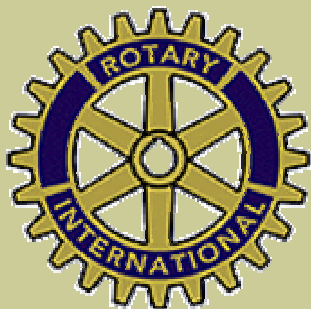


Philippines Projects Discovery Tour 2009



**Rotary Club
of
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LEAD THE WAY

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The Rotary Club of Port Pirie has had a long and fruitful relationship with the Rotary Club of Dau in the Philippines. So much so, that when we tell other Australian clubs about our projects, the comment is normally “ Gee. We wish we could do something like that.” The weird part is, when we visit clubs in the Philippines, they say, “We wish we could have a sister club in Australia.” And there are so many disadvantaged, poor and needy people to help.

So here is YOUR Clubs greatest chance at a HANDS ON International project. Members of the Rotary Club of Port Pirie will organize a GROUP TOUR to the Philippines AND a FORUM, so you can meet clubs, visit potential projects and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

Most of the facts are on the other side of this sheet. For the latest information, visit the forum on our web site www.rotarypirie.org.au where you can ask questions and read answers..

WE can help YOU, HELP THEM!

HISTORY

The relationship between the RC of Pt Pirie and the RC of Dau began in 1993/94 following the volcanic explosion of Mt Pinatubo. In that time we have assisted in developing a training centre for Industrial sewing, provided materials for sewing training, school playground equipment, provided additional/basic school equipment; assisted in school feeding programs; hosted two teachers to Australia for in-school familiarisation and are currently undertaking testing of rainwater to establish its suitability as drinking water.

We have affected lives numbering in the ten's of thousands, of needy and poor people, in a third world country. But the problems are so great. We have made a difference. You can too.

WHY ?????

It is difficult to describe this area other than to say third world and needy.

So many difficulties face the people living there, yet, like most other countries in a similar situation, there is much affluence as well. The Philippines will grow on you; the people are delightful and warm; living conditions are not like you would expect in Australia; there is too much traffic; litter is a problem; sanitation is a problem; water supply is a problem despite the high rainfall; People live in crowded allotments, some without electricity (power failures are common); many are without running water; only the lucky ones have a refrigerator; mothers will tell you that their greatest wish is to have enough food to feed their families (they will go without to provide for them). Have no doubt; a visit to the Philippines will leave its mark on you.

If your Club wants to be involved in International projects, with hands on, make difference, help the poor and support Rotary ideals, **HERE IS YOUR BEST CHANCE!!** We believe we have been **SUCCESSFUL**. WE can help YOU, HELP THEM !

WHEN, WHERE

Proposed departure is in October, 2009. At this time of year the "Rainy" should have eased, and airfares are "off peak"

We will be traveling to the province of Pampanga, 85km north of Manila and home of Mt. Pinatubo, the volcano that caused so much devastation in the 90's. The affected people in the surrounding area offers many opportunities for Rotary projects.

EASY ?

Everything will be taken care of for you including airfares, transfers, accommodation, most meals, meetings at clubs, guides and forums.

The hardest part will be leaving your newfound friends.

ITINERY

Total trip would be 12 - 14 days.

Proposed activities would include :

- Breakfast and outline of days activities,
- Visits to other Clubs regular meetings,
- Sight seeing to Lahar effected areas,
- Matching Grant Seminar
- Proposed project site visits
- Jungle walk
- A day or 2 with Manila Clubs
- Sight seeing and Souvenirs

**Culminating in a Forum with
ALL interested clubs.**

HOW MUCH ?

This is not a 5 STAR holiday. This is a fact finding mission in a third world country. That said, we will be traveling QANTAS and staying in the equivalent of 3 star accommodation. Meals, drinks, transport and accommodation are cheap.

Estimated costs are :

Airfare	\$ 1,400
Accommodation	\$ 400
Conferences	\$ 300
Meals & Drinks	\$ 300
Kitty	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 2,900

YOUR PART

FIRSTLY we need your CLUBS expression of interest. We are looking at one or two representatives from interested clubs in Districts 9500 and 9520. We would like to see 10 to 15 clubs represented. We are going to expect the representatives of the clubs to have the sanction of their Boards to **either**:

1. Agree in principle to a proposed project
2. Commit to an ongoing relationship
3. Make a donation to an existing project
4. **PROMISE** a return visit

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