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To Create an Aura of Oneness among
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of Surigao del Sur

THE BAROBO WATER DISTRICT ACQUIRES NEW OFFICE

By: Gerardo P. Mesagrande

The advent of the year 2014 was indeed a tremendous opportunity for the populace of the municipality of Barobo, Surigao del Sur. It was in this year that the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) allocated 20 million pesos through a National Grant to the just rejuvenated Barobo Water District (BWD). Honorable Mayor Felixberto S. Urbiztondo (+) orchestrated the re-activation of Barobo Water District. It was the good Mayor himself who accepted the challenge from the visiting LWUA envoys to re-establish the perennial defunct attempts of past administrations. On the 4th day of April 2017, upon the request of the late Mayor Felixberto S. Urbiztondo, the Sangguniang Bayan of LGU Barobo through Resolution No. 48, series 2017 requested the Provincial Government to allow the Barobo Water District (BWD) to use the old ice plant building (In-Operation) located at the portion of the bus/jeepney terminal area as a counterpart of the Municipality of Barobo to the NG 2014.

This resulted to the allocation of an Office Building for Barobo Water District on the month of May 2017. The newly acquired office building of Barobo Water District may seem to look like a remnant of a dilapidating old building but it is still intact and standing. It needed repairs and refurbishments. The newly appointed General Manager Joel L. Pantaleon allocated small portion of NG 2014 to make simple re-touch and innovation of the interior as well as the façade of the building. The Municipality of Barobo has now its own local water district who envisions Barobohanons to have access to safe, potable, reliable and equitable water supply in 2020. Through the newly acquired office building, the Barobo Water District can now best serve and resonate its mission to provide a 24/7 potable water supply to concessionaires and forge concrete engagement with its stakeholders responsive to sustainable development.

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Message



I am deeply grateful to the General Managers of Surigao del Sur Water Districts for electing me and providing me the opportunity to serve the SURWADA, Inc. for CY 2018.

As we are committed in promoting self-sustaining water utilities and in strengthening collaboration with the stakeholders in the country in order to provide adequate, affordable, safe and potable water

to all, our priorities were to serve our employees and our community the best we can.

Hence, I would like to acknowledge all of you who engaged and participated in the process. Thank you for your comments, suggestions and advices. Thank you for your assistance in identifying some of the threats we face, as well as ways to leverage our strengths and take advantage of our opportunities. Your feedback was indeed invaluable and was very much appreciated.

As we move forward, I hope that the programs we undertake shall foster strong and better relationship among employees and management as SURWADA MEMBERS. Let's continue to develop leaders.... Let's strive to be the best... Let's stand as one and be proud to be a SURWADA. Thank you very much and more power.

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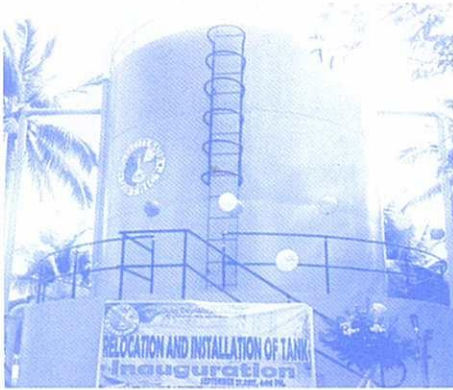
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STRIVING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES...

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The newly accomplished and relocated BCDFI Water Tank at Brgy. Maharlika, Bistlig City.



Blessing and cutting of ribbon of the BCWD Water Tank last September 27, 2017 at Barangay Maharlika, Bistlig City.

The year 2017 was a commemoration of the years of existence of BCWD as a stable water service provider in our locality despite of the different challenges and trials encountered by the agency.

On this year, the relocation of (BCDFI) water tank at Barangay Maharlika, Bistlig City was implemented amounting to P 5,061,600.00 and awarded to GS Ferrolino, Inc. and completed last September 27, 2017.

Newly accomplished and relocated BCDFI water tank, the concessionaires from Barangays Maharlika, San Roque and Kahayag will now be given continuous water supply 24/7 to their respective households.

Other projects implemented by BCWD were:

1. Pipeline Reinforcement of San Antonio Dam with a total cost of P 722,000.00 completed last April 29, 2017;
2. Online Turbidity Meter with a total cost of P 1,650,000.00 completed last July 4, 2017;
3. Procurement of Control Panels for Cumawas Pumping Station (CPS) & Sian Pumping Station (SPS) with a total cost of P 471,600.00 completed last November 9, 2017; and
4. Procurement of one (1) unit 5 HP Submersible Slurry Pump with a total cost of P 350,000.00 completed last December 7, 2017.

