

RCBM Newsletter

July 2021

STRONGER @ 25:

Sharing Love and Touching Lives

INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS RY 2021 - 2022

INTERACT:

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION "INTERACT CLUB OF BANILAD METRO - SCIENCE HIGH

EXCITING PROJECTS
AND CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE ROTARY YEAR











CLUB NO. 50743 DISTRICT 3860

MEETS EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

CEBU PARKLANE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL | ZOOM MEETING

2 PM | 8 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the new Rotary Year! This Rotary Year marks the 25th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Banilad Metro! It is a joyful occasion remembering the years of service and fellowship the club has been through while looking

forward to the future filled with greater bonding and service, guided by the values of Rotary International.

Inspired by Rotary
International President
Shekhar Mehta's theme
to "Serve to Change
Lives" and aligning it
to our 25th Jubilee, we
have decided to interpret
and implement this call
to action in a specific
way, creating our Club's
theme for the year:

"Stronger At 25: Sharing Love and Touching Lives".

We have accomplished much in our 1st month as we welcome our 25th year as charter Rotary Club with greater heights of service.

To truly strengthen our impact and touch more

lives effectively, we did our strategic planning together & give closer thought to our seven areas of focus and truly put them at the forefront of our service. We are able to set our whole rotary year calendar of activities with different impactful service projects & activities.

To help our club a clear & effective guide for the next 25 years, am so glad that our brilliant Past President Chona Cejas accepted my request for her to conduct our vision mission workshop for the love of our RCBM. May it inspire us to do greater things in the name of service as we do together as People of Action, serving above self, creating lasting change, in others and in ourselves.

We had our 1st General Membership Meeting with a lot of



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

guests! Our guest speaker was Assistant Governor for our Area, Area 1C, Jensen M Racho who inspired us and assured us of his support. Everyone's on high spirits as we start a new year of service and fellowship.

We kickoff the new Rotary Year with a renewed Community Pantry Project!

PROJECT: G.I.F.T. (Grasyang Igahin Favor sa Tanan)

"spearheaded by our **Unstoppable Community** Service Director Past President Lito Aquino. We don't just give what you can, we impart proper health protocol to be observe at all times while community take only what they need.

We also had our kick off activity with our newly

established Interact program for our youth with our passionate Youth Director PE Emmanuel Hernandez. We sponsored the Interact Club of Banilad Metro - Science High Cebu, a school-based service Club for young leaders ages 12-18. We were able to gather 150 promising young leaders ready to rock & roll with us in serving to change lives. Many thanks to so many supporters from our District, the school administrators, and the core group of founding Interactors!

We had conducted our Membership Orientation with a bang! Our District Membership Committee Head Chi Uy grace our 1st event conducted by our very own Immediate Past Assistant Governor / Past President Estela Siboa. We had all the 6 new members signed up to be inducted soon!

Our club participated district initiated A Rotary Day of Service: **Bloodletting Activities** in partnership with Philippine Red Cross to serve the requirements of the communities with the recent heighten cases of covid cases. Special thanks to our fellow Rotarians Past President Ricky Ballesteros, Director Anton Mansueto & past president Lito Aquino's son Nino who responded to the call to share love by shedding one's blood to save & touch lives. Our IPP Joselo Cimafranca has also recruited 4 blood donors during the event.

We look forward to this year of service, fellowship, and fun! Let's make this the best Life-Changing Year ever!























UPCOMING

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 12 GLOBAL GRANTS

AUGUST 14

MIB: MEMBERSHIP IS BACK







August 14, 2021, Saturday | 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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>> REGISTER NOW!!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Ar. Chessa Marie D. Pales SECRETARY RY 2021-2022

ATTENDANCE

JULY 13, 2021

Attendance Percentage 80%

JULY 20, 2021

Attendance Percentage 66%

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

AG Jensen Racho, Area 1C - Rotary Club of Cebu Port Centre

Attv. Rheland Servacio

Ms. Catherine Atillo Mr. Vladimir Roy Villena - Guest of PE Emman Hernandez

- Guest of PE Emman Hernandez - Guest of Sec Chessa Pales

Ms. Russel Vee Espanolla - Guest of IPAG Estela Siboa

Attv. Rheland Servacio Mr. Wilmer Lopez

Mr. Rafael Medel

- Guest of PE Emman Hernandez

- Guest of Dir. Anton Mansueto

- Guest of IPP Joselo Cimafranca

WE MISS YOU SO MUCH

Rtn Hannah Cadavero Rtn Jasper Mamac Rtn. Rico Tautho

Rtn Hannah Cadavero Rtn Jasper Mamac Rtn. Rico Tautho Rtn Aimee Comaling Rtn. Nel Ediza

