



Unusually Yours

By Cha Valmonte

The "Unusual" theme for the month of June continues to challenge our members. Everyone put their own styles and creativity in their respective entries. The top photos for this month's theme were, Mr. Bien Bautista & Billy Mondonado and Jake Lagonera. These prestigious photographers carefully selected their entries and capitalized on their individual creativity, styles and photography techniques.

Master Photographer and lifetime member Bien Bautista captured a lady in a flower parade who stood in the crowd. At first glance we see the flower costumes in a formation moving in unison, suddenly the unusual-ness happens. One is not like the other. In addition, we easily notice this lady's smile, it is as if the shot was truly made for her. Master Bien truly captured this happy moment not only for the lucky lady but more so for his audience.

Master Billy Mondonado's entry features the back of a bald headed man rendered in black and white. The unusual happens with a zipper running down the back of his head with what looks to be the man's brain. One can truly see the contrasts and the technical details used in his entry.

Jake Lagonera's photo continues to show his style in creating a masterpiece as he transforms a seemingly mundane staircase into a playful mix of patterns. The mirrored effect has since created a what I would view as a heart shaped mask.

A hearty congratulations go out to these fine gentlemen for their impressive entries, who continue to raise the bar.



Stick to the classics and you can never go wrong.

Roxas Boulevard and its surrounding environs have long been a mainstay among photographers of all skill levels; offering great opportunities for shooting virtually every type of photography. From sweeping cityscapes to the famous Manila Bay sunset or the people of Manila (and elsewhere) taking a stroll along the bayside, the Boulevard is an ideal setting for our Members to hone their craft through the OTS held on May 17, 2017.

As early as the pre-dawn hours, some of our Members were already out and about finding the new, the old and the interesting up and down the Boulevard, hoping to catch that decisive moment

to fill their frames. Whether they ventured to the mainstays of the venue, or opted for something a little different (such as the Dragonboat race held mid-morning to early afternoon), our Members enjoyed strolling along the Boulevard with their gear in tow.

Of course, no OTS would be complete without the Member lunch, which was held at the Emerald Restaurant, an institution almost as iconic as the Boulevard itself. Attendees at the lunch were treated to familiar and classic Chinese cuisine, generously sponsored by our own President Marivic Silva.

With many of our members gamely participating despite the fact it was Mother's Day, this will definitely be an OTS to watch, and it can be assured that this will be a competition that will be as fierce as it is friendly.

CCP WE CAPTURE / WE CARE PROGRAM

(Maybunga Children Under the Bridge Feeding Program)