GM Ty. The district prepared a hot and delicious "arroz caldo" for the recipient's elementary schools where TCWD sources are located namely, Awasian Elementary School and Pangl Elementary School.

After the Handog Pasasalamat, TCWD employees were gathered at Shacene Pension House, Royal Function Hall for the culmination and awarding program hosted by Gretchen Baghari. The sportsfest which began on the 15th day of February lasted for almost four months wherein after office hours on Friday afternoon, all TCWD employees gathered to compete in different events such as basketball, badminton, etc. Everyone was dressed in white to symbolize successful beginnings. Although BOD Chairman Rodolfo R. Uy, Rev. Msgr. Isidro H. Irizari, and Dir. Josefina O. Prado, Ph.D. did not make it to the event, the rest of the Board of Directors, Dir. Winifreda A. Damiao and Engr. Eulogia D. Milla along with his wife were able to join in the celebration. TCWD also invited the General Manager of Lianga Water District, GM Wilfredo Sanchez as guest speaker of the night. GM told nothing but the success of TCWD and LIVAD and stressed about the strong and healthy relationship among the districts. Mayor Alexander T. Pimentel who also plays a huge role in the district was also present to give his message. In addition, an AVP was created featuring the brief history and the achieved goals of the district. One of these was the new water source at Barangay Pangl, Tandag City. Another was the Inauguration and Turn-over of the Booster Pump to Adela Serra Ty Medical Memorial Hospital.

To make the double celebration a memorable one, there were competitions to give the employees the opportunity to showcase their talent. The panel of judges was the following: Community Affairs Officer II from the Office of the City Mayor, Mr. Lamberto Parisan, a registered Physical Therapist and the official ZUMBA instructor of TCWD, Ms. Myra Relpha Singcol, and Senior Education Program Specialist of the Department of Education, Mr. Marlon Balansag. It was a night filled with fun as male representatives of each team dressed up for the Doble Kara contest wherein Team Maroon was declared as the winner. The event had become even livelier when the four teams along with the team leaders hit the dance floor as they performed the popular song of Korean girl group, Momoland, the Bboom Bboom. Each team had their own way of making their performance as creative as possible – from costumes to props. Based on the rating of the judging of panel, Team Yellow got the first prize for the dance contest. After this, another showdown happened as each team's representative performed together the Mindanao dance hit "Budots" which doesn't get old until now. For this competition, Gayoso Weljoy of Team White was declared as the champion. For the finale, the muse of each team together with their escort took the stage by wearing their sports attire for the Search for Mr. and Ms. TCWD 2018. It turned out that the crown was shared by two teams as both of them tied during the pageant. Team Yellow was represented by Alyanna Katrina Lozada and Jayfe de Guzman while on the other hand, Team White was represented by Lourdjereel Falcon and Weljoy Gayoso.

Came the most-awaited part of the event where the host would officially announce the winners of different events from the sportsfest. But, everyone was most thrilled for the announcement of the overall champion. To their surprise, it was another tie! GM Annie O. Ty presented the award to Team White and Team Maroon as they were both declared champions. Thus, the whole essence of the sportsfest and anniversary is to help each employee to build sportsmanship and cooperation which is very important in the district.

TCWD's Celebrates 39th Anniversary cum Sportsfest Culmination



TCWD Handog Pasasalamat to the inmates of Surigao del Sur Provincial Jail.

Anniversary is a significant occasion especially to the Tandag City Water District as it has already reached 39 years in service. The district always works hard to celebrate even through simple ways to commemorate every success and to strengthen the relationship with and create impact to its concessionaires. Hence, TCWD had lined up several activities for its 39th Anniversary cum Sportsfest Culmination on June 1 and 4, 2018. The district's theme for this year's anniversary was "Metro Ko, Ampingan Ko."

During the first day, TCWD employees gathered for the first activity, the Water Meter Clean-up. Four teams with the following team leaders were created, Team Violet (Analiza Trinidad), White (Gretchen Baghari), Maroon (Michelle Patrimonio), and Yellow (Fran Therese Manjares) to clean and check the water meters of their assigned areas: Barangay Telaje, Barangay Bongtud, Barangay Dagocdoc, and Barangay Bag-ong Lungsod, respectively. General Manager Annie O. Ty also actively participated as she visited the mentioned barangays. She communicated with people so that they would be able to address their

concerns regarding the water supply, leak repairs and the like.

The next activity was held at the Provincial Jail of Tandag City for the gift giving and free lunch with the inmates. Despite their tough situation inside the prison cell, the joy could still be seen from the faces of the inmates as TCWD employees distributed some of their basic needs like toiletries and when a delectable meal was served during lunch time. GM Ty had chosen this to understand the needs of the prisoners and to give importance to their social and emotional well-being.

