



## District Conference and Awarding Seminar 2016



RACLB brought home the Major award: Bronze Awardee—Community-based in the DICAC 2016 at La Virginia Resort, Mataas na Kahoy, Batangas

The annual District Conference and Awarding Ceremony (DICAC) was held at La Virginia Resort, Mataas na Kahoy, Batangas last April 15-17 2016. The event was attended by approximately 60 participants from the different clubs of Rotaract within

District 3820 as well as the RotEx and Rotarians.

The event proper started in the evening with a Coachella themed Seminar and Fellowship. Past District Governor Fortunato “Tato” Dimayuga Jr. talked about the plan of establishing a Rotary E-Club composed of Rotarians and Rotaractors. He emphasized the importance of youth in Rotary. The Rotary is planning to have a Youth Summit to limit the gap of Rotary and Rotaract. Though he was unable to stay longer due to another engagement with his fellow Rotarians in Baguio, he was able to give a fine speech to the young people. After the talk, the participants ended the day with an all-out fun of fellowship.

The following morning, another talk was delivered by PP Oliver Alvarez, Young Professional Advisor and Rotaract/Interact Committee Member at Rotary International. He went on about the history, facts and other information about Rotary Foundation and Global Rewards that everyone with rotary.org account can enjoy.

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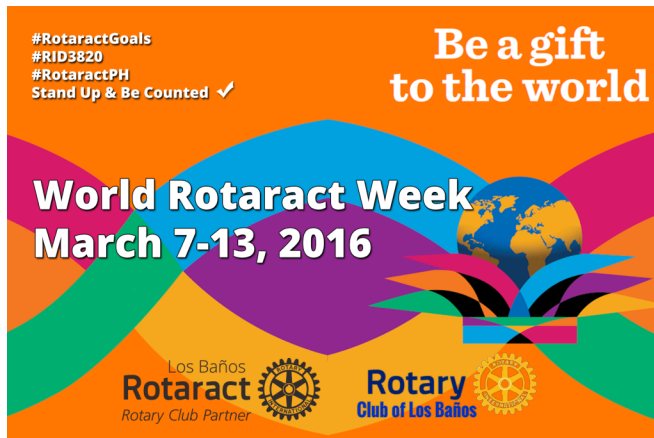
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## World Rotaract Week 2016: 48 Years of Fellowship Through Service



In celebration of the establishment of the first Rotaract Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA on March 13, 1968, Rotaractors around the globe celebrate the World Rotaract Week annually.

For this year's World Rotaract Week, RACLB participated by actively posting in social media throughout the week (from March 7-13, 2016) and by having a fellowship on the 12th of March.

RACLB actively supported the Rotaract Campaign "Stand up and Be Counted". It is to encourage Rotaractors to register at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and make their membership recognized by the Rotary International. Moreover, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños joined in the MDIO or MultiDistrict Information Organization Pilipinas' hashtag of the event in every post in social media (#RotaractPH, #WorldRotaractWeek and #RID3820).

Inspired by this, the club decided to create an Instagram account to be able to get more close to other Rotaract Clubs throughout the world. To the club's surprise, the account gained a lot of followers in just a couple of days and as of June, the account already has 204 followers. Even the Rotary International official account recognized the works of RACLB. Because of this, the club was featured in the Rotaract Official Facebook Page for the second time.

Also, the club started the hashtag #RACFact wherein the club posted and shared various facts about Rotaract, Rotary and Rotaract Philippines. Amazingly, it gained a lot of attention in Twitter and made all the work worth it.

Lastly, the group managed to assemble on March 12 despite the members being busy with their own personal lives. The group talked about the future plans for the club and other possibilities over some pizza. It was just another night but it is sure fun when you are with your family, the Rotaract family.





