



Home Gardening Seminar 2015



PE Glesly Vasquez hosting the event

Home Gardening Seminar is an annual activity of Rotaract Club of Los Baños (RACLB) aiming to help the community to have their own garden in their home and/or community. This can help them sustain everyday supply of food and even an additional income

to the family. In coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) – Office of the Municipal Agriculturist in Los Baños, RACLB conducted their second seminar on home gardening last November 28, 2015 at Multi-purpose Hall of Brgy. Batong Malake, Los Baños. The speaker of the event is the head of the Municipal Agriculturist Office of Los Baños (MAO), Mrs. Fe Banasihan. She talked about the basic home gardening as well as tips from planting to harvesting of vegetable plants.

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Paskong Kalinga ng RCLB

As Christmas comes along, the Rotary Club of Los Baños held another gift giving activity to some chosen families in the Riverside, Barangay Batong Malake, Los Baños, Laguna. The funds used were raised by the RCLB through caroling around Los Baños. There was a storm back when they were caroling but it did not stop them from singing and dancing as they raise the spirit of Christmas and charity despite the storm. With this they raised a huge amount of money enough to launch this gift giving activity. *[continued on page 3]*

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Message from Best Class President Micaela Vega



It was not a secret that I really am hesitant if not flabbergasted being elected as a successor of IPP Julius Galang. If I wasn't scared enough when they told me that I am going to be his PE, I was scared even more when IPP Julius' term came. It was project after project. I would have complained immaturely that the club was demanding more than enough from us but then I realized at least there are members who have been supporting the club's project and me. Complaining may dwindle down their motivation to act and eventually lose their interest. It is not just me that is going to suffer with member loss. RACLB may be gone for good if I am not going to grow up and fix my act. And then gradually, time consumed in projects after project are not so bad after all. My passion of service has returned. And I did not even realize I lost it. During Julius' term, RACLB has been filtered to its core members, who I believe have the same passion in service as I do if not probably more.

When his term ended, it was now my turn to keep it up whatever the other past presidents have started. I know that it is going to be difficult as I still have my reservations in taking the post. I want to do many things, I want to prove myself, I want to become this, achieve that yada-yada-yada. It was a clash of my personal life, academics and club life. I became president during my Senior year when I just got my worst grades and got suspended of my scholarship. It was conflict indeed. I want to preside RACLB but not right in that moment. But then again, I am now their leader like it or not. The club faced many challenges during my year.

The club faced many challenges during my year. And maybe we did not overcome all of it but I am proud to say that these did not shut us down. Maybe we have shed a member or two but I am also proud to say that we are stronger now than we used to. We achieved many things (great, stupid and idiotic, funny, nonsensical things) no matter how menial they may have been at the moment, I know in the future it may become handy. Who knows?

Three things for my RACLB:

1. I am sorry. I could have been a better leader.
2. Thank you, for trusting me. It was still an awesome year for me.
3. Looking forward for more.

Stumbling upon RACLB or Interact and becoming a part of it was peer pressure. It was one of the best kinds of peer pressure I tell you. In this organization you will be pressured a lot of times: giving up your allowances, salary, time, embarrassing moments but one thing is for sure it will all be worth it when payback comes.

I leave you with the most awesome thing connected to theme Light Up Rotary. Candles. When a candle lights another candle, its own light doesn't diminish. Now that I am transferring the leadership to Tinay, it doesn't mean I lost my light nor it means I am a less of rotaractor than I used when I was young.



PP Ding Navasero as Santa Ding, giving vests to the beneficiaries of the event

Paskong Kalinga ng RCLB

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Accompanied by the Rotaract Club of Los Baños, the RCLB conducted “Paskong Kalinga” last December 19, 2015 at the Old Admin Building of UPLB. Performances from Saint Anthony School, Trace Dance Company and The UPRHS Glee Club who recently won in Malaysia were presented for the entertainment and astonishment of the participants. Moreover, Rotary’s PP Ding Navasero was dressed as Santa Claus as he charmed and made the children smile in a conventional Christmas way. Lastly, the Rotaractors assisted in distributing the gifts, in which they also helped in repacking beforehand. The gifts were mostly composed of Noche Buena package, snacks and toys for the children. Afterwards, the event was celebrated with a fellowship dinner at a fine restaurant.

When a candle lights another candle, its own light doesn't diminish.

