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Blessings Begin with Sharing





Editor's Note

BE A CHEERFUL GIVER

Filipinos embrace the holiday season with so much glee; in fact, we are even tagged as the country that celebrates the longest Christmas Season, for we started to prepare for this festivity as early as September, that makes it an understatement to say that Christmas is truly *Pinoys* favorite holiday.

The gift giving is considered as one of the highlights among the celebrations relative to this season, which, as per Christian belief started when the three Magi brought their gifts to the newly born baby, known as the Savior of humanity named Jesus Christ. From then on, everyone looks forward to give and receive gifts every Christmas.

However, herein lies a question on the act of giving gifts during this season, ARE WE GIVING BECAUSE WE ARE OBLIGED TO DO SO?

I heard of a woman who felt obliged to give gifts to numerous people every Christmas resulting pain in her neck once she received her Credit Card Billing Statement by January of the coming year. With that, the merriment of Christmas becomes a misery on her and the joy of giving falls away to a sort of panic and in despair.

In contrast, there is also a woman who cheerfully gives every Christmas, delighted by the wonders of this season, having a glow on the cheeks as she rushed to the mall to do her early shopping. Asked why she felt that way, she replied that by doing so, she can impart to everyone the great gift of Christmas.... receiving Jesus Christ as a gift from God.

It is about time to refresh our notion on the act of giving, not only during Christmas but in general as well with the truth from the Scripture that God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). No other gift could compare the joy of giving that comes from a sincere heart. Regardless of the status in life, everyone has the capacity to give, for it is not only in material things that we can express the significance of whatever celebrations, especially the reason behind yuletide season. Bear in mind that gifts are not only in form of tangible things and it does not always come in its stereotype appearances, enclosed in a box, tied with a bow and embellished with different decorations so as to please the naked eye of its recipient before unwrapping to reveal the presents.

This Christmas, may we all discover the feeling of a joyful heart... heart that is bursting with HOPE, FOREGIVENESS, ACCEPTANCE and above all LOVE, intangible things that does not require even a small amount of penny in order to share, and this is what God is expecting us to give, not only during this season but in our daily lives as well, and may we feel obliged to do so.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all!

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CWD taking

...and double steps

Year 2011 has been a fruitful one for Calamba Water District (CWD), aside from the milestone celebration of its 35th year in the water industry, the present year allowed the District as well to expand its scope of service to the areas which water system was turned over for better management.

Though said turn over became beneficial to CWD, and will certainly provide growth to the latter, yet the Management will never cease, though perhaps moving up towards achieving the District's goal is not as easy as traveling a straight road. More often than not, it is marked with long detours and insurmountable roadblocks that sometimes lead to discouraging dead ends. However, the District will always be undaunted even if failures may come its way, for challenges are inevitable and if the purpose is for a good cause, then success is certain.



MOA signing between CWD and Brgy. Palo-Alto and Brgy. Punta, April 15, 2011.



single step backward...

moving forward!

Though they say there is no turning back, this 2012, CWD will take a single step backward, but this does not mean retrogressing and remain at it. We had ascertained that the things we had encountered from the past, whether beneficial or not, shall serve as our benchmark as we further take our steps forward for more growth each year.



However, in order to speed-up success, CWD opted to double our steps in the next coming years, through Long - Term Development Plan that mostly focus on improving the physical structures in the workplace, upgraded water facilities and expansion and rehabilitation of pipe lines. For efficient service, the District will likewise invest on its “soft infrastructure”, which is the employees, by providing skills training programs and values orientation in order to deliver Quality Customer Service leading to customer satisfaction.



As the mantra, “in the name of public service”, the Management and Staff including the Board of Directors of Calamba Water District will always be on their best foot forward 24/7.

WSMD commenced the Brgy. La Mesa and Barandal Water System Project

Engr. Ma. Angelica P. Corpuz

Year 2011 has been a bountiful year for Engineering Department specifically the Water System Maintenance and Construction Division (WSMD) in view of all the projects that were being implemented and the degree of accomplishments it has achieved.

WSMD recently started the implementation of *Brgy. La Mesa (Pasong Kalabaw) and Barandal Water System Project*. The project has an estimated total amount of P10 million and it consists of approximately 2.6 kilometers of transmission & distribution line including its clustering of water meters.

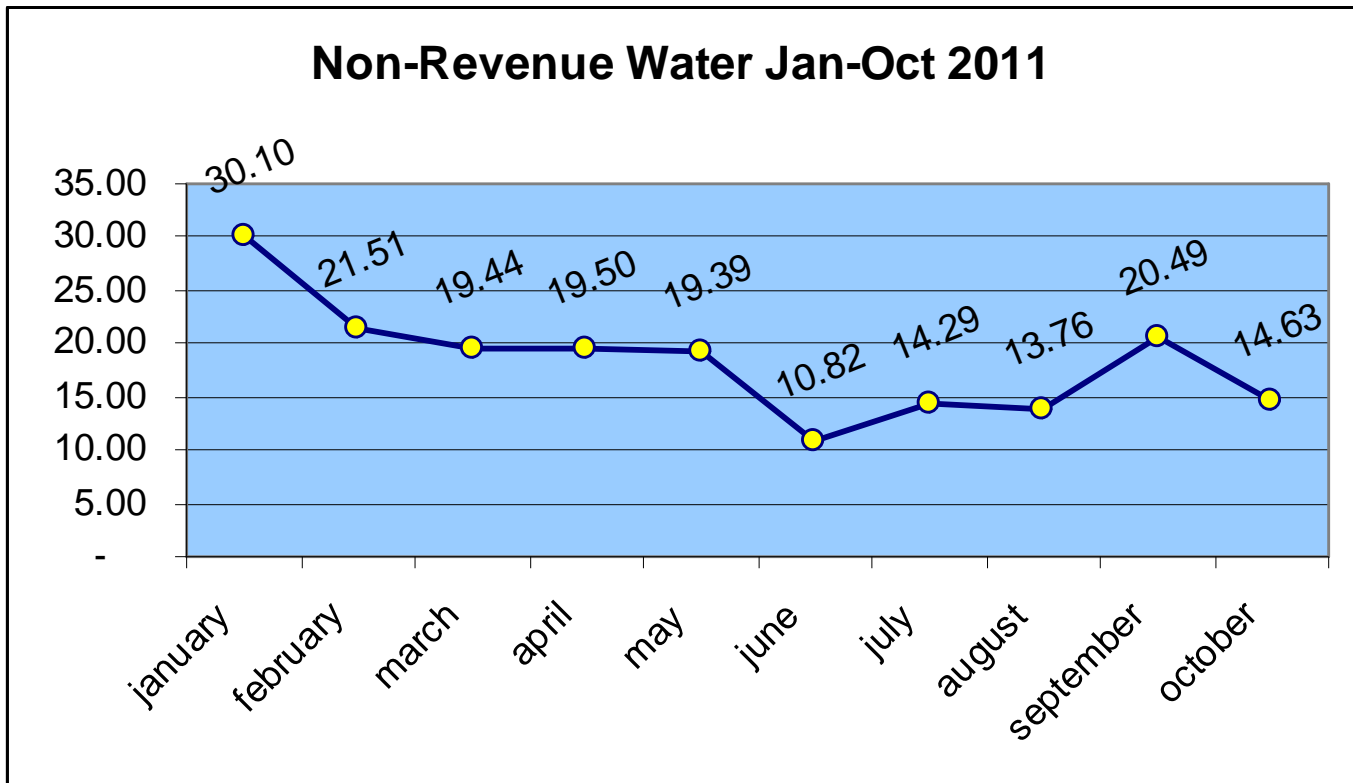
Apart from the transmission and distribution lines, the project also consists of the construction of two (2) pumping stations with a total capacity of 20Lps and 22Lps, respectively.