CONTEST UNUSUAL CP

| RANK | PHOTOGRAPHER | ENTRY 1 | ENTRY 2 | TOTAL |
|------|---------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Bautista, Bien | 4.0970 | 3.3840 | 7.4810 |
| 2 | Lagonera, Jake | 3.3980 | 4.0440 | 7.4420 |
| 3 | Sison, Bob | 3.4147 | 3.8487 | 7.2634 |
| 4 | Ortiz, Rey | 3.8097 | 3.2980 | 7.1077 |
| 5 | Montifar, Raul | 3.6102 | 3.4757 | 7.0859 |
| 6 | Lagdameo, Dindin | 3.7322 | 3.2955 | 7.0277 |
| 7 | Gaite, Manny | 3.6295 | 3.3530 | 6.9825 |
| 8 | Flores, Javi | 3.7372 | 3.2305 | 6.9677 |
| 9 | Viñas, Chito | 3.3652 | 3.4265 | 6.7917 |
| 10 | Cancio, Tony | 3.6047 | 3.1455 | 6.7502 |
| 11 | Antonio, Joey | 2.9097 | 3.7490 | 6.6587 |
| 12 | De Leon, Rudy | 3.4020 | 3.1430 | 6.5450 |
| 13 | San Pedro, Paul | 3.4397 | 3.0672 | 6.5069 |
| 14 | Del Rosario, Fred | 3.7457 | 2.7477 | 6.4934 |
| 15 | Arroyo, Kakai | 3.5097 | 2.9202 | 6.4299 |
| 16 | Samson, Adel | 2.8922 | 3.5342 | 6.4264 |
| 17 | Riingen, Leo | 3.8697 | 2.5087 | 6.3784 |
| 18 | Mondoñedo, Billy | 2.3047 | 4.0717 | 6.3764 |
| 19 | Apuya, Armand | 3.4572 | 2.8145 | 6.2717 |
| 20 | Buenaventura, Jorge | 3.0510 | 3.1420 | 6.1930 |
| 21 | Aliling, Jan | 3.0892 | 3.0952 | 6.1844 |
| 22 | Valmote, Charmaine | 3.1352 | 3.0440 | 6.1792 |
| 23 | De Guzman, Jijo | 3.6445 | 2.4582 | 6.1027 |
| 24 | Montalban, Joey | 3.0172 | 3.0770 | 6.0942 |
| 25 | Garbanzos, Gino | 2.8402 | 3.2127 | 6.0529 |
| 26 | Chan, Rocky | 3.3447 | 2.6027 | 5.9474 |
| 27 | Chavez, Annabelle | 3.6210 | 2.3245 | 5.9455 |
| 28 | Balagtas, Kiko | 3.0477 | 2.8592 | 5.9069 |
| 29 | Hermogenes, Jaime | 3.9270 | 1.9777 | 5.9047 |
| 30 | Castillo, Quincy | 3.1395 | 2.7365 | 5.8760 |
| 31 | Ner, Rene | 2.9817 | 2.8565 | 5.8382 |
| 32 | Santos, Raffy | 3.1692 | 2.6547 | 5.8239 |
| 33 | Benitez, Manette | 2.4682 | 3.3302 | 5.7984 |
| 34 | Serrano, TG | 3.0797 | 2.6330 | 5.7127 |
| 35 | Paraan, Renee | 2.1630 | 3.5077 | 5.6707 |
| 36 | Lilles, Tony | 2.6432 | 2.9580 | 5.6012 |
| 37 | Santos, Tito | 3.5020 | 1.9962 | 5.4982 |
| 38 | Fidelino, Boyet | 3.5560 | 1.8107 | 5.3667 |
| 39 | Cumagun, Jaime | 3.4102 | 1.9562 | 5.3664 |
| 40 | Yuson, Fred | 2.4190 | 2.6907 | 5.1097 |
| 41 | Quimel, Lito | 2.5955 | 2.2752 | 4.8707 |
| 42 | Ang, Garrick | 2.0922 | 1.5802 | 3.6724 |
| 43 | Camarillo, Sonny | 1.7655 | 1.7342 | 3.4997 |

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAY

Bautista, Bienvenido S.
Miranda, Mariano G.
Javelosa, Teodoro Luis B.
Cachero, Enrique C.
Ocampo, Ernesto G.
Palabyab, Eric Paolo M.
Tan, Teejay Y.
Hinlo, Paul G.
Galvez, Rene Gerard F.
Fidelino, Arturo M.

CONTEST ROXAS BLVD OTS DIGITAL FILE

| RANK | PHOTOGRAPHER | ENTRY 1 | ENTRY 2 | TOTAL |
|------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Flores, Javi | 3.2685 | 4.6775 | 7.9460 |
| 2 | Chavez, Annabelle | 3.6645 | 3.8997 | 7.5642 |
| 3 | Aliling, Jan | 3.1672 | 3.9232 | 7.0904 |
| 4 | Bautista, Bien | 2.8702 | 3.9812 | 6.8514 |
| 5 | Chan, Rocky | 3.5427 | 3.2172 | 6.7599 |
| 6 | De Guzman, Jijo | 3.1940 | 3.5252 | 6.7192 |
| 7 | Lagonera, Jake | 3.0362 | 3.4617 | 6.4979 |
| 8 | Resurreccion, Paul | 3.3362 | 3.0662 | 6.4024 |
| 9 | Ocampo, Nesty | 2.8237 | 3.4267 | 6.2504 |
| 10 | Garbanzos, Gino | 3.0292 | 3.1832 | 6.2124 |
| 11 | Valmonte, Cha | 3.1307 | 3.0427 | 6.1734 |
| 12 | San Pedro, Paul | 3.1902 | 2.9667 | 6.1569 |
| 13 | Montifar, Raul | 3.4245 | 2.7077 | 6.1322 |
| 14 | Benitez, Manette | 3.0617 | 3.0517 | 6.1134 |
| 15 | Gaite, Manny | 2.8650 | 3.0702 | 5.9352 |
| 16 | Camagun, Jaime | 3.0460 | 2.8072 | 5.8532 |
| 17 | Santos, Tito | 2.7522 | 3.0320 | 5.7842 |
| 18 | Abad, Mon | 2.5322 | 2.5165 | 5.0487 |
| 19 | Montalban, Joey | 2.6097 | 2.3962 | 5.0059 |
| 20 | Del Rosario, Fred | 2.5627 | 2.3050 | 4.8677 |
| 21 | Quimel, Lito | 2.2425 | 2.6115 | 4.8540 |
| 22 | Balagtas, Kiko | 1.9332 | 2.8072 | 4.7404 |
| 23 | Mondoñedo, Billy | 2.4990 | 2.0842 | 4.5832 |
| 24 | Castillo, Quincy | 2.3150 | 2.2650 | 4.5800 |
| 25 | Serrano, TG | 2.3822 | 2.0262 | 4.4084 |
| 26 | Ang, Garrick | 2.1155 | 1.7825 | 3.8980 |
| 27 | Bautista, Mark | 2.0637 | 0.0000 | 2.0637 |