Home Gardening Seminar 2015

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There were 67 participants, mostly from the housing project in Brgy. San Antonio able to attend and learn the basics of Home Gardening. The group expected 40 participants. It was never a downfall for this project, it made the club more eager to conduct this kind of seminar because of the individuals willing to learn home gardening. Afterwards, starter seeds with brochure were given to help them start their own garden.

The support of the Rotary Club of Los Baños was important since RACLB is starting to consider this as an annual event. With their financial support and also on the presence of their very own president, Dr. Donald De Padua and lending some equipment for the said activity made by their International Understanding Director, PP Roberto “Bobby” Bautista; this project was a success for this Home Gardening 2015.

Did you know?

Rotaract Club of Los Baños is the revival of Rotaract Club of UPLB established way back 1994 (as of the known record by the present rotaractors). It lasted until the year 2008 and then chartered again as a community base organization on August 19, 2010.

Most of the members of RA-CLB were alumni of Interact Club of Los Baños National High School (it is NOT a requirement!)

Five years of Fellowship Through Service

The Rotaract Club of Los Baños celebrated its 5th year of fellowship through service last August 29, 2015 at the house of Secretary Angelica Obrador. It was a two in one event wherein President Elect Glesly also celebrated her 22nd birthday. It was a simple celebration with chicken delicacies: fried and roasted, siomai, rice, two boxes of pizza and soda drinks. Together, they were all touched as they watch a story on television. Afterwards, they had a fine catching up with some of the members as they enjoy a newly cooked fries. Despite all the struggle within the five years, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños remains

to be active. RACLB was able to withstand many obstacles together as a family.



Rotaractors of RACLB enjoying the night

Rotaract Academy

SAN JUAN, BATANGAS — The Rotaract Club of Los Baños (RACLB), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Los Baños had the opportunity to join the District event President Elect and Secretary Elect Training Seminar (PESETS) and District Assembly (DISTASS) entitled Rotaract Academy at Laiya White Cove Beach, San Juan, Batangas last June 13-14, 2015. It was the second year of the program that aims to create a relationship among Rotaract clubs in District 3820. Three members of RACLB were able to experience this event filled with seminars and fellowships, namely President Elect Cristina Dimaano, Secretary Elect [now Professional Development director] Jeffrey Delos Reyes and President Nominee Glesly Vasquez. It's a first to the members of the club to engage in a big event in the District. The heads of RACLB were



RACLB graduating from Rotaract Academy

enlightened with District Rotaract Representative Trizha Dimayuga's goal to all the Rotaract clubs within the District. She seemed to be approachable and have the ability to bind all the clubs within her area.

RACLB met a lot of senior Rotaractors as well as new ones. The club also got a lot of suggestions from other clubs about their management and how they've become financially stable. RACLB learned that almost everyone shared the same problems and everyone can relate to all the issues. This event was a great place to meet people who shared the same passion as you are.

Planning for Rotary Year 2015-16

From June 17 to June 22, 2015 (right after the PESETS and DISTASS at San Juan) the Rotaract Club of Los Baños held their annual planning for the incoming Rotary Year themed “Be a Gift to the World” at Obrador’s Residence and Baradas’ Residence. President Elect Cristina Dimaano, Secretary Elect [now Professional Development director] Jeffrey Delos Reyes and President Nominee Glesly Vasquez discussed all their learnings from PESETS and DISTASS to the club. Aiming for the platinum reward, members gave their ideas and opinions to multiple activities. Successions of brainstorming and revising was done in order to create a proper schedule of events in line with the Monthly themes. Aligned with the District Calendar, the RACLB’s planned projects aims to achieve a more formal, organized, and accomplished club.

10 years of Interact Club of LBNHS

Most of the rotaractors of the RACLB started from being in the Interact Club of Los Baños National High School. With this, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños took in with the celebration of their anniversary last November 13, 2015 at UPLB Freedom Park. Professional Development Director Jeffrey



Dir. Geoffrey together with the Interact Club of LBNHS

Delos Reyes, who was then a student teacher at Los Baños National High School, headed the event and treated the club also as a pre-celebration of his birthday on the 15th. It gave another purpose of team building and bonding activity for the Interact Club. Past President Bobby Bautista of the Rotary Club of Los Baños, one behind the chartering of Interact Club of LBNHS way back November 11, 2005, was also present to give the current batch about the history of the club. WCP Cristina Di-

maano also shared memories on being an Interactor. The Interactors were encouraged by the Rotaractors to be enthusiastic with the privilege they were given.