The completion of the project will expand the existing water system of CWD and will address the ever growing demand for CWD services to provide access to sufficient, safe and potable water. The system improvement is expected to address the demand of every household within the vicinity by the year 2012.



Non-Revenue Water Scaled Down in 2011

Cristina M. Bonaobra



CWD bore down in its skirmish against high Non-Revenue Water (NRW) at the start of the year 2011. The District had thumped against the detrimental NRW reducing it gradually in a scaled down trend from as high as 30.10 in January to less than half towards the beginning of the last quarter of the year. In particular, the lowest figure was hit at 10.82 in June, notably increased in September at 20.49 and was pulled back down to 14.63 in October.

Beating the LWUA standard for NRW that is set at

20% is truly one of the great challenges for all local water districts. Challenged with such, the Management is always on-guard in impeding the possible causes of water loss and reducing the value of non-revenue water. As a matter of fact, new units of portable leak detector and portable meter calibration gadgets were purchased early this year. True enough, these gadgets greatly helped the Engineering Staff in efficiently detecting leaks and ensure standard calibration of water meters thus evading meter inaccuracies and guarantee accurate gauge of water consumption. In addition, reward

system for getting hold of illegal connections is constantly put into operation thus reducing, if not totally stamping out, water theft. On the average, 30 illegal connections are being apprehended every month.

A struggle against NRW was figuratively like a tug-of war, yet the District not just victoriously overstepped the target but pulled down the water losses even below the LWUA standard. Such is a mirror of efficient and effective leak management program being implemented in the water distribution system.



Emanuel B. Capulong

In the first State of the Union Address of President Noynoy, he mentioned about the water shortage problem in some parts of Manila and Quezon City. His Excellency said that despite this problem, the members of the Board of Directors of MWSS are living extravagantly with brand new cars as incentives and excessive salaries with staggering amount of bonuses. Maynilad Water Works were also blamed for this prolong and agonizing water shortage. Thus, the issuance of EO No. 7, which suspends all allowances, bonuses, incentives and other perks for members of the Board/Trustees. Unfortunately, Local Water Utilities were also affected by this chain of events because of public perception, in the thinking that LWD's are within and under the jurisdiction of MWSS, therefore its Board also receives the same lucrative incentives.

For this reason, let us evaluate and lay down the actual facts. Local Water Districts does not receive funds or any monetary support coming from national, provincial, city, or municipal government, or any governmental

institutions for that matter. It is a self-sustaining quasi-public provincial, city, or municipal government, or any governmental institutions for that matter. It is a self-sustaining quasi-public corporation performing public service and supplying public wants, in which the collection for its subsistence are coming directly from its concessionaires. The Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) and not MWSS exercises jurisdiction over all Local Water Districts and shall primarily be a specialized lending institution for the promotion, development, and financing of local water utilities. The functions of LWUA in terms of furnishing technical assistance including monitoring and evaluating local water standards are clearly mandated under Sec. 50 of PD 198.

Any additional allowances and benefits received by the members of the Board of Directors of LWD's shall have the approval of the LWUA based on the Board Resolution granting such allowances on top of the per diem they are already receiving. This is also in

consonance with R.A. 9286, which further amends Sec. 13 of PD 198, expressly provides that, - *"Each Director shall receive per diem to be determined by the Board, for each meeting of the Board actually attended by him, but no Director shall receive per diems in any given month in excess of the equivalent of the total per diem of four meetings in any given month. Any per diem in excess of One Hundred Fifty Pesos (P150.00) shall be subject to the approval of the LWUA. In addition thereto, each Director shall receive allowances and benefits as the Board may prescribe subject to the approval of the LWUA"*.

Henceforth, the call for the exemption on the implementation of EO No. 7 in all local water utilities is only justifiable.

(Editor's note: Just recently, President Aquino signed into a law creating a Governance Commission for GOCC's and expressly excluded all Local Water Districts from the implementation of said Executive Order.)

STAWD CONVENTION 2011

GM Cervancia elected as the new STAWD Vice President

MeIody E. Oyos



The convention proper started with a thanksgiving mass solemnized by Rev. Fr. Lopito P. Hilteroza. After the mass, STAWD officers, guests and participants of the event gathered at the venue's ballroom foyer wearing their gorgeous Filipiniana attire as they witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony that signaled the opening of exhibits.

Administration (LWUA) Chairman of the Board of Trustees was the Keynote Speaker of the session. Likewise, GM Cervancia bids farewell to his position as the Auditor of STAWD, as he welcomes the position next of an elected Vice President.

Indeed, STAWD Convention was a successful one as each water district member looks forward to a more exciting confab in 2012.



The Glitz and Glamour ball during the Solidarity night was indeed a night to remember for the participants, which was set on the first night of the affair. Part of the said glamour ball was the Ms. STAWD pageant 2011 wherein five (5) lovely candidates vied for the title, which was awarded to the candidate of the water districts from Batangas Provinces.



Southern Tagalog Association of Water Districts recently held its convention with the theme "Yamang Tubig, Kalingain Natin". Said two-day affair commenced on November 17, 2011 at the Eastwood Richmond Hotel, Libis, Quezon City and was participated in by various water districts from Southern Tagalog.