When I was still in Med School, one of the subjects that greatly caught my attention was the importance of proper nutrition among growing children. This was highlighted by the street children I see, sporting blond/brownish colored hair, which our nutrition professor reminded us, was a sign of lack of protein in their diet. I further got to learn, that a very simple meal of a single egg in a week could provide the minimum requirement of protein in a growing child, and the impact it could do in supplying the necessary food for brain growth and intelligence.

Thus, from that time on and onwards, I made it a point to get involved in feeding programs, when I can already afford to do so. I would then see myself and my friends parked in a corner street, with a big pot of arroz caldo, with chicken and an egg in every bowl, in the trunk of the car, with street children lined up around us.

I learned soon enough that feeding programs in order to be sustainable and effective, needed more than idealism, group of friends, and a protein-rich pot of arroz caldo. It needed different groups of people bound together to provide organization and discipline in its implementation.

I am so glad I attended the graduation rites of the "Feed a Child Program" with Pres Marivic Lopa on May 6, 2017 at San Antonio Abad Parish, because here, I got to know that through the initiative of PP Fred Yuson and an anonymous lifetime member, CCP WE CAPTURE / WE CARE PROGRAM, was launched on December, 2015 and one of the sectors it adopted to support is the "Maybunga Children Under the Bridge Feeding Program".

The proper organization, management and discipline that was wanting in my initial dream of feeding programs was filled up with the involvement of PICPA-EMMC (Phil Institute of Certified Public Accountants-Eastern Metro Manila Chapter, and volunteers from the San Antonio Abad Parish. Fueled with donations from well-meaning organizations, among which is the seed money initially gathered from CCP members' donation, they run and administer the feeding program.

In the program, children from indigent families of Brgy. Maybunga are fed daily on weekdays with vitamin fortified well-balanced meals at the San Antonio Abad Parish Church. The parents of the children are also trained on how to select and prepare meals using a minimum wage earners budget. Periodically, a medical mission is conducted to assess and determine if there are children with special needs and to determine if they are improving from the feeding program.

The feeding program runs by batch or cycle. Each batch or cycle will have 60 children only and will run for 6 months. The objective is to get the children back to a proper state of nutrition, and educate their families on how to sustain the same on a minimal budget. The intention of a shortened period is to avoid a culture of dependence and reliance on mere dole outs. After 6 months, a new batch of 60 children is brought into the program. The program needs at least P20,000.00 a month to feed the 60 children. Indeed, my CCP membership isn't just giving me a chance to hone my photography skills it is also fulfilling my med school student dream of being involved in feeding programs!

next... Medical Missions for CCP WE CAPTURE / WE CARE PROGRAM.... here I come!

