

**Kathryn
Leia "K"
Soriano**



is a 29-year old lawyer and the middle child in a brood of three. Her career path was determined by her high regard for her father, Rene, an employment/labor lawyer. And her love for the arts owes itself to her mother, Lea.

K is a graduate of the Journalism program of the University of the Philippines and finished her law course, with a Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo Law School. She is presently immersed in private practice, dipping into the various legal fields of corporate law, litigation, intellectual property law and labor/employment law. Her work with the Migallos and Luna Law Offices, a law office located in the commercial hub of Makati City, is her joy.

Community service was the byword of K's university days. As a youth leader in Youth for Christ, a non-profit religious and evangelical organization, K introduced another way of life to children living in environments conducive to vice and immorality.

Broadening her legal horizons is K's objective at present. She wants to expand her legal knowledge beyond her country's borders by learning how the legal systems of other countries work. Of particular interest is the litigation and corporate field.

Aside from legal work, K indulges in scuba diving and dreams of visiting every single dive site in the Philippines. She believes that her country is blessed with the most beautiful dive sites in the world.

K is now seeking the right non-profit organization to contribute her legal knowledge. She believes that her time should be devoted to a cause close to her heart. K hopes to contribute her skills to victims of violence and the environment

**Jose "Joe"
Baradi**



The GSE Team leader to District 7780 is currently the District's Chair to the Service to New Generations, (SNG), which involves all youth-oriented projects in the District (including Early-act, Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards-RYLA).

He has been a Rotarian since 1996 or for 12 years with the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, becoming its President in RY 1998-99. He was awarded the Most Outstanding Assistant Governor's Award in RY 2003-04.

He, along with his wife, Anne, are managing-owners of a private school in Quezon City, Sunny Hill School, which has a preschool, grade and high school department and has existed for 27 years.

He has a college degree from New York University and a law degree from the University of the Philippines.

His wife, Anne Albano, is finishing her doctoral thesis in education at Miriam College. They have two married children, Gabriel, 32, working in Maryland College, U.S. A. and Kimberley, 25, a preschool teacher working in a New York City preschool. He has one grandchild, Cassandra, from his son and daughter-in-law, Kristine.

Joe is honored having been selected as GSE Team Leader to Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He is eager to strengthen the good relationship between District 3780 and District 7780.



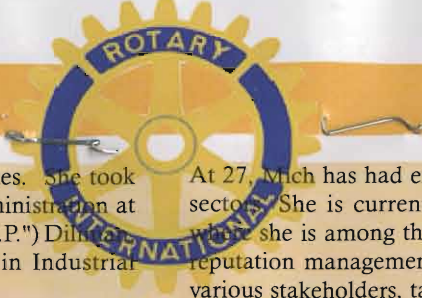
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Maria Theresa "Tet" L. Atancio

hails from Marikina City, Philippines. She took up Bachelors of Arts in Public Administration at the University of the Philippines ("U.P.") Diliman where she also took her Masters in Industrial Relations.

After graduation, Tet was exposed to corporate law at the Reyno Tiu Domingo and Santos Law Offices. She also worked directly under the famous Atty. Leonard de Vera, a human and political rights advocate, during which she was exposed to cases on social and political justice.

Tet has always had a soft spot for helping the underprivileged and the marginalized sector and during her college days she volunteered to tutor and teaching orphaned kids at the House of Refuge in Marikina City. She was also a Paralegal Volunteer at the QC Jail Project of the Pahinungod.

Tet is presently the Political Affairs Officer II of Congressman Del de Guzman of Marikina City. It is at this job that Tet feels she has made a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. "I have no grand illusions to change the world. I just want to make a little difference." Destiny soon made Tet one of the pioneers of the Rotaract Club of Timog, where she became, among others, the Community Service Director, head for the Milk-Feeding Program and Chairperson of the 2007 Mid-Year Review. Eventually, she became President for RY 2007-2008.

Joanne Trina "Joanne" Moreno

Joanne is a preschool teacher. She handles children of the nursery level of a school in Quezon City. She is a psychology graduate and is continually pursuing her studies in a prestigious university in the Philippines. She is currently in her 2nd year in the developmental psychology doctorate program. Being the youngest in the family, her interest has always been with children. This has turned to her passion, thus she has chosen teaching as a profession. She also aims to put up her own school in the future. Given her background in psychology, and human

development as her major area, she also aspires to help children with learning disability. She plans to put up her own clinic for such purpose. While in the US, she would like to be more knowledgeable in their educational system, especially in the preschool level. She also hopes to look at how child therapy clinics go about in their country. Her native language is Bisaya, but she also speaks English and Filipino.



Michelle Carmela "Mich" Cruz

At 27, Mich has had extensive experience working for the government, media and business sectors. She is currently the Issues Manager of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, where she is among the company's roster of high potential staff. Her main responsibility is reputation management through proactive engagement and effective communication with various stakeholders, taking into heart the corporate values of honesty, integrity and respect for people. She is also active in the company's Diversity and Inclusiveness global network.

Prior to her work in Shell, Mich was a business reporter and news anchor for GMA Network. Her career highlights include, among others, the Guimaras Oil Spill – touted as the country's biggest oil spill, and the Bohol Food Poisoning, which caused the death of 27 children. She has also produced several documentaries on the show *Reporter's Notebook*, which tackles issues on good governance.

She owes her love for politics, however, to her first job as legislative staff and eventually political affairs officer for Senator Loren Legarda, where she has helped craft bills on the environment, women empowerment and protection of children.

Mich graduated Magna cum Laude in Broadcast Communication at the University of the Philippines Diliman in 2002. During her free time, she enjoys reading books and watching movies, swimming, playing tennis, singing and travelling. She is also involved in *Ang*

Lingkod ng Panginoon – a Catholic community for single young professionals.

Edelina "Edel" Navarrette

Edel is a trained nutrition support dietitian and a diabetes educator. She is one of the few dietitians who holds private practice as a nutrition consultant and holds clinic in St. Luke's Medical Center. She is an active member of the faculty of the Centro Escolar University and of the Far Eastern University. Edel is a key opinion leader and faculty for Total Nutrition Therapy seminars of Abbott Laboratories, Philippines and a nutrition consultant of Eli Lilly's Wellness Program for Mental Illness. She remains active in non-government and non-profit organizations whose common thrust is health and nutrition. She is currently the Secretary and Head of the Committee on Accreditation of the Philippine Association of Diabetes Educators (PADE) as well as Head of the Committee on the establishment of clinical practice guidelines in nutrition of the Center for Diabetes Control (CDC). She is the re-elected Treasurer of the Philippine Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (PhilSPEN). Finally, she remains an auditor and the official camp dietitian of Rainbow Camp, Inc.