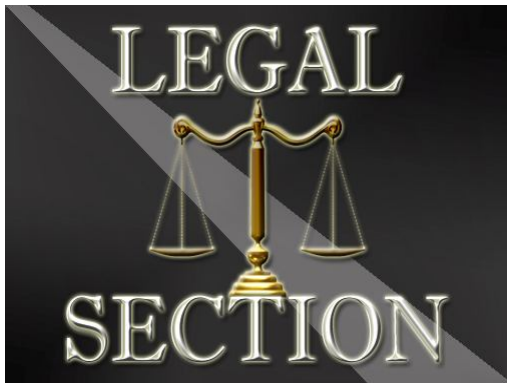
Among the activities that were scheduled during the night, Provincial Presentations seemed to be the awaited part. The Laguna Association of Water Districts (LAWA) where CWD representatives are included, graced the night with a Hawaiian dance presentation. Said presentation really showcased the talents of prominent personalities of various water districts in Southern Tagalog, that makes it an understatement that STAWD really shows unexplored talents.



Pre-convention activities were scheduled the day before the convention proper, which included the on-the-spot photo contest. Out of nine (9) participants, Calamba Water District (CWD), which was represented by Mr. Renato Vazquez, bagged the 4th place award.

Technical Session and Product Presentation took place during the second day. Atty. Rene C. Villa, Local Water Utilities





The issuance of COUNTERFEIT or FAKE BILLS

Emanuel B. Capulong



In celebrating the yuletide season complete with joyful reunions and family gatherings, we should also be alert and constantly on guard against scams and other trickeries that many con artists may provide. CWD is not totally exempted from such scams, and the new Philippine Peso Bills which are not yet widely circulated is a good example for it is now being illegally duplicated. This was not the first time that certain concessionaires issued fake money for their water payments. As experienced by the Collection Section, they received counterfeit money as payment almost 3 times every six months. This is very alarming indeed. The following questions are directly from concerned CWD employees.

When a counterfeit or fake bills were presented as payment, are we obliged to return it to the payee, if he has no knowledge that the said bill was indeed fake?

No, this is to avoid the use thereof to

the prejudice and damage of another person and intentionally make it appear as true and genuine bill. A counterfeit bill received as payment should be written on the face thereon in bold letters with words like "FAKE", "COUNTERFEIT", "FORGED" or "FALSIFIED" whether or not he has knowledge thereof.

When a concessionaire was caught in possession of fake money bill, is he criminally liable?

No, mere possession of false money bill, without the intent to use it, is not a criminal offense. Even if the false money was mistakenly used as payment for water bills so long as there is an absence of knowledge on the part of the concessionaire on the genuineness of the bill.

Is it important to know whether or not the payee has actual knowledge on the genuineness of the bill or any legal tender for that matter?

Yes, an actual knowledge

presupposes that there is a fraudulent intent to use it. Actual knowledge may be manifested on the failure of the payee to explain satisfactorily his possession of the counterfeit bills. Any response which is unsatisfactory may only mean that he is the forger himself or that he knows who falsified it, but does not want to divulge its origin.

What is the punishment prescribed by law on persons in possession thereto with intent to defraud or in connivance with forgers of such false notes or bills?

Under Par.2 of Art. 166 of the Revised Penal Code, it provides that, "By prison mayor in its maximum period (from 10 yrs. and 1day to 12 yrs. imprisonment) and a fine when the forged or altered document is a circulating note issued by any banking association duly authorized by law to issue the same." All money bills issued by the Central Bank are national bank notes.

Is there a way to spot or even detect a forged or falsified new Philippine Peso bills?

Yes, a fake, forged or falsified new Philippine Peso bills has no features or characteristics which are evident in a genuine or real peso bills, like in the following;

Optical variable inks – The ink used in selected parts of a genuine Philippine Peso bill change color when viewed in a different angle, the fake one does not have such features.

Multiple watermarks – Aside from the watermark on the face of the bill, the Central Bank has also added a watermark of every bill's respective denomination, for example,

P1,000.00 bills have now watermarks in the bill itself. Just hold the bill against the light source to see these new security features.

Wider security threads – The holographic security threads are still there, but were made wider for improved visibility. It also changes colors when viewed from different angles.

Embossed bill wordings – The title of the bill and the "Republika ng Pilipinas" phrase is lifted above the bill and clearly distinguishable even by just the feel of the hand.

Vividly colored – Genuine bills are very vivid and has vibrant colors. It doesn't look dull, light or faded. Color contrast and hue are definite giveaways when spotting the fake ones.

With that, it is important to note that we should not be complacent in our dealings with concessionaires especially if we are in the receiving end, not only in terms of receiving water bill payments but also in our dealings with other creditors because this is money we're talking about here, whether in small or large amount.



GM and AGM attends



Melody E. Oyos

Embarking on the theme “Towards Quality and Sustainable Water Management”, Vietnam Water Supply Association held a three-day confab tagged as Vietwater 2011 last November 24 - 26. GM Alberto M. Cervancia and AGM Restituto B. Sumanga attended said forum, which is considered as the World of Water Converge, through the invitation of Philippine Water Works Association (PWWA).

Two months prior to the actual day of the event, 85% of exhibition booths were already sold and 200 exhibitors from various worldwide companies that will provide latest technologies and solutions to different areas relative to water and wastewater industry had confirmed their attendance.

Vietwater 2011 was attended by over 300 participants including GM and AGM as part of the Philippine delegation among many others.

Calamba Water District's participation to significant events like Vietwater 2011 is advantageous to the district towards its goal to provide water services to the community we are serving that is comparable to world-class utilities.



Finally, extreme Make-Over for GSIS

Emanuel B. Capulong

There are many challenges that the new set of members of the Board of Trustees of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) may undergo in terms of changing the widely practiced structural system of one of the most unpopular agencies of the government. Its like putting up a major by-pass operation and a dose of antidotes just to cleanse this primary social insurance governmental institution. But the new members of the Board which is the governing and policy-making body of GSIS are determined to eradicate the past misdeeds by putting up a new system and reforms that will promote and radically change the general perception and thus revive the confidence of the public.

As a social insurance institution, GSIS insures its members against the occurrence of certain contingencies in exchange for their monthly premium contributions. We all know that social security benefits available for all GSIS members are: compulsory life insurance, optional life insurance, retirement benefits, disability benefits for work-related contingencies, and death benefits. It goes to the old saying that retirement benefits are not privileges but are right, for the simple reason that the retirees contribution which they will inevitably receive is in fact their hard-earned money.

The changes in the system were already enforced by the new administration such as the deployment of more Wireless Automated Processing System (G-WAPS) kiosk



nationwide, including an additional 500 kiosk that can be used by all active members. The old practice when it comes to retirees that they should always be physically present in claiming their pensions is now an old myth. Their existing records are all linked to the NSO, meaning they can now follow-up and receive their claim even without their physical appearance before the GSIS. In the past, a dependent of a retiree may not receive a survivorship pension if he is gainfully employed but now a dependent with or without a permanent job may still receive such pension. Also, any retiree or active member who filed a complaint before any division of GSIS may now be resolved within 60 days and cases which have been archived or pending for years shall be reopened for final resolution. In addition thereto, unlike before, retirees may now receive their membership claim on both GSIS and Social Security System (SSS) retirement benefit plan, as long as the said retirees have been members of GSIS for 15 years and SSS for 10 years.

