

# Club Administration

## D3830 VIRTUAL DISCON 2020

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For the first time in the history of Rotary International District 3830, a Virtual District Conference was held successfully last June 30. The theme was Championing Rotary's Causes in the New Normal.

The virtual parade of dignitaries and champion presidents was artistically presented, followed with a solemn Invocation by male tenors. The National Anthem showcased some of clubs' signature projects.

Virtual Discon 2020 Chairperson, CP Mache Torres-Ackerman, opened the conference with a warm welcome. She said, "No pandemic can stop us from pursuing our advocacies and purpose." She further said that the Virtual Discon was a time to "reconnect, relearn and reboot our Rotary lives in the new normal".

Mark Daniel Maloney, 2019-2020 RI President came up next. He urged Rotarians to keep learning and finding new opportunities to grow Rotary in innovative, sustainable ways.



This was followed by the State of the District Address by Champion Governor Ador Tolentino. He cited the 3 Cs – Cooperation, Collaboration and Connection as the spirit that moved the Champion presidents to conceive and implement their numerous projects in the six areas of focus. These also led to the success of district activities like the Pre-Pets, Distas, Handover, End Polio Day and now, Discon 2020.

With peace and conflict resolution and prevention as the thrust of his term, Governor Ador gave his all out support to the Champion Presidents for the construction of the Rotary Peace Monument in Paranaque.

The Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) was rich in content as it featured articles on projects and activities of the various clubs and the district.

Membership grew from 3394 to 3722, with RC Makati EDSA bringing in a staggering 84 new members. Rotary Club of Roxas, Palawan was chartered in April 21, 2020 with 21 Charter Members.

District 3830 had the most number of Global Grants in the history of Rotary in the Philippines for a total of 38 applications in the amount of \$2.37 million

The district also gave a huge contribution of \$446,631 to The Rotary Foundation, with RC

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Highlights of Governor Ador's SODA:

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Makati giving the highest amount of \$89,300. Governor Ador congratulated couple PP David and CP Mache Ackerman for being the latest AKS-Arch Klump Society members of District 3830.

He capped his SODA with: "Everything we do in Rotary whether consciously or unconsciously, has an underlying connection to peace."

The highlights of the successful "40th year of End Polio Now" event were shown featuring the END POLIO NOW billboard display, the assembly of solar lamps, and the impressive drone shot of the words END POLIO FOREVER. These words were made by solar lamps put together by more than 200 Rotarians at the Manila Polo Club field.

DRR John Philip Chan talked on the "Habit of Excellence" as he reported on the accomplishments of Rotaract Clubs.

Also featured at Discon 2020 were the following powerful speakers.

### Social Media:

John Rubio, Country Director of Facebook Philippines, cited the important role of social media in creating deeper and authentic connections by engaging one's audience with stories. He urged everyone to use Facebook to add value to the community.

In his reaction, PP David Ackerman of RC Makati said that the Rotary clubs are using social media to stay connected and engaged.

### Education:

Rina Lopez Bautista, Co-



Founder, President and Executive Director of the Knowledge Channel, stressed the need to help Filipino children learn better. She cited the use of online learning with content that is more animated, engaging and does not need close supervision.

In his reaction, IPP Fred Pascual of RC Makati, said that lifelong learning is essential. More than digital literacy skills, he said there is a need for critical thinking that

Entrepreneur, Environmentalist and Founder of Liter of Light shared that 20 million Filipinos have no access to electricity. An advocate of clean energy, he created the local solar lamp that can light a home for the next 5 years and reduce carbon emissions by 1,000 kilos. He urged the district to accept his challenge to Light it Forward, by purchasing solar lamps for poor communities.

In her reaction, TCP Kate Bellosillo of RC Makati Business



allows one to distinguish between fact and fake news, form an opinion and complete one's understanding.

### Environment:

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District accepted the challenge of Illac and in turn challenged Governor Ador and the entire district to Light It Forward. She said her club and corporate member Kyani

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