Bañamos 2015



Rotary Club of Los Baños with it's sponsoring youth programs, Interact of LBNHS and Rotaract Club of Los Baños

Once more, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños, together with the Rotary Club of Los Baños and the Interact Club of Los Baños National High School joined the Civic Parade last Sept. 17, 2015 for the 14th Bañamos Festival and 400th Founding Anniversary of Los Baños. Different institutions, establishments, schools and organizations within Los Baños Community were also involved in the parade. It started from Olivarez Plaza directing to the Old Municipal Hall of Los Baños.

For the Rotary Club of Los Baños and the Rotaract Club of Los Baños, it was a double celebration since two Rotary past presidents namely PP Roberto "Bobby" Bautista and PP Eladio "Ely" Baradas were awarded for their contributions in the community as 2015 Award of Recognition and Outstanding Citizen , Professional Category respectively.

Sideways, the RACLB sold foldable fans during the parade to Rotarians and Interactors as a fund raising activity and for further publication.

International Coastal Clean-Up

The Rotaract Club of Los Baños took part in the Rotary Club of Los Baños' International Coastal Clean-up held last September 19, 2015 at Saran Creek, Brgy. Anos, Los Baños, Laguna. The group planted Bamboo Poles to the creekside to naturally help the water clean itself and protect them for further erosion. It will be monitored yearly to see the progress of the project.



Rotary and Rotaract planting bamboo poles

Interact Club of LBNHS Orientation

Due to the new set of Interact Officers at Los Baños National High School (LBNHS), where most of the rotaractors came, RACLB decided to conduct an orientation for the officers so they could handle their organization in a fun way. WCP Cristina Dimaano headed the talk, which was attended by four interactors and four rotaractors. Organization management, things they needed and important points of project assessment were discussed. It was also stressed that they are all volunteers and they should not put much of their time in Interact, they should enjoy the volunteerism they signed up for.



RACLB posing with their gifts

Araw ng mga Bata

Rotary Club of Los Baños held their annual gift giving activity to the children of a daycare at Brgy. Anos and also to some children of inmates of the Los Baños' jail last November 19, 2015. RACLB was invited to accompany the rotarians in distributing gifts. The children enjoyed the games hosted by the Los Baños Rural Health Center Officials. Performances from Saint Anthony School were presented to entertain the children and parents. It was highlighted when the mascot of Jollibee came out and brought joy to everyone, even for the Rotarians and Rotaractors. Foods

were given and gifts were distributed right after the event.



Jollibee to entertain the children

RACLB Christmas Party

Last December 11-12, 2015, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños had a Christmas party and also celebrated WCP Cristina Dimaano's birthday. The celebration was held in the house of a new member, Arianne Canlubo, at Lalakay, Los Baños, Laguna. The club had a potluck and brought their own food to share. They had Carbonara, Gelatin, Lechon Manok, Adobo, Rice, Fries, Pizza and Cakes for our birthday celebrator. Yes, Cakes! Two members brought each a cake for the birthday celebrant. Aren't they sweet? The club had videoke, played cards, ex-

changed gifts and had a wonderful catching up until morning. Surprisingly, WCP Donald De Padua of RCLB also attended the simple party and was not left out despite the 'age gap'. The ractors stayed at the house and continued to celebrate Christmas and each other's presence until afternoon. It was a well spent Christmas party for all.

District 3820 Events



Aside from the Rotaract Academy that happened on June 13-14, 2015 at San Juan, Batangas, there were other great District events that Rotaract Club of Los Baños participated for the first time. It is just this Rotary Year that RACLB engaged more with the District. It is a great place to meet amazing people that share same visions for their school and community.

The World Needs More Rotaractors Video Contest

The Rotaract Club of Los Baños (RACLB), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Los Baños joined the video contest initiated by District 3820 entitled “The World Needs More Rotaractors”.

RACLB aims to promote the uniqueness of Rotaract amongst other youth organization. It is a motto of RACLB to treat its members as a family. In the video, the club emphasizes that you are a part of everything, it’s only a matter of decision. The club wants to note that Rotaract is like a microphone with different forms (in the video, it’s a lapel mic and headphones). Rotaract doesn’t just promote volunteerism but also brother/sisterhood and leadership. It aims to give a solution on the problems of its community. It also enhances professionalism among members as it practices such manner.