There is also a plan to put up a regional GSIS center here in Calamba City, which can benefit the active members, retirees and pensioners. Any questions pertaining to all claims, loans, memberships, benefits, contributions, pensions, including the on-going reforms and changes within GSIS can be addressed or directly raised before the Regional Center. The existing problem that should be resolve immediately is the anomalous and controversial data base project with IBM. GSIS confirmed that they fired their Senior Vice President Edilberto Ocampo, who is alleged to have entered into an illegal deal with technology firm IBM Philippines and systems integrator Questronix. This system program which crashes that started in March of 2010, had caused delays in the processing of members in their claims and benefits. Those who will be affected are hoping for the final closure of this case.

Finally for GSIS, extreme make-over is worth waiting.

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 - * Ground Water Supply
 - * Pressure Boosting
 - * Industrial Applications
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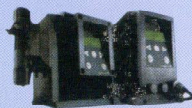
S/S VERTICAL IN-LINE PUMPS

- Applications:**
- * Washing Systems
 - * Cooling and Air-conditioning
 - * Water Supply Systems
 - * Industrial Plants
 - * Boiler Feeding Systems
 - * Fire Fighting Systems
 - * Transfer Systems



SUBMERSIBLE REWINDABLE MOTOR

- Applications:**
- * Submersible motor for deep well Applications
 - * Pressure Boosting



DOSING PUMPS

- Application:**
- * Injection of chemicals in water and waste water treatment systems, washing systems, swimming pools, and process plants



END SUCTION PUMPS

- Applications:**
- * District Heating Plants
 - * Air-conditioning Systems
 - * Cooling Systems
 - * Water Supply Systems
 - * Transfer Booster



SPLIT CASE PUMPS

- Applications:**
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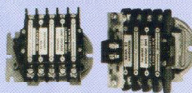
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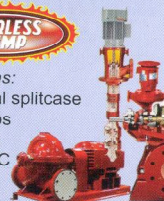


BOOSTER SYSTEM

- Applications:**
- * Constant Pressure Booster System
 - * Hydro Pneumatic System



- Application:**
- * Liquid Level Sensor



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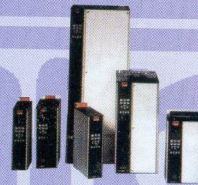
- * Horizontal splitcase fire pumps
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- * Fire pump package system
- * Sump pumps
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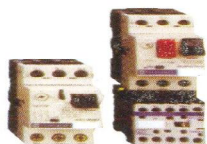
- Application:**
- * Fire Fighting Systems

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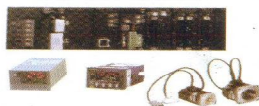
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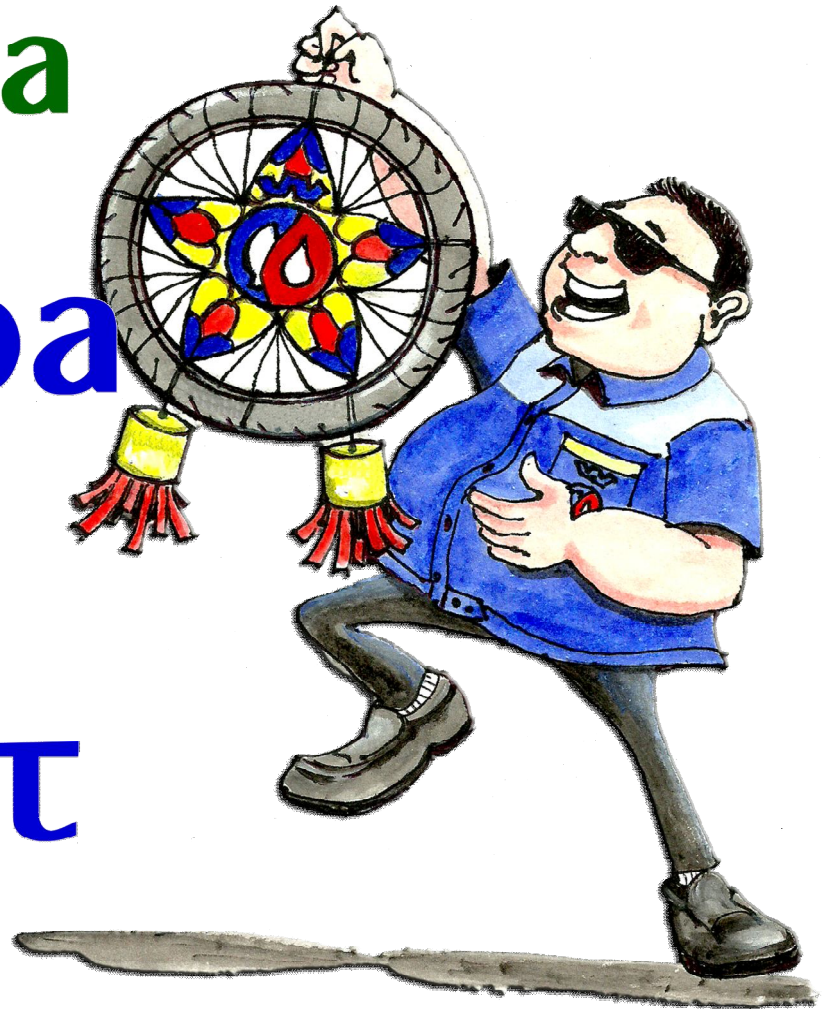
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Parolan sa Calamba Water District



Ma. Jennifer dJ. Escaño

“Parol” is a traditional Filipino Christmas decoration. It is oftentimes in a shape of a star made from bamboo frames and covered with colored cellophane or Japanese paper. The parol reminds the Filipino Christians of the star of Bethlehem which guided the Three Wise Men on their way in search for Baby Jesus. The parol provides a festive mood and makes us feel the spirit of Christmas as it is seen hung in front of every house even in streets.

It is for this reason that the Production Department spearheaded the parol making contest which we dubbed “Parolan sa Calamba Water District”. It is our great desire to

share with our concessionaires the spirit of oneness as we showcase the artistic talents and creativity of CWD employees particularly the Production Department personnel. This contest will not only harness the creativity of our pump operators but will also show that we are one with nature since the use of recycled materials is one of the criteria.