Plumbing plays a huge role in our everyday life. According to Stephens Plumbing (2017), "In fact, homes aren't legal until they have indoor plumbing installed. When you go to work, there's plumbing. If you go shopping, the store has plumbing and thank goodness it's almost everywhere! Plumbing makes a difference each and every day." Thus, TCWD conducted a Plumbing Olympics to its employees in the afternoon at TCWD Laboratory and Workshop Building. Plumbing Olympics was done to encourage participation and competency among employees in plumbing works especially since it is one of its major services next to providing sufficient and potable water. This activity was facilitated by Engr. Ricky Boy G. Eupena wherein one participant from each team was requested to join. The following were the contestants: Lemuel Abecia of Team Maroon, John Paul Frias of Team Violet, Jayfe de Guzman of Team Yellow, and Nicolas Orquina of Team White. They were given the whole afternoon to do the plumbing work. Engr. Eupena then conducted leak testing of each participant's work to ensure quality control. In the end, Team Violet was considered as the champion for the said activity.

The second part of the celebration began with a Holy Mass at the vicinity of TCWD which was officiated by Rev. Monsignor Isidro H. Irizari who is also one of the Board of Directors. This was followed by the blessing of the newly-purchased motorcycles and a pictorial of the TCWD employees was also done. And since it was also a sportsfest celebration wherein it involved physical wellness, children's nutrition was given importance by



Water Meter Clean-Up Drive

BAROBO WATER DISTRICT: SEEKS NORMIN-NRMC INC. FOR NEW WATER METER AND CASH ASSISTANCE

By: Gerardo P. Mesagrande



Brass Water Meters and P.E. Pipes donated by NORMIN-NRMC members water districts

The implementation of NG 2014 amounting to 20 Million Pesos for the Water Development Project of Barobo Water District culminated on the month of September 2018. From then after, Barobo Water District commenced its actual operations.

As per Program of Work (POW) of NG 2014, 160 water service connections were allocated way far from the 360 service connections set by LWUA for the CY 2018. The scarcity of funds and the high costs of commodities hampered the growth of service connections of Barobo Water District for the revenue of 160 service connections could not suffice to augment the financial demands during the start-up of the district's operation.

The hardships and predicaments faced by the district became an impetus for the ever vigorous GM Joel L. Pantaleon to seek for technical assistance from NORMIN-NRMC INC. water district members through Resolution No. 21, series of 2018.

On November 22, 2018 at Philippine Gateway Hotel, Surigao City, the NORMIN-NRMC INC. through a certification, unanimously approved the humble request of Barobo Water District which paved way for bigger and established water districts to show empathy by expressing their own pledges. And in this way, a total number of 260 new water meters, 2 rolls each of $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ P.E. tubings and a total of P40,000.00 cash were donated to Barobo Water District.

Indeed, the benevolence shown of big brother water districts of NORMIN-NRMC INC. is exemplary and worth imitating for and for this Barobo Water District will be forever grateful. Not just that the NORMIN-NRMC water district members become an ally-savior of Barobo Water District but also a model to emulate in the future.

The gestures extended by the NORMIN-NRMC water district members were already locked-in in the book of history of Barobo Water District. Thank you and we SALUTE YOU!

LIANGA WATER DISTRICT HOST 5TH SURWADA SPORTSFEST

By: Anthony O. Teves



Lianga Water District employees celebrated after clinching the grand prize for the 5th SURWADA Sportsfest held at Prospero B. Pichay, Sr. Sports and Cultural Center, Lianga Surigao del Sur on October 25, 2018.

The Surigao del Sur Water District Association, Incorporated (SURWADA, Inc.) held its 5th SURWADA SPORTSFEST on October 24-26, 2018 at Lianga, Surigao del Sur. A three day event hosted by Lianga Water District (LIWAD) anchored with a theme "PROMOTING SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND BETTER RELATIONSHIP AMONG OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS THRU SPORTS."

The sports fest spearheaded on October 24, 2018 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon with a

Thanksgiving Mass commemorated by the Holy Child Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Juanito A. Rosales, Jr. The Opening Ceremony was officiated by the Overall Committee Chairman, GM Wilfredo G. Sanchez. The Regular entry for sports like: Badminton (Doubles Men), Badminton (Doubles Women), Badminton (Doubles Mix), Table Tennis (Single A & B), Chess, Dart, Dama, Lawn Tennis, and Larong Pinoy (Kadang-kadang, Pig Race, Bakya Race & Tug-off-War) started at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Welcome Dinner was served at

6:00 P.M. at Prospero B. Pichay, Sr. Sports and Cultural Center, Lianga, Surigao del Sur and the entry for Doble Kara became the highlight of the event.