Still in RACLB video presentation

Rotaract is internationally recognize and it won’t limit you to the opportunity of meeting and attending conferences outside the district or even the country. Please watch our entry at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPTD3LdLbxg> or you may visit www.raclb3820.weebly.com.

GreeNegosyo



In photo (From left) PE Glesly Vasquez, WCP Donald De Padua, IPP Micaela Vega, Ractor Arienne Canlubo, Secretary Angelica Obrador and PP Julius Angelo Galang

GreeNegosyo project of Rotary Club of Bay last September 5, 2015 was attended by various Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in District 3820. WCP Donald De Padua of RCLB and Rotarian Cesar Austria were present together with the Rotaractors of RACLB headed by WCP Cristina Dimaano. DG Pepe Estevez and DRR Trizha Dimayuga were also present to support the launching of www.rotarycarbonneutral.com, District 3820's advocacy in fighting Climate Change.

In the website www.rotarycarbonneutral.com, an individual can calculate his/her carbon footprint that will enable him/her to know the impact they contribute in

Climate Change. With this, we can further prevent and aid the environment in fighting this phenomenon. It will also give you the benefit of knowing the preventive measures you can do to give back to the environment from your carbon footprint. As of this moment, only Rotary Clubs were among the list that can calculate their carbon footprint but they are improving them so everyone can participate in this advocacy.

District Rotaract Representative's Visit

Altogether, the Rotaract Club of Los Baños, Makiling and Metro Los Baños organized the District Rotaract Representative's Visit in Area 1. The event was held at Eskwela Bar LB Square, Los Baños, Laguna on September 6, 2015. The clubs showcased their Plan of Activities for the Rotary Year 2015-2016. District Rotaract Representative Trizha Dimayuga, District Rotaract Area 1 Chair Rai Mindanao and District Rotaract Representative Elect Christian 'Cita' Castillo were present to look up for the status and progress of the clubs. Each project proposed were thoroughly evaluated by the present District officers.

Thereafter, a short meeting about the incoming activity on November was led by DRR Trizha to the World Class Presidents of Los Baños clubs. It was concluded by a fellowship or bonding within and between clubs. Everyone welcomed the newly char-



From left: PP Mildred Mejino, DRRE Christian Castillo, DRR Trizha Dimayuga, WCP Joshua Sumague, WCP Cristina Dimaano, WCP Irvin Rondolo and DRC Rai Mindanao

tered Rotaract Club of Makiling sponsored by Rotary Club of Los Baños Makiling and encouraged them to be enthusiasts in this kind of volunteerism. The event portrayed fun and professionalism at the same time.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2015



afternoon, three speakers shared their knowledge and experiences to the participants. The first speaker is from the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod UPLB, they discussed the significance of the different stations in the amazing race and the lessons learned from the activity. The second speaker discussed the responsible use of social media for the youth. The last speaker discussed the 5 things on how the participants can be a “gift to the world”, SHARE. On the evening, the participants showed their talents and Mr. and Miss RYLA was chosen. After the tiring but fun second day, the participants had a chance to bond with their co-participants. On the last day, the best team was awarded to Red team. Ten outstanding RYLarians was chosen among the 153 participants and luckily, our PE Glesly Joy Vasquez was awarded as one of the 10 outstanding RYLarians.

Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of West Bay, RYLA 2015 was held last October 23-25 at Royal Palm Resort Bay, Laguna to enhance the leadership skills of the participants and build connections with other clubs. The three day event was full of exciting and interesting activities. On the first day, the participants were all gathered and grouped into 5 teams. From that, they made their own team name, flag, and cheer. On the second day, an amazing race was headed by the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod UPLB and enjoyed by all the participants. Then, on the



PE Glesly Vasquez with her award as Outstanding RYLarian and Certificates of RACLB representative's, her, Community Dir. Faith Torres and IPP Micaela Vega

Rotaract Color Run: We Run So Others Can Walk

Rotaract Color Run: *We Run So Others Can Walk* is the project of the district for the month of November in lieu of the End Polio Now Month supervised by the Rotaract Clubs in Laguna Area and District 3820 Rotaract Officers. The kits were composed of Color packets, Dri-fit shirt, Shades, Race Bib and a Drawstring bag. The event was able to gather almost 300 runners composed of friends, families, Rotaractors, Rotarians, RotEx of different countries, and even police officers. The event was held at Paseo de Santa Rosa, Greenfield City, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna last November 14, 2015.