Each pump station will only have one entry for this contest. This will be a collaborative effort among the operators of the pump station. The required height of the parol is from 2-3 feet. Participants are encouraged to use recycled or scrap materials which they could obtain from the pump station

or from nearby areas. Out of 24 entries, 3 parols will be chosen and will be awarded as first, second and third placers. Winners will be announced and awarded during the Production Department’s Christmas party on December 15, 2011.

“...and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was and when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”

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20mm x 25mm
40mm x 25mm
20mm x 32mm
50mm x 40mm
25mm x 32mm
50mm x 63mm

Female Tee
20mm x 20mm x 25mm
25mm x 25mm x 32mm
32mm x 32mm x 1"

Male Elbow
20mm x 1/2"
25mm x 3/4"

Male Adapter
x 20mm x 1/2"
40mm x 1/2"
20mm x 3/4"
40mm x 1/2"
25mm x 1"
50mm x 1/2"
32mm x 1"
63mm x 1"

Male Tee
20mm x 20mm x 1/2"

Elbow Reducer
20 mm x 25 mm
25 mm x 32 mm
20 mm x 32 mm

Female Adapter
x 20mm x 1/2"
40mm x 1/2"
20mm x 3/4"
32mm x 32mm x 1"

Union Coupling
20mm x 20mm
40mm x 40mm
25mm x 25mm
50mm x 50mm
32mm x 32mm
63mm x 63mm

Y-Tapper
1 x 3/4"
1 x 1"

Tee Reducer
20mm x 20mm x 25mm
25mm x 25mm x 32mm
32mm x 32mm x 20mm
32mm x 32mm x 25mm

Elbow
20mm x 20mm
25mm x 25mm
25mm x 32mm
40mm x 40mm
32mm x 32mm

Tee
20mm x 20mm x 25mm
25mm x 25mm x 32mm
50mm x 50mm x 63mm
32mm x 32mm x 32mm

Female Elbow
20mm x 1/2"
32 mm x 1"
25 mm x 1/4"

End cap
20mm x 63mm
32mm x 63mm
25mm x 63mm

Plastic Saddle Clamp Bolted type

1 1/4 x 1/2
1 1/4 x 3/4
1 1/2 x 1/2
1 1/2 x 3/4
2 x 1/2
2 x 3/2
2 x 1

Plastic Saddle Clamp with Tapping Ferrule T-type

1 1/4 x 4"

Plastic Saddle Clamp Double Wedge

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Plastic Saddle Clamp Wedge Type

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4 x 3/4
4 x 1

Plastic Nipple

COLOR: Black

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1/2 x 3/4 3/4 x 3/4

Tap Tee
1 x 3/4

Extendable Plastic Repair Clamp

2"
3"
4"
6"

Cross Tee
1 1/2 x 1"

SIZE	A	B	C	D	THREAD /IN (TPI)	P (pitch)
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32mm x 1"	75.60	111.50	63.00	34.20	11	2.3
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CWD EMPLOYEES Multi-Purpose Cooperative *17th Anniversary*

Melody E. Oyos



Calamba Water District Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (CWDEMPC) ever-growing members assembled last November 19, 2011 to celebrate the 17th year anniversary of the cooperative. Bingo and Raffle Bonanza were conducted as the highlights of the celebration. The lucky members who were present as their names were called during the raffle draw took various prizes home.

Prior to the assembly, a simple “merienda” enough to satisfy the hunger of the less fortunate children living within the vicinity of CWD, was prepared by the officers during the actual date of the anniversary, which is November 15. Such feeding is one way of thanksgiving for the continuous success of the cooperative.



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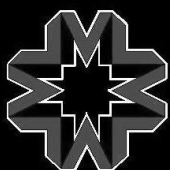
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It was 1996 when Calamba Water District established the Provident Fund in accordance with the Administrative Order No. 279 (Prescribing Rules and Regulations for the Establishment and Administration of a Provident Fund of Agencies Covered By Section 41 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 7180). Its purpose is to serve as savings and loan facility that will cater to the needs of regular employees and to provide the retirement or separation benefits when they retire, been disabled, separated from the service and in the event of death, the payment of definite amount to their legal, valid and authorized beneficiaries. Its existing implementing guidelines were crafted in accordance with the Executive Order No. 641 dated July 25, 2007.

At present, the CWD Provident Fund is being managed by its Board of Trustees and officers, as follows:

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Vice Chairperson

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Member

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Member

Maria Lourdes B. Tan
Secretary

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Likewise, the growth of the Fund may not have been possible without its support committees such as Membership and Development Committee, Loan Evaluation Committee and Financial Management and Investments Committee.

It was only last year, 2010, when the CWD Provident Fund granted bereavement benefits to the members who are legal, valid and authorized beneficiaries. Premonition it may seem, on that same year, one of the advocators of the said benefit, the late Carlo O Rodriguez, who was one of the members of Board of Trustees as well, was the very first to benefit from it due to his untimely demise. Nonetheless, his endeavor to provide better lives for the protection and welfare of the members of the fund shall always remain, being the primary objective of the said Fund.

At present, the Fund is offering various types of loans that serve as immediate answer to financial problems and uplift the members' economic state.

However, the CWD Profund Board of Trustees decided that all non-moving accounts must be repaid based on the amount of loan and on the borrower's capacity to pay in order that the financial viability of the Fund would not be sacrificed. Nevertheless, the interest earned on employee's share also known as dividend is given every year among the members of the said Fund.

Moreover, the CWD Board of Directors approved a resolution as recommended by the Fund's Board of Trustees implementing the increase of member's employee-employer share. Said share, which remained constant at 3%-10% since the inception of CWD Provident Fund in 1996, increased by 2% or is now tantamount to 5%-12% shares. Such was on the view that this will benefit the members especially upon retirement.

Presently the Provident members continuously grow its numbers, from a mere 78 in 1996 to 209, as of October 2011.

The grant of scholarship programs to the members' legal, valid and authorized beneficiaries is also one of the Fund's future plans that will surely pave the way for additional comfort zone to its members.

Because we CARE,

CWD...

COMMITTED to an
ACT that RESTORES
the EARTH

Melody E. Oyos

Caring for the Mother Earth is one of the primary objectives of Calamba Water District (CWD) for embarking on tree planting activities. Being in the water industry, it is the social responsibility of the District to ensure that the environment is not being neglected and is properly taken care of, for it contributes a lot in the production of precious water.

For more than a decade, the District joins hand in hand with

different organizations, which shares a common goal ... to preserve and protect our environment through tree planting.