October 25, 2018 is the continuation of the games like: 5K Run, 3K Run and Zumba Marathon which started at 4:00 o'clock in the morning. Games like Plumbing Olympics, Basketball, Blind Volleyball, 3-Point Shoot-out (Women) and Free-throw shoot-out were also slated in this day. Fellowship Night started at 6:00 P.M. at Prospero B. Pichay, Sr. Sports and Cultural Center, Lianga, Surigao del Sur which was graced by the Dance Competition.

This is the first time that SURWADA Sports fest proclaimed winners. 5th Place awarded to Cantilan-Madrid-Carmen Water Districts, 4th Place to Hinatuan Water District, 3rd Place to Bislig City Water District, 2nd Place to Tagbina-Barobo Water Districts, 1st Place to Tangad City Water District, and the host Lianga Water District was hailed as CHAMPION.

In spite of the very competitive sports fest, still the SURWADA members' water districts manage to uplift the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. They enjoyed and wear a great smile on their faces because of the hospitality and accommodating people of Lianga.

HINATUAN WD INAUGURATES THE THIRD (3RD) PUMPING STATION AT BRGY. TIDMAN, HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR

By Dominic Trent D. Villaluz:



Pumping Station 3 at Banakod, Brgy. Tidman, Hinatuan Surigao del Sur

The Hinatuan Water District inaugurated the third pumping station at Banakod, Brgy. Tidman, Hinatuan Surigao del Sur last August 18, 2017. The cutting of ribbon were spear-headed by General Manager Jose Hilario V. Pandili Jr., Municipal Mayor Shem G. Garay, Hinatuan

Water District Board of Directors and Employees, together with Brgy. Chairman Jaime

Murio and Tidman Brgy. Council. The General Managers of Bislig City Water District, Tagbina Water District and Lianga Water District were also present during the occasion. The project was funded under NG 2014 Project thru LWUA. It was completed last May 2017 and became fully operational in the month of July 2017. The deep well of Pump Station 3 has a capacity of 20LPS that has served 400

concessionaires. The fire hydrants were also installed within the Poblacion area of Barangay Tidman to be used during fire incidents. The people of Brgy. Tidman were very thankful to Hinatuan Water District since they are now experiencing 24/7 water supply in their houses.

MADRID WATER DISTRICT CONDUCTS PUMPING TEST AND BIDS OUT 100 CU.M. ELEVATED STEEL TANK AND UPVC PIPES FOR WATER SUPPLY EXPANSION PROJECT

By: Mary Ness A. Estrada



Madrid WD conducted pumping test at Barangay Linibunon, Madrid, SdS

Madrid Water District conducted a pumping test in its new source to determine its capability to supply Madrid WD's continually increasing number of concessionaires. A

pumping test or an aquifer test, "is a field experiment in which a well is pumped at a controlled rate and water-level response (drawdown) is measured in one or more surrounding observation wells and optionally in the pumped well (control well) itself". This is in preparation for the construction and installation of an elevated steel tank and extension of pipelines to Barangays Manga, Union and San Juan.

With the help of Tandag City Water District (TCWD) Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Madrid WD is now in the process of bidding out 1 unit 100 cubic meters elevated steel tank with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Three Million Nine Hundred Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Pesos and 56/100 (₱ 3,961,737.56) and Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (uPVC) pipes for Madrid WD Water Supply Expansion project with an ABC of One Million Three Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven Pesos and 69/100 (₱ 1,388,497.69).

This is in line with Madrid WD's vision-mission to provide high quality, safe and adequate potable water to its concessionaires at a very affordable cost sensitive to its customers' needs and satisfaction.

CWD CONDUCTS 3-DAY BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOP

By: Anna Marie D. Libatog



"A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow", George S. Patton once said. Last June 26-28, 2018, Cantilan Water District (CWD) conducted a 3-Day Business Planning Workshop, highlighting the questions "Where are we now?" "Where do we want to go 10 years from now?" "How will we know we are getting there?" and "How do we get there?", participated by CWD employees. It took place at Bardug's Nest, Magosilom, Cantilan Surigao del Sur. The said workshop aimed to assess, review and update the existing 2018 Corporate Opening Budget and 10 year Business Plan in the light of the economic challenges and impacts of the TRAIN Law and climate change.

The workshop officially started at 9:00 in the morning. Mr. Paulino B. Bullo Jr., CWD WRFO-C led the opening prayer and followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Engr. Castorio P. Ambray Jr. Vice -Chairman, CWD-Board of Director gave his opening remarks and then, the introduction of participants by Ms. Melissa Antonieta P. Arreza, Acting Head, Administrative and Commercial Services Section followed. Mr. Vicente Cirilo A. Iriberrri, General Manager D of the district shared the situation. He showed the situation of

the district five years ago started from the year 2013 until 2018. From the state of darkness: facing different challenges, to lightness: serving quality and safe water to 2,764 concessionaires. He shared to us how the district overcomes each trial and how it rises from a deep fall. GM Iriberrri emphasized the hardwork of each personnel who exert efforts in embracing changes and achieving success.