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Pres Mary Christine Chua

July 1

PP Ricky Ballesteros

July 23

TREASURER'S

REPORT

By: Ar. Michael Angelo A. Enad TREASURER RY 2021-2022

MEMBERSHIP DUES = 90%

SPONSORSHIP P 91,000.00



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- •Security Bank c/o Kit Chua
- •City Clou c/o Kit Chua

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- •Oneconstruct c/o Mike Enad
- •PP Ailyn Rodriguez c/o Ricky Ballesteros

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- •Tautho Law Firm c/o Rico Tautho

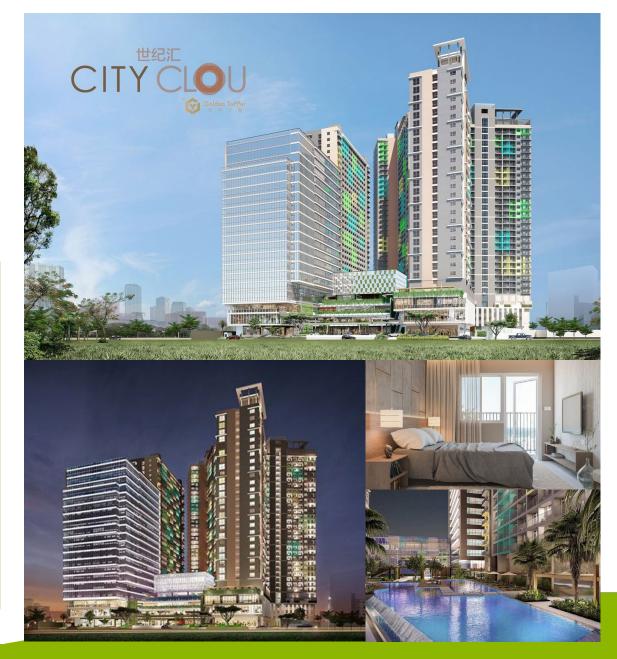
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- *Steaksupreme c/o Mike Enad
- *Pales Architectural Design & Interiors - c/o Chessa Pales

INDUCTION EVENT SPONSOR

- •Pink Heaven Bakeshop c/o Emman Hernandez -Dessert Buffet, Anniversary Cake, District Office Tokens, Center Table Décor
- •Glynis Entertainment Services c/o Anton Mansueto Lights and Sounds
- •University Prints c/o Nel Ediza Club Face Mask
- JBC Interior Motives c/o Joselo Cimafranca
- Presidential Awards
- •Lola Nelly's Fusion Restaurant & Bar c/o Jasper Mamac - Induction & Anniversary Grazing Buffet
- •Mamac Mendoza Design & Development Corp.
- c/o Jasper Mamac Induction Decors
- •PP Alberto Montefalcon c/o Ricky Ballesteros - 1 Whole Lechon
- •PP Dave Duallo c/o Ricky Ballesteros 1 Whole Lechon
- •Excel Events c/o PP Ricky Ballesteros
 - Club Activities and Videos

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MAMAC MENDOZA

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mamac Mendoza Design and Development Corporation is a Filipino owned Company, established in the late 2000. The company is primarily engaged in the design and construction of medium-end to high end residential houses and commercial buildings and offices. It is proud of its expertise and wide experience in General Construction, Architectural Design, Construction Management, Structural Design, Construction Supervision, Detailed Civil Works, Landscaping and more



The Company is managed and run by a dynamic team of young, highly qualified, competent, experienced and upright professionals in the fields of engineering, architecture and construction, ably supported by skilled and well trained construction manpower. Said team is effectively led by Ar. Jasper Miranda Mamac, President and CEO. He belonged to Batch 2004 of graduates from the Cebu Institute of Technology where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Even before passing the board exams for architects in 2006, he was already earning valuable architectural skills through his apprenticeship with a well-known architectural firm in Cebu where he was

privileged to develop his skills in most aspects of the architectural practice as a draftsman, junior designer, project/ site inspector and estimator. This was followed by a stint as a marketing assistant/consultant in a tile shop company. Having learned to diversify and acquire a degree of versatility, he moved on to become the in house architect of a prominent company in the country where he designed showrooms and commercial spaces as well as school expansions nationwide.