Cognizant of the importance of preservation of watershed, CWD joins the Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystem (MCME) in various projects in line with the Protection Program of Makiling Forest Reserve (MFR). The District also supports the Samahan ng

Magsasaka sa Mataas na Lupa ng Lalakay sa Bundok Makiling (SAMALUP) in their Participatory Upland Development Program in Dampalit Watershed. Financial Assistance was given to MCME and SAMALUP as additional funds in order for them to execute their projects.

Likewise, CWD continues its commitment in planting fruit bearing trees in the 11,497 sq. m. parcel of land situated at the



upper area in Brgy. Bucal, where the concrete reservoir of the District is located.

Recently, CWD established its own "Nursery Plant" in Brgy. Bucal in collaboration with Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO). Through Memorandum of Understanding between CWD and PENRO, a Financial Assistance of P20,000.00 annually shall be donated to the

latter in exchange for seedlings. Various species of fruit bearing trees seedlings are nurtured in the Nursery Plant so as to propagate and grow, while some were being donated to different Non-Government Organizations that hold tree-planting activities as well.

Tree planting is indeed a noble act, for such is an aid to our forlorn Mother Earth who cries for

our care. Despite the differences among us, we are bounded by the place we are in, so why not CARE for it... plant one before its too late!

**The trees are God's great alphabet:
With them He writes in shining green
Across the world His thoughts serene.**

~Leonora Speyer



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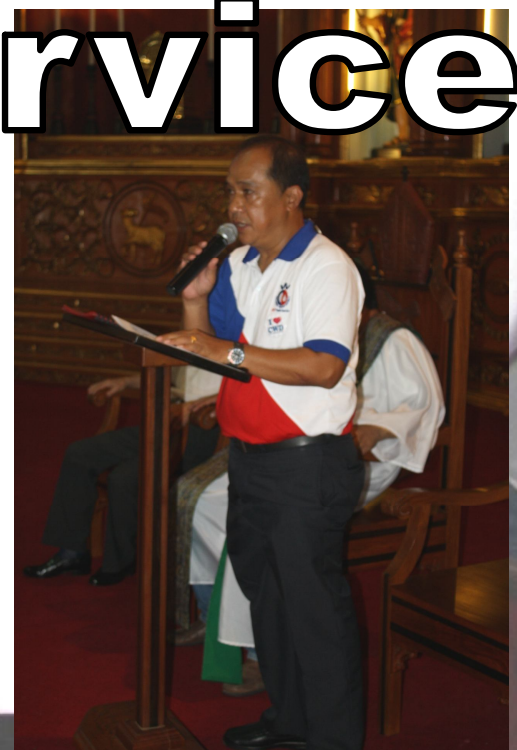
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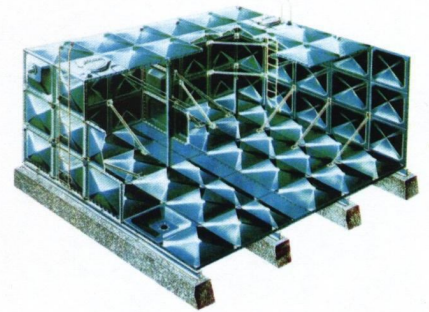
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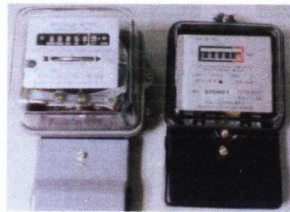
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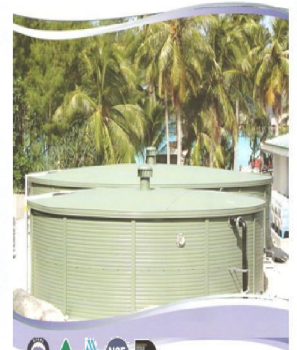
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Saludo kami sa iyo,

PANGULONG CALOY!

Maribeth R. Gratela

Halos higit dalawang dekada nang magsimula ang pag-uunyon sa Calamba Water District (CWD) na kinabibilangan noon ng halos iilang miyembro lamang. Nobyembre 12 ng taong kasalukuyan, idinaos ng Nagkakaisang Lakas ng Manggagawa ng Calamba Water District (NLM – CWD) ang ika 23 nitong anibersaryo. Ngunit bago pa man nakamit ng nasabing organisasyon ang tagumpay, dumaan muna ito sa napakaraming pagsubok sa pakikibakang pang – ekonomiya at demokratikong interes ng mga kawani. Kung kaya't nararapat lamang na sa puntong ito ay kilalanin natin ang naging bahagi ng tagumpay na ito.

Isang pag-alala at pag - pupugay sa ating pangulong Carlo “Caloy” Rodriguez na pinaslang isang taon na ang nakalilipas ang isinagawa kamakailan kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo ng NLM at ng unang taon ng kanyang kamatayan. Ang pagdiriwang ay sinimulan ng isang misa at pag-aalay ng bulaklak at kandila sa kanyang puntod. Sinundan ito ng isang simpleng salu-salo na idinaos sa Batoon’s Residence sa Bucal, Calamba City. Ang nasabing

okasyon ay dinaluhan ng mga kawani ng CWD, mga opisyal ng unyon ng San Pablo Water District, Metro Quezon Water District, Pagsanjan Water District at iba pa. Nagkaroon ng “video presentation” at maikling mensahe ang mga panauhin na pinangunahan ni Ms. Elenita V. Panganiban, CWD HR Division Manager.

Isang taos pusong pasasalamat at pagbati ng Makabuluhang Pasko at Mapayapang Bagong Taon sa lahat!



**The Late NLM-CWD President,
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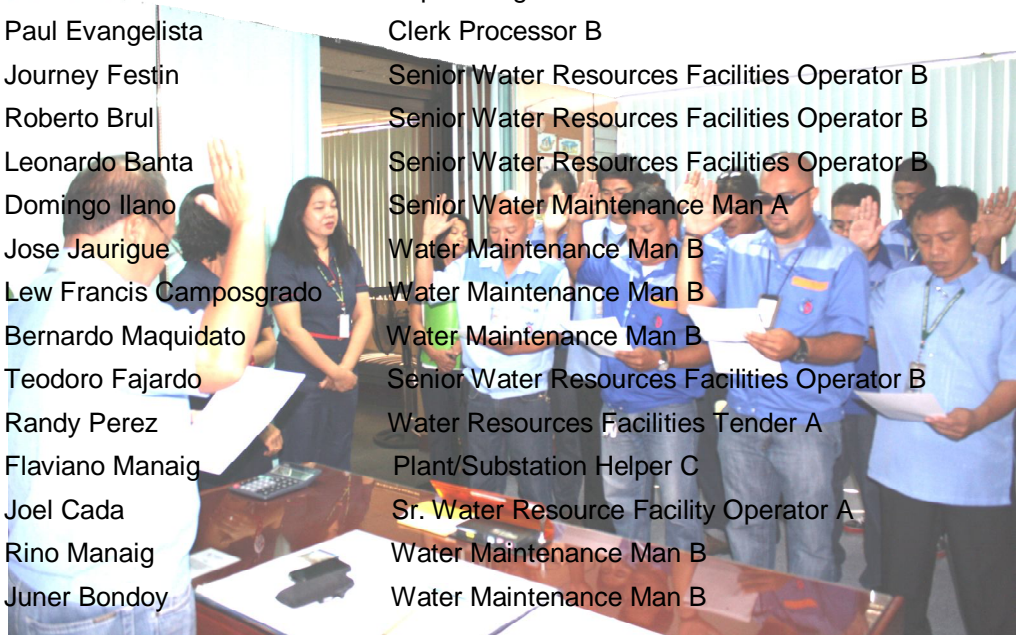
Cristina M. Bonaobra