After the short program, the first session begun facilitated by Mr. Rowil O. Aguillon, OIC Resident Manager of Surigao Development Corporation (SUDECOR). He discussed about Strategic Planning, looking 10 years to the future. He facilitated in reviewing and develops new CWD Vision and Mission, identifying Strategic Goals, Internal/External Analysis, Water Supply-Demand Forecast and Strategy Formulation. First thing he did was he let the employees evaluate the district's vision and mission if it covers what they really foresee 10 years from now. He grouped the participants into two, one team for the ladies, and another team for gents. Mr. Aguillon gathered each team's ideas and organized it to form a new vision-mission. The outcome of the ideas gathered from employees to form new Vision-Mission follows:

Vision

A strong, dynamic and responsive government corporate enterprise, run by an excellent and dedicated workforce, and providing efficient and effective delivery of water services from a sustainably managed water resources.

Mission

- Maintain a strong, dynamic and responsive government corporate enterprise.
- Ensure people's access to safe and clean water through increased supply and coverage.
- Enhance operational efficiency through the use of appropriate technology.
- Raise excellent workforce through adequate and appropriate human resource development and management.
- Improve management of water resources to ensure safety and sustainability.

For the second session, June 27, 2018, was all about operational planning facilitated by our very own General Manager Vicente Cirilo "Tinty" Iriberrri. It includes Policies/Action Plans, Institutional Programs, and Financial (10-Years Cash Flow Projection). The same grouping with the first session, each team discussed and shared their ideas in all topics, to come up with a good plan. It was a tiring yet productive day for everyone since at the end of the day; each group had their outputs for each topic. All strategic priorities and critical issues were given specific actions, indicating its corresponding tasks or responsibilities, as well as its milestone (timeline).

And on the last day of the business planning workshop, each leader presented their outputs. Since the strategic priorities and critical issues were divided to participants that relates to their work assignments. Each strategic priorities and critical issues were discussed very well by assigned personnel, until it was done. The said workshop ended with congratulations from GM Iriberrri as the 3-Day Business Planning Workshop has ended successfully.

CARMEN WATER DISTRICT VISITS MAMBAJAO WATER DISTRICT, CAMIGUIN

By: Ronelyn Pinalba- Talibong




In celebration for the 9th Founding Anniversary of Carmen Water District, the Board and Staff had a benchmarking in Mambajao Water District in the Province of Camiguin last May 8, 2018. "Peer- to-peer, learning is fast, free and fun." This was the experienced of the CWD Board and Staff when visiting Mambajao Water District. Spearheaded with their humble and innovative General Manager Engr. John C. Cagas, the Mambajao Water District Staff were very accommodating when the CWD arrived in their office around 9:00 am. During the closed-door meeting, GM Cagas shared a lot of ideas, strategies and applications in managing the water district. He also cited an experiences and challenges encountered by Mambajao Water District which is somehow encountered by CWD. Further, GM Cagas was very candid with the questions asked to him. After the meeting, GM Cagas enumerated the beautiful spots of Camiguin and offered the district with their delicacy- the pastel buns with filling. The CWD Board and Staff also visited the Sunken Cemetery, Tuasan Falls, and Ardent Spring and had a simple team building in Camiguin White Island.

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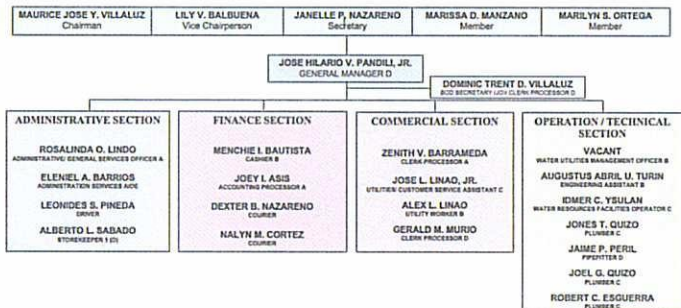
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HINATUAN WATER DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



TAGBINA CELEBRATES WATER DISTRICT FAMILY DAY AND 29TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

The Tagbina Water District celebrated its Family Day and 29th Founding Anniversary on October 19, 2018 at the Sea Hoi Beach Resort, Pugad, Lianga, Surigao del Sur. The said event was participated by the Board of Directors, employees and staff of Tagbina WD. GM Wilfredo Sanchez of Lianga Water District and Ms. Ruby M. Quintio of Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) has also graced the said event.