*MULI (PRATI) casts bowing to the audience*



*RACLB supporting PP Julius Galang on the last show of the play*

## MULI (PRATI)

During the regular meeting held last January 23, 2016 at the Baradas Residence, PP Bobby Bautista of the Rotary Club of Los Baños encouraged the members of the Rotaract Club of Los Baños (RACLB) to better promote the services of rotaract through sponsoring various activities of its members. During that time, PP Julius Angelo Galang was currently directing a theatre play for the Los Baños National High School Tanghal Sining Kayumanggi (LBNHS – TSK). As an alumnus of the theatre group, he continually supports it by volunteering as theatre mentor and director for the resident members. In order to further extend his support to the group, he and his fellow active alumni decided to form a set of officers composed of alumni supports. In this set, he was appointed as the “Artistic Director” which is the highest position.

Most members of RACLB came from the said school and were alumni of the theater club themselves. With this, PP Julius decided to invite the club to support the event by being one of the sponsors. Five of the members (excluding PP Julius) of RACLB availed a VIP Ticket worth Php 100 each and attended the last show. There was also an earlier show for the benefit of LBNHS’ students.

The play, entitled “MULI (PRATI)”, was directed by PP Julius Angelo Galang and was composed of students of LBNHS. The play portrays a love story of the past showing how the ways of courtship have changed throughout the generations. It also compares mother-daughter relationships in the past and in the present. It was held last January 29, 2016 at the Batong Malake Covered Court. The club’s sponsorship to this event also demonstrated the members’ enthusiasm towards art, specifically theatre arts. RACLB believes that the art is an integral part of the society.



## Did you know?

You can become an Arch Klumph Society Member by accumulating a total of at least \$250,000 worth of donations given to Rotary International. The Arch Klumph Society was named after Rotarian Archibald C. Klumph who was a co-founder of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in December 1910 and became Rotary International President in 1916.

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In the afternoon, the Rotaract Quiz Bee was held followed by the Amazing Race. It was the most informative, fun, adventurous and interactive part of the event. Afterwards, the participants were given a free time to swim, mingle or rest before the last part of the event, the Awarding Ceremony.

With the theme Arabian Nights for the Awarding Ceremony, the participants were very resourceful and good-looking with their outfits. The event started with a parade by the World Class Presidents of District 3820. All clubs were presented with different awards in recognition of each of the unique efforts they have showed in the district throughout the rotary year.

RACLB bagged a total of 10 awards in the District namely: **Leadership Award for WCP Cristina Dimaano, DRAF Payment, Host for Rotaract Color Run, Third Place for "The World Needs More Rotaractor", Best Club Bulletin, RI Presidential Citation, World Rotaract Week, District Wide Project-International Coastal Clean Up, Best Club Report in Laguna Area, Major Award-Bronze Awardee: Community Based.**

It was a very successful event and was ended with an all-out party. On the last day, the participants packed and left the venue with all-out smiles and full satisfaction to the wonderful experience. It was an event that everybody will be anticipating for next year.

## Mid-year Presentation to RCLB



On February 11, 2016, at one of the regular meetings of Rotary Club of Los Baños (RCLB), World Class President Cristina Dimaano stood as the speaker of the night by presenting the activities held by RACLB for the past seven months (July 2015 – January 2016). It was a request made by the original speaker of the night, PP Bobby Bautista of RCLB. It is for them to be updated of the current status of the Rotary Club Partner as well as the well-being of RACLB.

WCP Cristina chose to present the same set of plans of activities she presented during the District Rotaract Representative's Visit in Los Baños last September. She was able to discuss the projects that were planned but were not conducted as well as the successful plans made during the planning. Fortunately, only two to three of the planned projects were not made possible due to schedule conflicts. Other than that, the rest were a success gaining the current status of RACLB. RCLB was quite impressed by the plans prepared by the Rotaract Club since most of them have a potentially massive impact in the community. Afterwards, RACLB presented the draft plans for President Elect Glesly Vasquez' term for the next rotary year. WCP Do De Padua gave WCP Cristina Dimaano the rotary theme pin, "Be a Gift to the World" as an appreciation for the night.

