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# **THE CURTAIN CLOSES**

After the adjournment of the **2019 Manila Rotary Institute (MARI)**, the **Marriott Grand Ballroom** closed its doors.

The glaring lights were turned off.

The accoutrements that marked the just-concluded institute were put away – the big screen, the technical equipment, the lights, the sound system. The ballroom that had just witnessed the cheering and applause of two thousand Rotarians was hushed, save for the clanking of the chairs and tables that were being re-arranged for the next event. The waiters were no longer in sight, delegated back to their former assignments.

# Appreciation for the Marriott Executives & Staff

The Host Organizing Committee is effusive in its gratitude to the management and staff of the **Marriott Hotel Manila** and the **Marriott Grand Ballroom** – **Bruce Winton**, Cluster General Manager, **Cecil Quidric**, Sales Manager for the Event Booking Center, and **Anna Tayoto**, Event Manager. They outdid themselves in providing even better services during the event than the good service they gave throughout the one-year-series of meetings and ocular visits.

The Marriott staff would rush to assist as early as 5:30 AM when the Rotarians of the Host Organizing Committee geared up for the day, and well past midnight as the Publications and Proceedings Committees put the daily newsletter to rest for online release before the next session.

To them, our deepest appreciation.



Bruce Winton  
Cluster General Manager



Cecil Quidric, Sales Manager  
for the Event Booking Center



Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia with  
Anna Tayoto, Event Manager



# A Grateful Chief of Staff

The person who was with the **2019 MARI Chair Isidro “Sid” Garcia** since its inception until its adjournment was **Ronnel “Ron” Dotaro**, his Chief of Staff.

Ron flew with Institute Chair Sid to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to observe the 2018 Yogyakarta Zone Institute. He was by Chair Sid’s side in almost all of the meetings for one full year prior to the event.

His fond comments on Institute Chair Sid give an insight on how this huge event was skillfully managed:

*Chair Sid demands action* — Chair Sid gives the tasks with clear timelines and definite deadlines. But he helps. He offers suggestions. He hears you out when you need to clarify the tasks.

The only problem is, he sends reminders almost every day through all the communications portals available – SMS, Viber, email, through calls from his office secretary – and if I am unable to reply, he calls himself and asks for an update on everything, and I mean, everything!



PDG Oyan Villanueva, Vice Chair for Marketing, makes a point as Ron Dotaro (in red) and Chair PDG Sid (in checked shirt) listen.



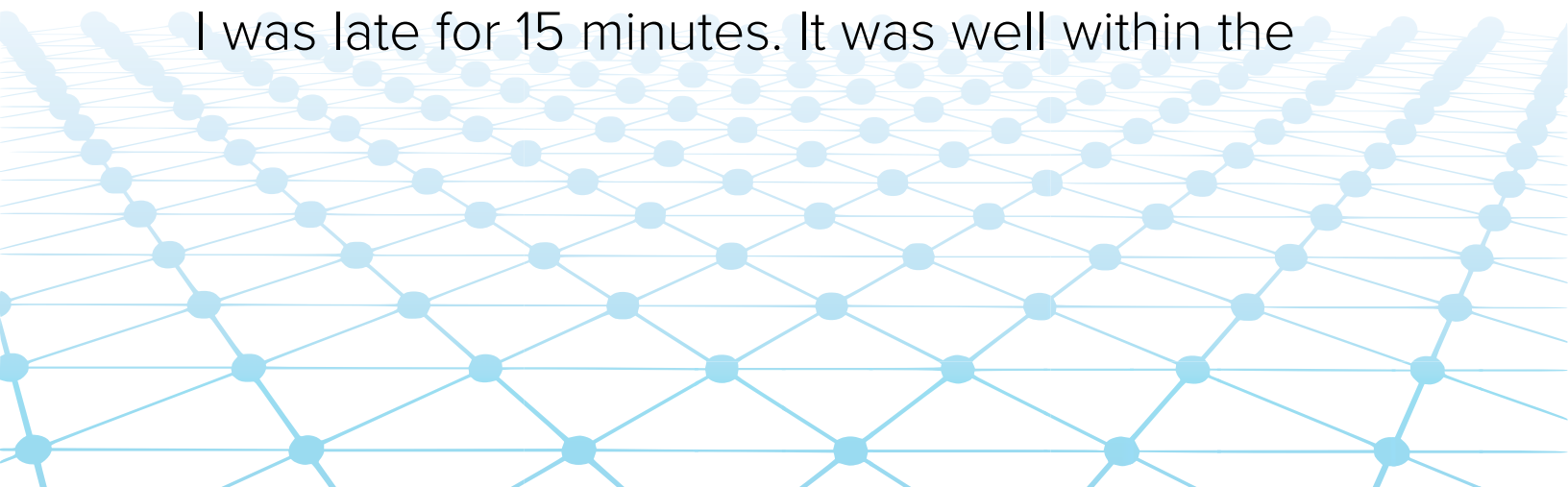
Ron Dotaro helps man the registration tables



Ron Dotaro with Chair PDG Sid Garcia in a MARI organizational meeting

*He is compassionate* – Chair Sid knows when I am overwhelmed with the tasks. He takes off some of the load to enable me to function efficiently. During the final leg of the preparations, when all the committees were polishing their plans, he told me not to assist the committees that he felt could already work on their own. He identified the few committees that needed my help. The lighter load was a bonus – I was able to add 30 minutes to my usual four hours of sleep!