CARMEN WATER DISTRICT RECOMPENSE THE 42 INDIGENT MOTHERS IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH 2018

By: Ronelyn Pinalba- Talibong



At the center wearing in pink was Chairman Aniano E. Ogdod on his surprise song no. for the indigent women beneficiaries.

"Women's Rights are Human Rights." Honoring to all women in the world and to acknowledge their significant roles in the society, the Carmen Water District (CWD) joined the Women's Month Celebration 2018.

Last March 28, 2018, the CWD Board and Staff celebrated the Women's Month in Purok Almaciga, Brgy. Puyat, Carmen Surigao del Sur. The highlight of the said activity was to recompense, by giving a bag of clothes, to the 42

well-deserved indigent mothers. The CWD Board of Directors, through a resolution requested Mr. Anonymous (preferred not to disclose his identity) to donate a bag of clothes for the recipients. Fortunately, after one week, a sack of clothes (Class A) was delivered to the district all the way from Manila City. The Board and Staff also contributed additional clothes during the repacking.

The activity started with a short program. Brgy. Puyat Captain Porferio M. Frias expressed his warm welcome to the district and to the recipients. Then Honorable Araceli A. Abueva, SB Member of Carmen, who was one of the invited guests, had a prolific message about empowering women. Everyone yelled when Board Chairman Ogdod had a surprise song number and dedicate it to the 42 recipient indigent mothers. Then, Engr. Jilberto C. Tupas, CWD General Manager, also had a short message and explained about "Women's Rights are Human Rights." After the short program, distribution of gift-packs for 42 indigent mothers was then followed as well as the snacks.

The purpose of the said activity was to uplift the self-confidence of the indigent mothers and to let them feel that they had a great contribution in the society and so they deserve to be rewarded.

In behalf of the CWD Board and Staff, we would like to thank the presence of Hon. Araceli A. Abueva for her commitment as the resource person, Brgy. Capt. Porferio Frias for the venue, Purok President Arsenio Sandaya for gathering his members, Mr. Anonymous for the generosity and to the 42 recipients for making the activity worth celebrating.

Indeed, the win-win activity ended productively. Salute to all women in the world!

"TCWD'S FIRST AID APPLICATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING"

Nowadays, it is necessary to each and everyone of us to be knowledgeable and be acquainted about first aid application and disaster risk reduction management to enable us to keep ourselves safe and be capable of helping the ones in need. Last May 11, 2018, it is with great privileged that the office of Tandag City Water District invited the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office of the Province of Surigao del Sur to conduct a free training on "First Aid Application and Disaster Risk Reduction Management" participated by 38 TCWD employees.

Before the training formally started, the emcee introduced Mr. Lot Garrido as the first speaker who then gave the definition of first aid as the provision of immediate care to a victim with injury or illness, usually affected by a lay person, and performed within a limited skill range. Its objective is to preserve life, prevent further harm and complication, seek immediate help and provide reassurance. He also discussed various important topics which enlighten and greatly added awareness to the participants such as transmission of diseases and the good first aider, the good characteristics of a good first aider, patient assessment



First Aid Demonstration with PDRRM Staff and Mr. Alfredo P. Bago-od

guidelines, emergency action principle, the first aid management, etc. and immediately showed actual illustration on every topics presented.

In addition, as for the disaster risk reduction management topic, Mr. Orlando B. Villarica has the authority to present the topic as the second speaker. He shared some important insights that will help the participants to fully understand the importance of the training and how it will help us save someone else's life.

To be able to evaluate the learning acquired, the speaker let each of the participants do the practical assessment

on how to apply the first aid and on how to manage disaster risk reduction on selected situations. And as per evaluation, the participants impressed the speakers on doing the right procedures and applications from the training conducted.

Lastly, TCWD properly awards the certificate of appreciation to Mr. Abel L. De Guzman (PDRRM Officer), Mr. Lot Garrido, Mr. Orlando B. Villarica, and Mr. Rochard D. Avila for successfully conducting "First Aid Application and Disaster Risk Reduction Management Training" and also awards the certificate of participation to all employees who participated.

MADRID WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS



The Board of Directors and GM Elvi U. Kindica of Madrid WD gave out gifts to Barangay Quirino Day Care pupils.



Madrid Water District held its Annual Year-end Assessment and Christmas Party last December 19, 2018. To make

the event livelier and more dynamic, the MWD Board of Directors and GM Elvi U. Kindica invited the pupils of Barangay

Quirino Day Care Center through their teacher, Ms. Ma. Ethyl A. Uriarte.

