

DRR CITA FOUND HIS FOREVER

By Maia Nisa Mauricio

Past First Class President Christian "Cita" Castillo of Rotaract Club of Candelaria answers a few questions about his journey from being a new member to becoming the District Rotaract Representative (DRR) of District 3820 for RY 2016-2017.

DRR Cita came across Rotaract way back 2010 by invitation of PP Chester of RAC Candelaria. He said he just got invited to the club's induction at that time. To have an idea of what the whole Rotaract thing was about, he started by observing what the club does and then eventually joined the club's community service projects, district events, club fellowships, inter-club and district fellowships and area bonding. Having enjoyed his experience, he then decided by 2011 to be inducted as member of the club which was headed at that time by PP Raymond Abinales with the RY theme "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

When asked what positions he held after his induction as member of the club, he said he immediately became appointed as a club director, which (I think) most Rotaractors can absolutely relate to.

"Immediately after induction as new member, appointed na ako as Club

Director for RY 2011-2012 (Reach Within to Embrace Humanity), tapos Deputy Secretary ako ni Peace-Builders President Gideon, (RY 2012-2013 Peace Through Service). The following year, First Class President na ako!"

During his term as First Class President (FCP), his club had so many projects, but his most memorable one was the Community Service Project entitled "Shampoohin mo... Susuyurin ko... Alis Kuto, Alis Lisa Project". He firmly believes that cleanliness and personal hygiene among students is a big factor to help them study better in school. He had the idea because he said that the issue has been addressed but was not prioritized by other clubs as well as teachers and the community itself. The project impacted the students and the community greatly that's why he wanted his club to continue his advocacy and have the project continued.

After his term as FCP, he became appointed as District secretary for Past DRR Darius Sarmiento (RY 2014-2015) and then became Quezon Area's District Area Representative the year after, which is the same year he became District Rotaract Representative Elect, under Immediate



DRR Cita after the Laguna Area Project in Bahay ni Rizal, Calamba, Laguna last September 17, 2016.

Past DRR Trizha Dimayuga (RY 2015-2016).

Of course, as fellow Rotaractor, I was naturally curious to know the WHY. Why become a Rotaractor? The answer is very simple; he is a proud product of Fellowships.

"Dahil sa fellowship nalaman ko na ang pagtulong pala ay di lang pangpolitiko... tungkulin natin bilang tao, bilang kapwa ang paglingkuran ang ating kapwa. Yung tinuturo sa simba-



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han pero sa Rotaract ko lang naranasan... ganern!"

(Because of the fellowship, I learned that helping out is not just for politics... It is our duty as a person, as humans to help out each other. I has been taught in church but I only got to experience it in Rotaract... that's why!)

Very inspiring. No Rotaractor would disagree. Fellowships really are fun. I mean REALLY fun.

To the current club Presidents, DRR Cita's advice is to work hard because you only get to be president once. "Shine like a star", he added. For the club Officers, his advice is to never let the President work on her/his own. For him, a President's term will not be successful without the help of the Club Officers and members.

"Gawin n'yo ang trabaho sa posisyon

na ibinigay sa inyo. Pangarapin nyo din maging president."

(Do the responsibilities of the position given to you. Dream to be President as well.)

DRR Cita said he will be joining the Rotary Club eventually. He said it's one of the reasons why he is a Rotaractor and it's also for him to be able to continue what he started.

When asked what his advice for the aspiring DRR's for the next Rotary years is, he said, "to be rich". Uh-oh.

"Maging mayaman... mayaman sa kaibigan! At may puso sa paglilingkod at puso sa Distrito... kailangan nya matutunan kung paano maglambing sa mga Rotarians... wala na akong ibang advice; tingnan na lang n'ya ako." (giggles)

(Be rich... rich of friends! And to have the heart to serve and the heart for the District... She/he has to learn

to how to be affectionate to Rotarians... I don't have any other advice; she/he can just watch me." (giggles)

To end the interview, I asked a very trivial question. What would he be doing if he wasn't a Rotaractor? He said he cannot imagine it and that he must have been destined to be where and what he is now, which is our District Rotaract Representative.

"...kasi siguro dito talaga ako dinala ng tadhana... destiny ko ito... Ito ang Forever ko."

So far, the district is really doing great, to think that the Rotary year has almost come to an end. It's really nice to see a lot of Clubs participating in district activities and the current DRR is greatly responsible for it. We're really happy to have DRR Cita and we look forward to see more of him in the next months. He is truly an inspiration. More power to you, DRR Cita!

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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
Glesly Joy Vasquez	2016-2017	Rotary Serving Humanity

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- 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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