Subsequent to the personnel movement 2010, the Management recently offered chain promotion to its personnel and published various vacant positions. Through the efforts of the Personnel Selection Board (PSB), screening and evaluation was conducted hand in hand with the Human Resource Department of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) through Ms. Neliss Limbo. Forty-four CWD employees went through the said LWUA examination and panel interview by PSB; only 18 had successfully gone beyond the screening and were able to make a step higher on the ladder of career advancement.

Congratulations! Keep up the integrity and dedication while on the firing line!

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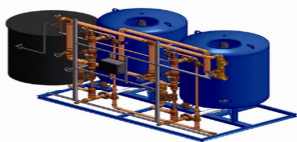
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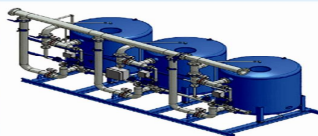


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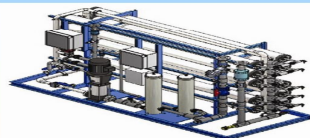


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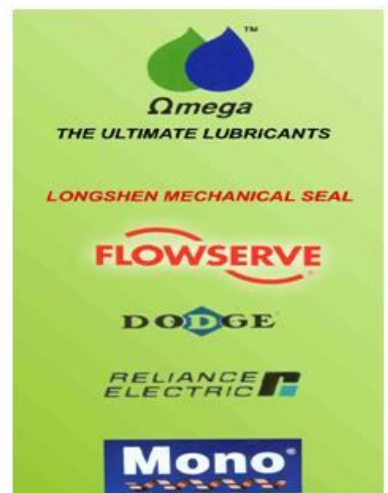
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VENANCIO MAGPANTAY

By: Production Department

Born on April 1, 1948 and hails from Brgy. Bañadero Calamba City, Mr. Venancio Magpantay or “Mang Boy” as what he is fondly called by his colleagues, personifies the saying “Laughter is the best Medicine”, thus he was tagged as “Boy Ngiti”.

Faithful and responsible, those are the adjectives which were used by her wife, Mrs. Jovita Buñales, to describe Mang Boy towards her and their three children. During his youthful years, being hardworking along with perseverance were his weapons to support his studies. He had finished his Secondary Education in St. John Academy in 1967, after which, he took up vocational course in Plumbing and Electricity in Tondo Manila. Despite his struggles in life, he pursued a two-year Mechanical Engineering Course year 1988-1990.

On November 1, 1978, he was hired by Calamba Water District as a utility tradesman. After several years of dedicated service, he was promoted as the Senior Water Utilities Management Officer under the Production Department and

afterwards the Management entrusted him to lead the Production Department in 2005, where he was assigned as the Officer-in-Charge.

Mang Boy was the one who took charge of Bucal Pump Station. The success of Bucal Pump Station became the success of Mang Boy. Indeed, whatever Bucal has at present, is owed to Mang Boy. Next to his family, he prioritized service, thus, for the past 33 years, he considered CWD as his second home.

As a supervisor, he always looks after the welfare of his subordinates. He corrects things in a compassionate way and never fails to make someone laugh whenever he cracks his jokes. Likewise, he is well known for his advise that “One should not loose hope in order to achieve his dreams”. Soft spoken but full of humor, that’s Mang Boy.

We will surely miss your smiles and laughter Mang Boy; but we know that you have achieved your ultimate dream... that is to be with our Creator.

So long...farewell...till we meet again.



SAFETY

FIRST

DMT has just begun!

Melody E. Oyos

Aside from being on call during calamities, the Disaster Management Team (DMT) of Calamba Water District (CWD) is also aiming to protect the water source from bacteriological and other chemical contamination by promoting Solid Waste Management.

The onslaught of numerous typhoons made us realize that the reason for floods, mudflows and soil erosion are mostly the piles of garbage that we disposed of improperly, which eventually goes down to the drainage system, canals and waterways. Hence, the Team did various activities in consonance with the AKAP Campaign for disaster prevention:

AWARENESS - Distribution of flyers regarding campaign on anti-littering and other vital information relative to dealing with calamities as well as possible prevention of its adverse effects. An Audio Visual Presentation, which will educate the community on various effects of improper garbage disposal, shall be prepared by the team to be presented during community outreach.

KNOWLEDGE – In order to equip the team with the proper “know-how”, trainings and seminars are lined – up for the DMT members particularly those who are assigned in the Medical and Rescue Team.



APPLICATION - During times of calamities, the team shall be on call. The assigned members of the team shall monitor areas prone to flood caused by heavy downpour.



PRACTICE – Taking into account that disaster prevention is better than actually responding to it once it is in our midst, the DMT conducted clean-up drive in various areas. Said activity started on the second quarter of 2010 in various communities such as Brgy. Halang, Bucal and Pansol. Garbage in the said areas, which was noticed to clog the canals and waterways, were taken out during clean-up operation. Likewise, last October 15, the team joined forces in cleaning the Bucal Spring, which is the major source of CWD water. The Team also tied-up with the Philippine Red Cross for the seminar-workshop on Basic Life Support which was held on December 1-2, 2011.



All of these are just the beginning of a mission for carrying out the District's social responsibility for the city milieu, hoping to encourage a positive impact to the employees, environment, concessionaires as well as the entire Calamba community.





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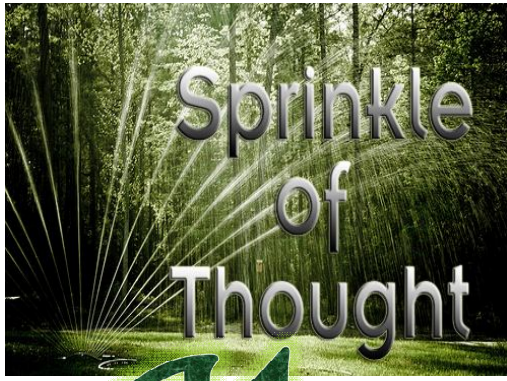
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Cristina M. Bonaobra

Every Christmas season, giving and generosity are the virtues that are usually observed and greatly felt along with the breeze of the season in almost all places. Gifts wrapped in different beautiful colors and grinning faces are seen everywhere. It is by giving that we sense the true spirit of the season.