Armed with sufficient experience and expertise, he put up his small architectural office specializing in architectural interiors. His projects ranged from simple residential interiors, renovations and other commissions.

Like all other beginnings, the company struggled but steadfastly created techniques and market differentiation to survive in this mature industry. From repairs, to restoration, and from small to major projects, the tenacity of the team's spirit lives on. The rooster of completed and ongoing projects gives an epitome that the group will continue to deliver quality projects within schedule and budget.



In just a short period of time, MMDDC built and established a trusted name and excellent reputation in the construction industry due to its worthiness and reliability as attested

to by its many foreign or abroad based customers, who have become highly-satisfied homeowners or building investors. These highly-satisfied customers simply relied on an open and transparent business relationship with MMDDC which is founded on Mutual Trust — the essential principle which bridges distance and absence as well as turns mere architectural drawings into elegant dream homes and/or incomegenerating building investments. The Company already expanded not only in Cebu City and the rest of Cebu province as well as in the Visayas and Mindanao regions



MMDDC adheres to the philosophy that no two projects are alike, that quality is always better than quantity and that every project has its unique and distinctive features that meet the needs and preference of the end users. Constantly reinventing himself and experimenting on new ideas,



Architect Mamac, together with his wife Richel Mendoza Mamac, guide and motivate their team towards the realization of their clients' ideas and concepts. MMDDC believe that with the changing needs of clients, the company has to be "multi-faceted, dynamic, innovative and adaptable".



HISTORY

By: Emmanuel Hernandez



RCBM was chartered on October 8, 1997 at Wayne's Inn (now Ford's Inn) in Banilad, Cebu City during the term of District Governor Jesus G. Veneracion and Rotary International President Glen W. Kinrose. The Club was a brainchild of Atty. Manuel "Jun" Satorre, the 19th President of RCBM's sponsoring Club, the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu.

The District Governor's Special Representative, RCMC Past President Leandro "Jun" T. Ocampo (deceased), personally made sure that the Club would be born.

The name "Banilad Metro" stems from the two bordering barangays between Cebu City and Mandaue City, both named Banilad. The "Metro" part reflects its heritage from RC Metro Cebu.

In its 25 years of service and fellowship, RCBM has garnered many distinctions including but not limited to multiple awards in vocational and service projects, sports competitions and more.

RCBM was and is still known for its tightly knit fellowship that always leads to deeper and meaningful service towards the community. "Service Above Self" rings true in RCBM as with all Rotary Clubs.







VISION

"Be the club of choice of executional excellence in dynamic community service"

MISSION

We can create a lasting impact;

- > By attaining ambitious yet achievable roles to influence chosen communities;
- > Believing in the Life Purpose of Giving and Sharing and living by the principles and values that accelerate our progress together;
- > Building a viable base to sustain success in service
- > Being committed to deliver excellence.
- > Becoming Bigger and Better

VALUES

RESPECT.

COLLABORATE.

BOLDNESS.

AGILITY.

NETWORK.

INVOLVEMENT.

LEADERSHIP.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

ACCESSIBILITY.

DELIGHT and DO the thing right.

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

OUR MISSION

"The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty."



Hernandez, Er	mmanuel	PHF+3

Aquino, Pablito F.	PHF+2
Siboa, Estela T.	PHF+2

Ballesteros, Ricardo R.	PHF
Cejas, Maria Chonita R.	PHF
Chua, Mary Christine L.	PHF
Mamac, Jasper M.	PHF



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- ② High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- ① The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