## Backpacking Seminar



*Director Jeffrey demonstrating the army style of folding*

Professional Development Director Jeffrey Delos Reyes, who had been into different places due to passion for travel was the speaker for the event. He is also currently a member of the University of the Philippines Los Baños' Road Trip organization which advocates for responsible tourism, environmentalism, enrichment of cultural heritage, revisiting of local histories, and road safety education during travel around the country.

Since most of the members are enthusiast of traveling, the club itself wants to plan trips to different destinations, Laguna being the first in line. With this, Director Jeffrey discussed some useful tips on how to pack your belongings accordingly as well as how to minimize expenses from plane and boat travelling. The highlight of his presentation was on how to maximize the space of travel bags using unique clothes folding techniques. Ractors learned a lot from the seminar especially about travelling by plane as most of the members had never ridden one before. Director Jeffrey's lecture slides will be posted on our website for the sake of other travel enthusiasts who are also planning their trips and to assist beginners for a safer and cheaper travel.



*The participants of the seminar*

## Career Orientation 2016



PP Roberto "Bert" Tagalog sharing his experiences to inspire the students

LBNHS held another career orientation for the Grade 9 students of LBNHS (equivalent of Third Year HS). At most six rotarians came to inspire the students with their successful career path highlighting the struggles they stumbled along the way. And, for the first time, rotaractors were chosen to talk about their degrees and future careers. WCP Cristina Dimaano, Secretary Angelica Obrador and IPP Micaela Vega were present discussing their degree course, BS Applied Mathematics but with different fields of specialization.



*Students listening intently to the speakers*

Career orientation is an annual event initiated by the Rotary Club of Los Baños (RCLB) for the Interact Club of Los Baños National High School way back in 2008. It aims to provide guidance to third year high school students on deciding on the right career path to choose once they reach fourth year high school. Despite the implementation of the K-12 program this school year, this project still continues to achieve its goal.

This year, with the help of Rotaract Club of Los Baños and RCLB, Interact Club of



## RCLB Teambuilding and Fellowship



Inspired by the past successful team building activities held by RACLB, RCLB decided to conduct their very own first team building and fellowship activity last February 27, 2016 at Samson Farm. #298 Puypuy, Bay, Laguna. Rotaractors of RACLB were also invited to the event, making it a bonding activity between the two clubs as well. It started at 10 in the morning with a tour around the place owned by WCP Donald De Padua's uncle. It was then followed by breakfast before starting the activity proper.

The first activity was about getting to know each other wherein each one was asked to find something that represents him/her as an individual and as a Rotarian/Rotaractor. Immediately after, they started to prepare lunch while the rest of the group

conducted another team building activity wherein PP Bert Tagalog built a bamboo frame to be moved by the members using team cooperation. Whilst still waiting for the lunch, the group had yet another game called "True or False". In this game, one person will tell either a fact or a lie about

himself/herself and the rest of the group will try to guess whether it's true or false. The goal is for the person in front to fool as many members as he/she can. It was a fun game knowing personal stories from the members of our sponsoring club. Lunch time came and the group had a good talk about the things going on with each members. The team building ended up with a Pinoy Henyo game. Even though not all Rotarians were present due to work conflicts, they intend to do these things more often especially for the next rotary year.



*RCLB and RACLB enjoying a casual talk during the fellowship*

## Turn Over Ceremony



As World Class President Cristina Dimaano's term comes to an end, she delivered a heartfelt message for her beloved members.

While the club attentively listened, the members remembered how WCP Cristina got out of her comfort zone and improved herself. She held on to her term amidst all the challenges she was going through. And all the support the club gave to her was worth it for the club was able to receive multiple

awards during her leadership.