Such virtue can be compared to the simple process of water cycle: water on earth goes up in the form of vapor, condensed to form clouds and is brought back to earth in the form of rain. What the earth gives, it likewise receives; it's a cycle, so it has no end. Same goes with giving; we give, and unexpected or not, we receive, and give again, however, its end depends mainly on our own discretion or choice. The key to receiving is actually giving; it is the seed of abundance. "Give and it shall be given unto you"; but to receive something in return for what was given should not be the motive for such deed, as the Bible says "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

It is not the amount, how much greater or lesser we give, that

matters most; but the intentions why we give or the kind of heart that we have in doing such act is what's more important. It is the attitude in giving. It is why and how you give, and not what and how much you give. The Bible teaches us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver." A preacher once taught the three kinds of giving: *grudge giving*, *duty giving*, and *cheerful giving*, which are simply explained as:

Grudge giving says, "I have to" cause by constraint.

Duty giving says, "I ought or need to" meaning obliged or compulsory.

Cheerful giving says, "I want to, because I love to", from the heart.

Like the Parable of Widow's Mite in Luke 21.1-4 in which Jesus acknowledged the generosity of a widow who gave her last two coins as compared to the rich man who gave a portion of his wealth. It is easy to give when you have enough, but the widow woman gave even if she doesn't have enough and even if it costs her entire living. She gave out of love and not out of need or constraint. God truly blesses the

cheerful giver and he knows who to reward, when to bless and by how much should one be blessed. So plant the seed of abundance... give with a heartfelt smile, and harvest the richness of God's blessings!



"We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to

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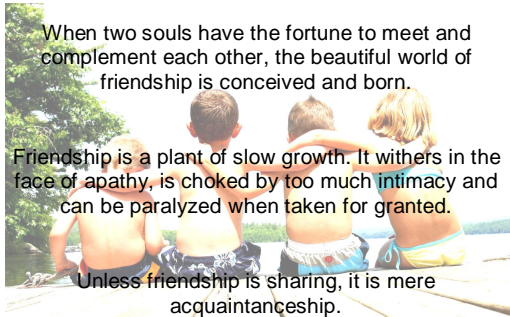
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WHAT IS A FRIEND?

By: Atty. Eusebio P. Navarro, Jr.



When two souls have the fortune to meet and complement each other, the beautiful world of friendship is conceived and born.

Friendship is a plant of slow growth. It withers in the face of apathy, is choked by too much intimacy and can be paralyzed when taken for granted.

Unless friendship is sharing, it is mere acquaintanceship.

A friend is a rare find in life; he is living treasure and above all he is a very special human being.

A friend is a person you can think of both in times of jubilation, because you feel his presence during these opposite swing of life's pendulum to these opposite extremes.

A friend can ride the rollercoaster of life with you and still remain essentially the same throughout the dizzying alternate of smooth-sailing ups and nerve-racking downs.

A friend is not as much interested in what each of you can achieve all by himself as in what together both of you can work for and attain.

A friend is just as much interested in what he can share with you as in what you can share with him.

A friend is a person who helps you piece together the enormous jig-saw puzzles of life- and enjoys doing so.

A friend can disagree with you in an agreeable manner, criticize your actions without hurting your feelings, and communicate with you in thought more than in words.

A friend can say "yes" without being an obsequious "yes-man"; he can say "no" without being a "kill-joy" Devils Advocate.

A friend is an individual unique in his own right. When you begin attaching labels on him and regarding him as a stereotyped character, you violate the sanctity of his individuality and ring the death knell of friendship.

A friend is God's message that man is not born a loner, that life is not to be lived in loneliness.

Friendship consists not only in having a true friend; it is above all, being one yourself.



Carminda G. Paringit

Christmas season is the longest and most celebrated season of the year which usually starts during the onset of September wherein you hear Christmas carols from the radio airwaves from the very first day of such month. This season extends up to the first week of January the next year so it is such a long festivity or celebration actually. It is the most loved season and just thinking of it encourages a feeling of excitement and high spirits.

But what's so special about this season? What is there to look forward to? What is there to celebrate about? What is it all about anyway?

There are the Christmas carols, the decorations and glittering lights, the Christmas bonus, the long lists of gifts to be given, the long queues during last minute shopping, the numerous parties or reunions to attend, just thinking of such activities could tire you out. But don't exhaust yourself too much to forget what is most important and in fact the very reason for such celebrations.

Just as the word itself suggests, Christmas is for Christ! It's His birthday and don't you forget that! All the celebrations we make are supposed to be in His honor. But the irony of it all, it's His birthday but He is in fact God's gift to mankind. Maybe that was the concept of the song "Give Love On Christmas Day". *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.*

But please don't get me wrong, I'm not being a spoiled sport or trying to hold you back on all your fun during the season. I am merely asking a small favor, try to reflect on the word Christmas. "Christ (Christ) – mas" (Spanish word meaning "more"). In everything you do, specially this season, think of Christ more.

Merry Christmas!

The best Christmas gift



I ever got was...

...when my husband came home for a vacation

...quality bonding time with my family, and that my whole family and loved ones are happy and healthy all through out the year.

~ Emma Fandiño

...the book of our Daily Bread from Tita Caddie. Kapag binasa mo sya daily, tuturuan ka talagang bumait, yun nga lang, hindi ko siya nababasa daily, hehe...

~ Lolen Calderon

...a digital photo frame where I could browse memorable pictures of events and occasions of our family, friends and colleagues.

~ Chona Santos

...an image of the Holy Family which reminds me of the true meaning of Christmas!!!

~ Day Sumanga

...the news that my wife and I would be parents for the first time in December of 1997.

~ Revel Garcia

...gift of love from my parents. Every Christmas, my parents made sure that there was enough food for Noche Buena and new clothes for their children. As kids, we always understand that we would never be given a special Christmas gift by our parents because they don't have much money. Now, I realize how difficult it was for my parents to support us siblings of ten. I appreciate very much the fact that my parents were able to provide for our education. I thank God for giving me my parents - they are the best gifts to us. How I wish we could be together for Christmas!

~ Beth Gratela

...my ever dearest son

~ Jedai Manguiat

...a reunion with my children this Christmas season, who have been away from me for almost 10 years.

~ Lina Samiano

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