The ractors that were able to attend the event were assigned to different tasks and assisted the event while the other rotaractors participated in the run. For the members of RACLB, PE Glesly Vasquez unintentionally became one of the hosts together with RAC Metro Los Baños' Albert Valencia.

WCP Cristina Dimaano was then stationed at the 10k U-turn area together with ractors from RAC San Pedro East while the rest of the rotaractors from RACLB were runners for 3k and 5k categories. The 10k, 5k and 3k run started at 5:45am, 6:00am and 6:15am respectively and then ended at around 8am.

After the run, the first, second and third places in the women's and men's category in the 3k, 5k and 10K run were called on stage and were given their awards. The RACLB was able to capture two awards. The third place for the women's 3k category was achieved by IPP Micaela Vega and the first place for the men's 3k category was taken by Int'l Understanding Dir. Alex Gonzales.

When the whole event ended, every participants and organizers were gathered for the Color Party. Everyone, with their color packs, throw out color powders at the countdown and the program ended with a wonderful splash of colors. Even after the event, some Rotaractors still continued the fun at Enchanted Kingdom for the District Bonding. All in all, it was a tiring and awesome day.



RACLB with DRR Trizha Dimayuga on Rotaract Color Run



IPP Micaela Vega (2nd from left, 3rd place) with the other winners for 3K Women's Category



Ractor Alex Gonzales (center, 1st place) with the other winners for 3K Men's Category

RACLB Milestones



From the past five years of Rotaract Club of Los Baños, a lot has change. Few ups and downs were experience by the club but despite that, the will to volunteer is still the glue the makes RACLB to stick with their responsibilities to the community. Some may go but they can always find their home at RACLB. Others may remain but different opportunities awaits in this organization. Now that we're making difference and getting closer to our sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Los Baños, we're stronger than before. We can't wait to explore more!

Leadership Training Seminar and Turn Over Ceremonies



For the first time in years, RACLB, together with the initiative of PP Bobby Bautista, the sponsoring youth programs of Rotary Club of Los Baños gathered to have a leadership training seminar. Mostly, it is to help RACLB and Interact Club of Los Baños National High School in organizing their club as well as having goals for this Rotary Year.

Held last May 30, 2015 at Bautista's Residence, it was attended by PP Bobby Bautista, PP Bert Tagalog and New Generations Director, Arnel Palmes together with

ten Interactors and six rotaractors. The speakers of the event were Mark Abinsay, a former Supreme Student Government President at Los Baños National High School and Rotaractor Ruth Danguie who was a Student Councilor at University of the Philippines Los Baños. Both gave memorable speech to know the importance of leadership in volunteer work as well as the essence of such organization like Rotaract. Aside from the inspirational speeches, team buildings were held to get know more of the clubs.

This event also served as a turned over ceremony and pre-planning activity to both Rotaract and Interact Clubs for RY 2015-2016. Each evaluated their plans for each other and gave suggestions on how to make it successful.

RACLB's FIRST



Ting! The bell and gavel of the Rotaract Club of Los Baños resonated. World Class President Cristina Dimaano struck the club's pioneer bell and gavel on her call to order on the club's February 6, 2016 meeting. It was donated by Rotary Club of Los Baños' (RCLB) Past President Bobby Bautista last January 23, 2016.

The same Rotary Year, Immediate Past President Micaela Vega sponsored the procurement of the club's first official banner since charter and officially installed in the RCLB's Club House on July 3, 2015. The banner contained the new official logo of Rotaract Club. It debuted on September 6, 2015 during the District Rotaract Representative Trizha Dimayuga's Visit in Area 1. One of the importance of having these things is to have an identity specially during activities in the community and within the Rotaract organization. Also, it gives the formality of every meeting showcasing them with speakers and visitors of every gathering.

The group hope it will be the start of something big for RACLB, in terms of activities and membership.



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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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Rotaract Club of Los Baños meets every first and third Saturday of the month at 16:00 (4 PM) GMT +8:00, PHT

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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