FAELNAR

FELLOWSHIP

raffle

35 dancing