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

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ROSTER OF MEMBERS

ROTARY YEAR 2021-2022

CATHERINE R. ATILLO

Chief Operating Officer

Travelers' Home / PSA Realty Corporation

Classification: Hospitality Industry

PABLITO "Lito" F. AQUINO

Managing Director

Filipinas Organic Coconut Product

Classification: Organic & Fairtrade Virgin Coconut Oil Manufacture

RICARDO "Ricky" R. BALLESTEROS

Proprietor/Managing Director Excel Events Concepts

Classification: Events Management

HANNAH R. CADAVERO

Principal Real Estate Broker/President

MX Realty Services

Classification: Real Estate Brokerage

MA. CHONITA "Chona" RIVERA-CEJAS

HR, Coach, Consultant, Contractor

Classification: Human Resources & Outsourcing

MARY CHRISTINE "Kit" L. CHUA

Senior Assistant Vice President

Security Bank Corporation

Classification: Banking

ENGR. JOSELO "Jo" B. CIMAFRANCA

General Manager

JBC Interior Motives Design & Works

Classification: Customized Modular Cabinets

AR. AIMEE ANN G. COMALING

Sales and Marketing Head

SNADS Trading & Printing Services

Classification: Printing Services

ATTY, FLORNELIO "Nel" S. EDIZA

Ediza Law Office

Classification: Contracts & Compliance

AR. MICHAEL ANGELO "Mike" A. ENAD

CEO/Managing Owner

Oneconstruct Design & Build

Classification: Small Scale Construction

RUSSEL VEE ESPANOLA

Managing Owner

Alpha Glass and Aluminum Supply Corp

Classification: Glass and Aluminum

EMMANUEL "Emman" M. HERNANDEZ

Public Relations Coordinator

Regina Coeli NGO

Classification: Non-government Organization

AR. JASPER M. MAMAC

CEO/President

Mamac Mendoza Design and Dev't Corp

Classification: Large Scale Construction

ANTON AARON V. MANSUETO

Managing Owner

Glynis Entertainment Services

Classification: Entertainment, Lights & Sounds

ROOSTER OF MEMBERS

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RAFAEL "Mandy" Y. MEDEL

Managing Owner

Zeropest Control Services

Classification: Pest Control

AR. CHESSA MARIE D. PALES

Principal Architect

Pales Architectural Design & Interiors

Classification: Architectural & Interior Design

MAE FLORENCE PEPINO

Corp Planning Department Head/Quality System

Management Representative

Concrete Stone Corporation

Classification: Construction Commercial

ATTY. RHELAND S. SERVACIO

Lawyer

Classification: Litigation & Dispute

Resolution; Taxation

ESTELA T. SIBOA

Financial Wealth Manager

FWD Life Insurance

Classification: Life Insurance

ATTY, RICO V. TAUTHO

Vice President

Meadowland Developers Inc.

Classification: Development of Renewable Energy

VLADIMIR ROY "VLAD" VILLENA

Distributor Development Manager - Visayas Region

Del Monte Phils. Inc.

Classification: Food Service Industry

CLUB COMMITTEES

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PE Emmanuel Hernandez

Rtn. Mae Pepino

Rtn. Nel Ediza

PP. Ricky Ballesteros

Sec Chessa Pales

Treas. Michael Enad

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

PP Ricky Ballesteros
PP Chona Cejas

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

IPAG Estela Siboa
PE Emman Hernandez



MARY CHRISTINE L. CHUA President

GRANTS

PP Chona Cejas IPP Joselo Cimafranca Rtn. Nel Ediza

FUND RAISING

PP Lito Aquino
IPP Joselo Cimafranca
Treas. Michael Enad

MEMBERSHIP

Rtn Anton Mansueto Rtn. Hannah Cadavero Rtn. Ethel Castaneda Treas. Michael Enad IPAG Estela Siboa Sec Chessa Pales

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

PP Lito Aquino
IPP Joselo Cimafranca
Treas. Michael Enad

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

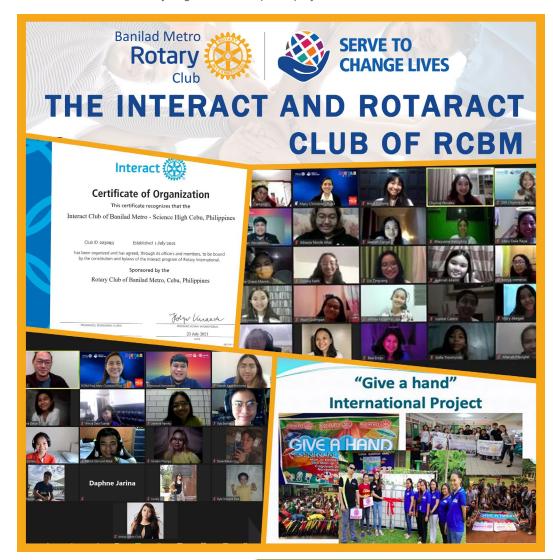
PP Ricky Ballesteros
PP Chona Cejas

INTERACT:

The Interact Club of Banilad Metro - Science High Cebu is officially chartered! The members of this new youth service club is from Cebu City National Science High School and is one of the newest Interact Clubs in RI District 3860 with around 150 interested charter Interactors.