The activity started with a program hosted by Mr. Rodulfo I. Guiral. Parlor games for the kids and adults were participated and enjoyed by everyone. Then the kids were given christmas gifts and cash by GM Kindica and the BOD members.

Somehow, in this small way, MWD can spread love and happiness to the children of Barangay Quirino, Madrid, Surigao del Sur. The district hopes to make this affair an annual one which will hopefully include other Day Care Centers in Madrid.

CANTILAN, MADRID AND CARMEN WATER DISTRICTS HOST 4TH SURWADA SPORTSFEST

By: Melissa Antonieta P. Arreza

With this year's theme "Upholding Unity and Promoting A Healthy Lifestyle Through Sports", the 4th Surigao del Sur Water District Association (SURWADA) Annual Sports Fest was successfully held in the Municipality of Cantilan last November 28-29, 2017. The two day fun filled event were hosted by Cantilan, Madrid and Carmen Water Districts and were participated in by Water Districts in the Province of Surigao del Sur.

The Opening Ceremonies started with a Motorcade around Cantilan, then the opening program which was graced by Mayor Philip A. Pichay, Mayor of Cantilan, giving his welcome message. It

was followed by the banner raising and cheer dance competition from each participating Water District.

It was a friendly yet competitive showing of skills in basketball, blind volleyball, table tennis, lawn tennis, dart to name a few. The Fellowship Night was held in SDSSU Convention Hall with Hon. Prospero "Butch" Pichay as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. He inducted the new set of SURWADA officers. The highlight of the night was the Hawaiian Inspired Modern Dance competition among Water District employees which was won by the Tandag City Water District. To complete the excitement was the music of the

DPWH Band of Tandag City, thus everyone danced the night away..

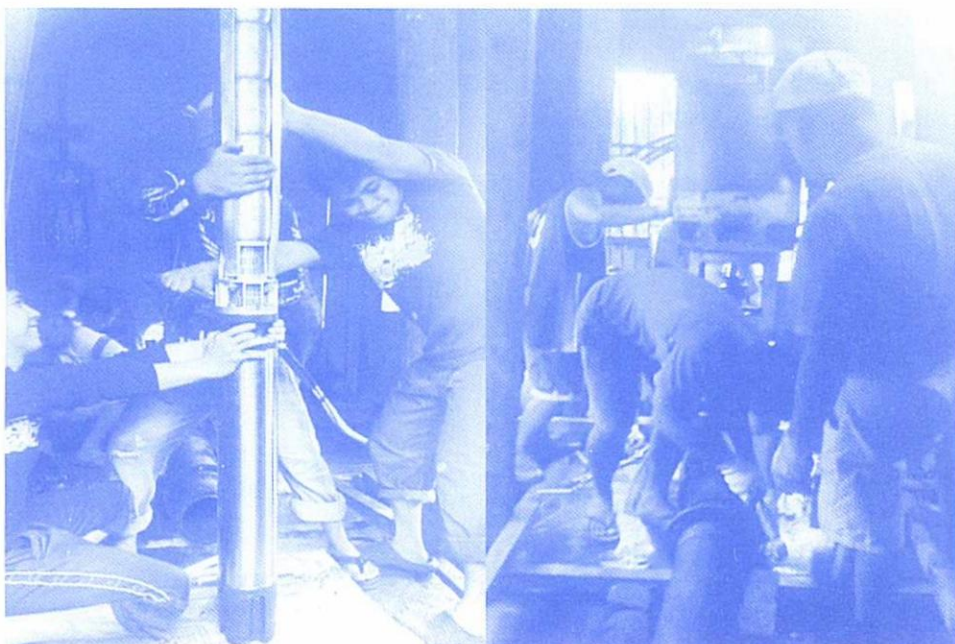
The announcement of winners as well as the awarding of prizes and certificates were held in San Pedro Country Farm the following day and a sumptuous lunch was shared before heading back to their respective districts.

Despite the distance, this enjoyable annual event was very well attended and everyone is looking forward to next year's Sportsfest to be hosted by Lianga Water District.



HINATUAN WD UPGRADES ITS WATER SYSTEM

By: Dominic Trent D. Villaluz



The Hinatuan Water District turbine pump motor at Pump station 1 was replaced by submersible pump last November 11, 2017. The turbine pump motor was installed in the year 1980 after 37 years of service it was replaced by submersible pump.

In line with Hinatuan Water District's mission and vision to provide safe and potable drinking water for the people of Hinatuan, the management decided to upgrade the turbine pump and motor in Pumping Station 1 located at Brgy. Bitoon, Hinatuan SDS, into a submersible pump.

It was 1980 that the turbine pump was installed and after 37 years of service it was finally upgraded on November 11, 2017 through the supervision of Engr. Augustus Abril U. Turin; HWD Engineering Assistant –B and installed by the technical crew of GOTESCO; supplier.