The leadership can now be passed on to PE Glesly Vasquez. As soon as PE Glesly was handed over the position, she immediately relayed to the members her goals and agendas for her term. The focus for this year will be mainly on recruitment, club diversification, financing, professionalism and on becoming the most outstanding club in Laguna. She greatly encouraged the members to be more active and punctual.

To end the turn over ceremony, the club had a little feast over pansit, bread and softdrinks majorly sponsored by the two presidents. The club now looks forward for the coming Rotary Year with a theme "Rotary Serving Humanity."



*All Star President Glesly Vasquez with World Class President Cristina Dimaano*



## Message from World Class President Cristina Dimaano



Am I scared of becoming a president of this organization? I would say, not at all. Most of you would agree that I am just an observant, introvert you might say and have social anxiety but why being a president of this club, which requires a lot of interaction in and outside the organization, didn't scare me? It's because you guys (RACLB) are here.

For the past five years, you have been a part of my everyday (or bi-monthly) life. I've been observing our past presidents with their leadership skills as well as with their social interaction, especially during district events. I was wondering "how do they do it, how come they had so much fun?" I was even scared attending a meeting with the Rotary. I get intimidated easily and have low self-esteem. But with the changes that occurred in my term, I learned to overcome, if not, faced most of my hesitations and tried to lower my pride. I need to interact, meet professionals and welcome new volunteers. I think I did what I could do but I know I can always do better.

Looking back, we had a good start in my term. We had fruitful plans and fun fellowships, and in terms of members, we got huge. But then, change is inevitable. Let me have this moment to apologize for all of my unreasonable decisions in the beginning that might led you to have a different path in the club. I myself, as a leader was not considerate enough that some of you have other priorities other than this. But I'm also glad that in some way it became a wakeup call to me and I am thankful that until now, you're still here to support RACLB.

Now, I am nothing if not because of you. If you might notice, almost all of our projects have been collaborations from different organizations. This one thing that strikes me most when IPP Mica asked me to do a project (real project) in my term. And in the end, I haven't succeeded in it. I still have fear and doubts with the ability of the club. With the diminishing number of members in the end, how can I conduct a project in the community? This is one of my weakness. I'm stuck between learning and doing. I am happy that you still accept me despite my flaws. This has been an awesome and successful rotary year.

Despite my self-blaming, I would like to quote something from one of my recent favorite drama. When asked why the protagonist became a soldier, he said "Because someone has to be a soldier". Now, looking back to when I first join Interact and Rotaract, they are both because of peer pressure but I won't last for five years if it's just because of it. **Because someone has to be a Rotaractor.** Maybe I won't be great in this field. Maybe I'll be observing throughout my membership in this organization. But one thing is certain, I am a better person because of this club.

My theme "Be a gift to the world" is a simple phrase that has a lot of meaning. You guys already took part in being a gift to MY world and certainly, for others, your family, colleagues. Let's do more projects, even if it's small or even if it's just for someone because we can't change the whole world but it means the world to someone we will help.

I know PE Glesly has a lot of plans for her All Star term and I know that we can learn a lot. Please fill in some of my holes in the club from my term. I know you have doubts but I believe in your ability to run this organization and no one will object if I say, we will be something great in the end of your rotary year.

Thank you RACLB!

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## About Rotaract

Rotaract is a service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30 who are dedicated to community and international service. Its membership totals over 200,000 in more than 9,000 clubs worldwide. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either university- or community-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs and offer guidance and support, making the Rotaract clubs true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

### Rotaract Club of Los Baños

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## Years of Fellowship Through Service

President	Rotary Year	Rotary International Theme
Angelica Francesz Pineda	2010-2011	Building Communities, Bridging Continents
Elsie Rose Reaviles	2011-2012	Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
Maia Nisa Mauricio	2012-2013	Peace Through Service
Julius Angelo Galang	2013-2014	Engage Rotary, Change Lives
Ma. Micaela Vega	2014-2015	Light Up Rotary
Maria Cristina Dimaano	2015-2016	Be A Gift To The World

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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