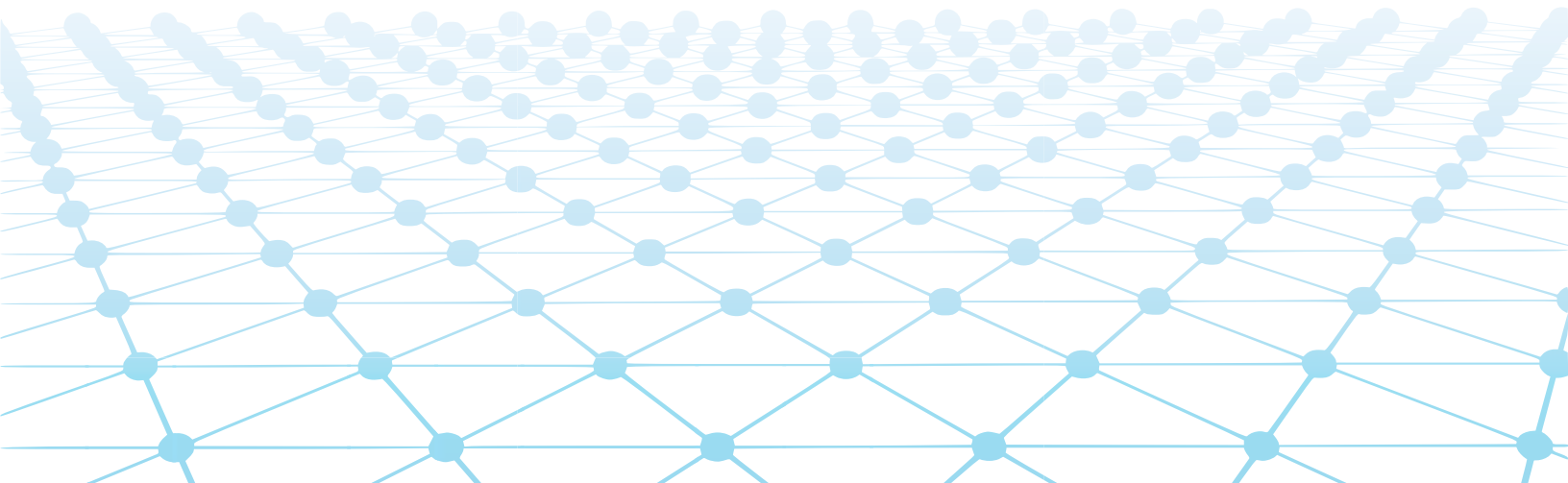
*He values time* — Having been appointed to chair this huge Rotary event, and with his own business to run, time management was obviously important. Chair Sid created 23 committees for the Institute and set pocket meetings to focus on the tasks of each. In a day, we usually held 3 to 5 meetings, from early morning to late afternoon. Sometimes he'd call a meeting at 7:30 AM! I'd have to rush straight out of bed. One time, I was late for 15 minutes. It was well within the



grace period of some companies. When I was seated, he said, “You’re late. Order your food later.” I knew he was upset, so I decided not to order any food. But when he cooled off, I ended up eating the best breakfast I had that week!

*He is a great motivator* – This is his best character trait. He acknowledges my work, calls me to tell me I did a good job, and gives me credit during committee meetings. He inspired me to do my work better. He would tell me his thousand-and-one instructions, and at the end, he would say, “Ron, I have signed the check for your allowance. Go ahead and claim it.”

It was an honor and privilege to have been part of the biggest Rotary Zone Institute ever! I had over a year of learning and working with the best minds in Rotary Philippines. To my “Tatay Sid” (Father Sid), thank you! I will always be here to support you!





# **THE NEW STORIES BEGIN**

And so the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute ended, with deep feelings of gratitude from all sides.

The delegates returned to their countries, their homes, their districts, their clubs.

They met new friends, gained new knowledge and broadened their insights.

There were new questions to ponder on, new action plans to pursue. What's in the future for Rotary International? What is my participation in its sustenance and growth? How can we effect a greater impact on the world?

**In Rotary, after the last message has been said, when the curtains close to end an event, is when the new stories begin.**


**A successful  
2019 Manila  
Rotary Institute  
ends to give way to  
new Rotary stories.**





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