CCP Bids Farewell to Doc Amado

12 June 2017, Christ the King, Green Meadows Quezon City



MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER'S CUP JUNE

| RANK | PHOTOGRAPHER | TOTAL |
|------|----------------------|---------|
| 1 | Jake Lagonera | 63.8352 |
| 2 | Jijo De Guzman | 62.5915 |
| 3 | Kakai Arroyo | 61.8140 |
| 4 | Joey Antonio | 61.4647 |
| 5 | Bien Bautista | 61.4245 |
| 6 | Javi Flores | 61.1480 |
| 7 | Manny Gaite | 61.1353 |
| 8 | Tony Cancio | 60.0385 |
| 9 | Rey Ortiz | 59.6260 |
| 10 | Paul San Pedro | 59.3740 |
| 11 | Dindin Lagdameo | 59.1889 |
| 12 | Jan Ailing | 58.5505 |
| 13 | Annabelle Chavez | 58.5435 |
| 14 | Raffy Santos | 57.8466 |
| 15 | Leo Riingen | 57.3802 |
| 16 | Armand Apuya | 56.8446 |
| 17 | Quincy Castillo | 56.7870 |
| 18 | Gino Garbanzos | 56.4772 |
| 19 | Fred Del Rosario | 55.4830 |
| 20 | Fred Yuson | 54.8395 |
| 21 | Rene Ner | 54.5507 |
| 22 | Kiko Balagtas | 54.3240 |
| 23 | Manette Benitez | 54.1536 |
| 24 | Adel Samson | 53.7272 |
| 25 | Tony Lilles | 52.9196 |
| 26 | Tito Santos | 52.6661 |
| 27 | Jaime Hermogenes | 52.6274 |
| 28 | Bob Sison | 51.1805 |
| 29 | Joey Montalban | 50.7274 |
| 30 | TG Serrano | 50.0789 |
| 31 | Chito Viñas | 49.3270 |
| 32 | Raul Montifar | 48.4167 |
| 33 | Lito Quimel | 47.9941 |
| 34 | Rudy De Leon | 47.8936 |
| 35 | Billy Mondoñedo | 47.7982 |
| 36 | Renee Paraan | 47.1385 |
| 37 | Garrick Ang | 46.9862 |
| 38 | Jorge Buenaventura | 46.1618 |
| 39 | Boyot Fidelino | 44.5496 |
| 40 | Nap Venturina | 41.7694 |
| 41 | Melissa Dela Merced | 40.1540 |
| 42 | Gutch Gutierrez | 40.1173 |
| 43 | Jaime Cumagun | 38.6956 |
| 44 | Sonny Camarillo | 38.5196 |
| 45 | Miko Montifar | 36.2451 |
| 46 | King Reyno | 34.6717 |
| 47 | Raoul Littaua | 34.5219 |
| 48 | Nesty Ocampo | 32.3993 |
| 49 | Jun Garrido | 31.6308 |
| 50 | Cha Valmonte | 29.8676 |
| 51 | Anna Barlund | 27.4079 |
| 52 | Udsie Villarica | 27.2970 |
| 53 | Val Villanueva | 27.1898 |
| 54 | Eric Cachero | 27.0027 |
| 55 | Juni Samson | 26.7029 |
| 56 | Rocky Chan | 26.3725 |
| 57 | Philip Yu | 21.9750 |
| 58 | Jeff Sonora | 20.8703 |
| 59 | Jojo Guingona | 20.8535 |
| 60 | Patrick Uy | 19.2923 |
| 61 | Narcing Dela Merced | 19.2597 |
| 62 | Gino Cruz | 19.0389 |
| 63 | Mark Bautista | 14.6666 |
| 64 | Necy Juat | 14.1861 |
| 65 | Esse Dejos | 14.1483 |
| 66 | Mark Burgos | 13.9457 |
| 67 | Vicente Mills | 12.9286 |
| 68 | Arps De Vera | 12.6710 |
| 69 | Lito Gozum | 12.1766 |
| 70 | Henry Carnero | 11.9853 |
| 71 | Mon Abad | 10.8114 |
| 72 | Tim Abejo | 7.8399 |
| 73 | Raymund Sto. Domingo | 7.8064 |
| 74 | Ruben Asedillo | 7.6109 |
| 75 | Jerry Tieng | 7.3415 |
| 76 | Rengie Galvez | 7.1742 |
| 77 | Nitoy Velasco | 7.0355 |
| 78 | Jay Jaucian | 6.4399 |
| 79 | Paul Resurreccion | 6.4024 |
| 80 | JR Velasco | 5.9202 |
| 81 | Vicoy Risma | 5.8499 |

Lifetime member Sonny Camarillo

Lifetime member Sonny Camarillo attributes himself as being responsible for almost single-handedly resuscitating Camera Club of the Philippines to its 'second life' around the mid 70's.