ROTARACT:

The Rotaract Club of Banilad Metro is one of the first Rotaract Clubs established in the District and has a history of great fellowship and projects, local and international.



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

RY 2021 - 2022

JULY

1ST GMM: JULY 13 JULY 26-29

- One Area, One Blood Letting by AG Jensen Racho
- Presentation of the new BOD
- Presentation of RY calendar of activities Updates from Induction

JULY 11

• Project G.I.F.T (Community Pantry) –PP LitoAquino

JULY 16

- Interact Orientation
- -DIC Peachy Committee Chairs/ Board Meeting, 1st week of the month
- In-person meeting

JULY 23:

Membership Orientation

2NDGMM: JULY 27

- Club Mission & Vision Statement
- Induction Matters
- Sponsorships
- Finalize Induction dry run for Induction

JULY 28

District Bloodletting

JULY 2021 ROTARY YEAR BEGINS!

AUGUST

3RD GMM: AUGUST 10

• Club Reporting with Gov Anna Bumagat AUGUST 12:

 Global Grant talk at Rotary Club of Cebu with Past President Bing Martinez

AUGUST 14:

- MIB: Membership Seminar AUGUST14:
- Interact Planning Meeting for Induction

AUGUST21:

Literacy Project

4THGMM: AUGUST 24

• Fellowship with Rotary Club of Khuanlang-Hatyai(Thailand)

AUGUST 2021 Membership Month

SEPTEMBER

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 4:

• Induction and Handover Ceremonies

SEPTEMBER 4:

- Grant Seminar (District)
- **SEPTEMBER 11:** Interact Induction
- SEPTEMBER 12:
- Tree planting at Barangay Guba & Revive

5TH GMM: SEPTEMBER 14

- Sponsor Riway
- 1st Classification Talk
- Financial Literacy

6TH GMM: SEPTEMBER 18 (Saturday):

- Dr.JerryTan,OnCOVID-19
- One District, One Mangrove Planting

OCTOBER

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

OCTOBER 8, 2021

25th RCBM ANNIVERSARY

- Fellowship w/ Family
- Move celebration to following day, Saturday.
- Yacht outing
- Costal Clean up cfCICO Nel Ediza

OCTOBER 9. 2021

- · Mental Health Webinar
- (TBD) Cocoa farmers Training
- (TBD) Operation Tuli

7THGMM: OCT. 12

- Early Detection of Cancer Talk by Oncologist Dr. Estela CarjavalYap
- (TBD) Sea Cucumber
 Project, cfIPP Joselo, DOST
- One Pink October Awareness
 Campaign

OCTOBER 24

- World Polio Day
- Hanging of End Polio Now
- Banner in Barangay
- Labangon Barangay Punta Princesa

8TH GMM OCT. 26

• Wave 3 – Concert, cf. Public Image Committee

NOVEMBER

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

9TH GMM: NOVEMBER 9

- TRF Talk by DGN LiluAlino
- One District, One Bike to End Polio of Club Admin Officer Hannah Cadayero

10TH GMM: NOVEMBER 23

- Kindness in Action talk by PDG Philip Tan
- Celebrate PHF Club!
- Badminton Fellowship

DECEMBER

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

11TH GMM: DECEMBER 8

- Cleft Lip Project
- Ayala Čebu Busking
- · Christmas Caroling

12TH GMM: DECEMBER 22

- Christmas Party
- (TBD) Sharing L.O.V.E to elderly (GasasaGugma)

- 2022 -

JANUARY

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

13TH GMM: JANUARY 12

- Governor's Visit
- 2nd Classification Talk

14TH GMM: JANUARY 26

- New Area of Focus:
 3rdClassification Talk
- (TBD) Go Green Planting BaniladTrees

FEBRUARY

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/
RESOLUTION MONTH

15TH GMM:

- Peace and Conflict, with the US Peace Corps
- District Event, with outside speaker from the US Peace Corps of PE EmmanHernandez
- Valentines Day Busking cf Membership Director Anton Mansueto
- Love Month Fellowship cf Mae Florence Pepino
- Rotary Week Motorcade(TBD)Traffic Signages &
- (ΤΒD) Γraπic Signages & Banners in collaboration with

LTO cf Public Image Committee

• (TBD) awarding of outstanding PNPs

16TH GMM

- Human Trafficking partner, w/ Regina Coeli
- PETS SETS

MARCH

WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

17TH GMM

- Classification Talk
- (TBD) RCC Guba, Wash basins from District Grant (both may be earlier than March 2022)
- Revisit water and sanitation projects if done

18TH GMM

6thClassification Talk

APRIL

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

19TH GMM

- Revisit Cleft Lip Operation
- testimony of the children and mothers
- (TBD) Dental outreach project of Rotarian
- (TBD) Project F.E.E.D to PasilHomeless children

20TH GMM

• (TBD) Cooking Demo cf PRO Mae Florence B. Pepino

MAY

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

21TH GMM

 Interact and Rotaract Project Collaborations of PE Emman Hernandez

22ST GMM

• DISTAS (District Training) 2022

JUNE

23RD GMM

• DISCON (District Convention) 2022

24TH GMM

- Strategic planning
- Planning for Induction

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PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE

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- Rtn. Nel Ediza
- Rtn. Mae Pepino

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- Treas. Michael Enad

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"Imagination and Creativity can change the World"



I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC FOR THREE REASONS:

- HUMILITY: I don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptons.
- 2. KINDNESS: I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
- 3. COMMUNITY: I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all!

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

By: Rtn. Mae Pepino

What does it mean for us to worship God?

A lot of us think that worshipping God is going to weekly Sunday Service, singing songs and getting emotional about our faith. Christians are being asked, does getting dramatic every Sunday mean that you have fully worshipped the Lord? Many 'christians' are Sunday worshippers. A lot give their all every Sunday yet forget about God the entire week.

Let us take a look first on how worship is defined. Worship is defined in the dictionary as 'to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion'. In other words, worship is when we feel so strongly about someone or something that we give all our love, admiration and emotions into it. When we worship a person or a thing, they become our number 1.

People are worshippers. That's a fact. We have something or someone in our lives that we are so obsessed about. Some men are obsessed about cars that 'they worship' them. A lot of girls are into celebrity idols, that you will see how crazy they get during concerts or fan meets. So many of us love our work, that we devote much of our time and energy to it, that there is none left for other things. A lot of mothers 'worship' their children that they take up the number one spot of their lives. For Christians, we are asked to worship God alone, yet many of us fall short of this since God is not really number one in our lives.

We have replaced God with other things we 'worship'.

Authentic worship is when our hearts are filled with so much love for the Lord that it is evident in the way we live. It is when we put God first in everything we do and nothing goes above Him. It is when we are fully surrendered to His will that we are fully worshipping the Lord.

At this difficult time of the **pandemic** where fear and uncertainty oftentimes take a grip of our lives, it is also the best time for Christians to reflect and ask ourselves, are we truly worshipping God in an authentic way, as how we are supposed to? Let us ask ourselves these questions.

- What have we done with our time while we are on quarantine? Is God even part of our calendar? Are we helping and adding value to the lives of other people while pleasing the Lord as our number one motivation?
- 2. What is our attitude right now? Are we living in fear or are we living in faith? Are we someone who succumbs to keeping count of the number of daily deaths and obsessing about Covid related things while getting so negative and depressed and failing to enjoy of what's left of our lives?
- 3. Do we put prayer as part of our daily habits?
- 4. Have we fully surrendered our lives to the Lord by giving up control of the things we value in our life and letting God have his way on us? Are we conscious of the fact that 'anything we want to control will begin to control us.'
- 5. Do we love God with all of our hearts and all of our soul, for real?

If we are not there, it is not too late yet. Come to the Lord immediately in prayer and seek reconciliation. Express to him the desire to become an authentic worshipper. Not until we learn how to authentically worship God will we be able to live a life of freedom, happiness, joy and peace. I hope we all get to experience this kind of life. It is not easy to attain, but it is very much possible have. Humble yourself to God and call on HIM. He will meet you where you are. God bless you.

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away. Their worship is a farce, for they replace God's commands with their own man-made teachings." (Mk 7:7, NLT)"

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