Submersible pumps are more efficient than turbine pumps. At present, the pump station 1 has a discharge capacity of 25LPS from 14LPS. With this, the district has improved its service to the residents of Hinatuan.

TAGBINA WD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Despite the upcoming year-end reports that need to be submitted and accomplished before 2018 ends, the Tagbina Water District called for a break.

The Board of Directors together with the employees and staff of TWD celebrated its Annual Christmas Party on December 21, 2018 at the TWD Office building. Aside from the exchanging of gifts, the BOD as well as GM Albarracin gave their Christmas gifts to the employees and staff of the district. To convey their gratefulness, the employees and staff sang a Christmas song.

TANDAG CITY WD FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS AND EARTHQUAKE SEMINAR AND DRILL AND DRILL

Fire drills are important part of our fire safety procedures for many reasons. Not only do they ensure that all staff, customers and visitors to your premises understand what they need to do if there is a fire, but they also help you to test how effective your fire evacuation plan.

The best approach is to create a comprehensive, all-hazards emergency plan and implement fire drills so we can put it in our minds the correct procedures to be followed during the actual occurrence. All these will help ensure that there will be no confusion or panic among the employees and also in our customers.

However, with proper training and advance planning, everyone in our office can be prepared to react appropriately during and after the occurrence of such. And because of this, Tandag City

Water District conducted fire drill last April 19, 2018 with the theme **"FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS AND EARTHQUAKE SEMINAR AND DRILL"** located at Tandag City Water District lobby lead by F/Insp. Officer Darren P. Baclea-An with other four (4) BFP personnel.

Participated by TCWD employees and General Manager, Ma'am Annie O. Ty the program lasted for a day from 8:00am to 5:00pm with a total number of 54 participants who undergo orientation on how and when to use different equipment and actual demo in putting off fire.

Tandag City Water district management come up with the idea of creating a fire brigade that composed of selected TWD Employees.



JOEL L. PANTALEON, NEWLY APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF BAROBO WATER DISTRICT



A graduate of Civil Engineering Technology at MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology. Proceeded to University of San Carlos, Cebu City for Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Work in construction company as project engineer, project manager from 1987-2004. Employed in LGU-Barobo as Solid Waste Management Coordinator and crafted the 10-year solid waste management plan, defend it during the deliberation at the National Solid Waste Management Council, with the later adapted and approved. Appointed by the Late Hon. Felixberto S. Urbiztondo, Municipal Mayor, as Acting General Manager on 2015. Appointed by the Board of Directors of Barobo Water District as General Manager on July 2017.

LIWAD, NOMINEE FOR MOST OUTSTANDING WATER DISTRICT - CATEGORY D FOR THE YEAR 2017.



Liang Water District was nominated as Most Outstanding Water District - Category D for the Year 2017. This was slated during the LWUA-WD Forum and Awards on September 17, 2018 held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, Metro Manila. General Manager Wilfredo G. Sanchez participated the said affair and was glad with the recognition affirmed for LIWAD because a number of years we are not put into a limelight from its previous operations. This is the great time that the district felt success in its operation and financial stability brought about by collective effort exerted by its employees as well as the consuming public/ concessionaires whom become the instrument for uplifting LIWAD status.

MADRID WD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTEND 2018 NORMIN-NRMC FORUM

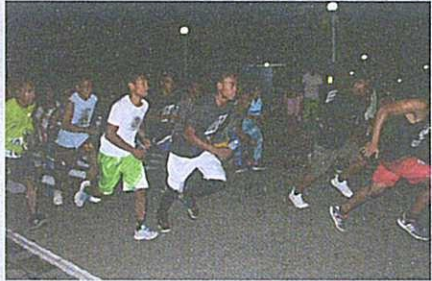


(From left to right) MWD Board Chairperson Nilda B. Mollaneda; Vice Chairperson Adelinda U. Arpilleda, Secretary Rosario R. Penecitos, Member Rosalina L. Escartin, Member Florita D. Pingol

The Madrid Water District Board of Directors attended the 2018 Northern Mindanao Natural Resources Management Council (NorMin NRMC) held last November 21-23, 2018 at the Philippine Gateway Hotel, Surigao City with the theme: "Sustainable Safe Water Saves Life".

The 36th NorMin-NRMC Forum hosted by Surigao Metropolitan Water District, brought together water districts in Northern Mindanao and intends to provide

technical and professional updates and developments in the water utility industry. The event does not only cover technical sessions regarding the latest trends and innovations but also updates of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) Legal Opinions affecting water districts through a dialogue between Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), OGCC and the Water Districts.



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