In 1974, Sonny narrates, CCP asked him to be the secretary cum treasurer of the club, and his photo shop, the temporary office. The CCP then was not accepting new members into the club.

Freddie von Kauffmann with the help of Vic Valenciano, were able to convince the only living CCP founder at that time, Don Miguel Heras to open the CCP to new members

During that time Sonny, Guy Davis, Zac Fernandez and Feliciano Ferrer would informally meet at the Yum Yum Tree Coffee Shop of Rustan's. Not long thereafter, the CCP was turned over to this new, informal group assuming the club's affairs by May 1974, without abolishing the then current board.

Sonny immediately recognized the needs of the CCP and thus started to travel extra miles to uplift the CCP. He was responsible for making the Club known to the "outside world" through his own network in the media. He used his business resources and contacts to bring CCP out in the open. Through his connections, he exposed the Club by publishing the winning photos of CCP monthly contests. Almost weekly, one would read about CCP events in magazines and daily broadsheets. It became so popular that it enticed many photography enthusiasts, hobbyists, mostly amateurs to become members. His photo supply store at Rustan's, The Sun Photo Supply, became the hub, melting pot or "tambayan" of artists, painters and photographers. All of them became Sonny's clients as well. Those groups of people would become the source for CCP contests' judges, and many would eventually become CCP members!

The time was also perfect for his business because travel abroad was restricted due to Martial Law. Sonny was the first to sell the Nikon F2, FM, FE, F3 and other latest models then. It was in his store where he met Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala who asked Sonny to sponsor him to become a CCP member in 1976. The entry of Jaime Zobel even made the CCP more popular. As a probee, Jaime would be in constant contact with his sponsor, re his assignments.

Sonny had a monthly column in our Viewfinder entitled, "Camarilla by Camarillo," after being prodded by Franco Patriarca, the then editor, to write a regular column for VF. Sonny's deep rooted commitment to CCP made him the "darling" of people both in and out of the Club. He was even branded as the "spark plug of the CCP."

Sonny is proud to say that by mid 70s, he brought in more than 50% of the current members of the Club today. Some of the members he sponsored and co-sponsored were Omeng Esguerra, Manny Arriola, Jaime Zobel de Ayala, Godi Gutierrez, John Roelli, Bo Villanueva, Ramon Marcos, Pete Saad, Louie Manahan, Emil Davocol, Waldy Cruz, Johnny Cruz, Rene Sugay, Benny Dela Vega, Rene Fuentes, Pancho Escaler, Bien Bautista, Presioso San Juan, William Ong, Tilak Hettige, Rey Ortiz, Noel Maximo, and

TG Serrano, some of whom became Master Photographers like Manny Arriola, Godi Gutierrez, Jaime Zobel de Ayala, Johnny Cruz, Emil Davocol, Bien Bautista and Rey Ortiz.

He had his own group called Grupo Singko, composed of Bien Bautista, Emil Davocol, Waldy Cruz



and himself.

Between 1974 to 1978, he worked hard to make the CCP one of the most prestigious clubs in the Philippines. After the Wrigley Cup, he was instrumental in soliciting the Kodak Cup and the YKL/Fuji Cup.

When Ninoy Aquino was killed in 1986, Sonny changed gears from taking "pretty pictures for the walls" to being a full time photo journalist. By that time, Sonny knew that the CCP he helped nurture during the crucial years of mid-70's was already in good hands with Freddie von Kauffmann, Vic Valenciano, Ramon Marcos, Emil Davocol, Johnny Cruz, Jude Echaz, Narcing de la Merced, Frank Patriarca, Dr. Jorge Faustino, Jaime Zobel de Ayala, Chit Inciong, Omeng Esguerra, and Louie Abiva. He then joined his peers in press photography to cover rallies and



demonstrations, inhaling tear gas, dodging stones, debris and even bullets and bombs. He is the only photographer continuously propagating the ideals, lessons and heroisms of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution thru his photo exhibits, "EDSA 1986 Before & Beyond" some twenty five times in the last 31 years. Among his viewers were Pres. Cory Aquino, Pres. Fidel Ramos, Vice President Jejomar Binay, Senators Orly Mercado, Butz Aquino, Nikki Coseteng, Nene Pimentel, Sonny Alvarez, Joey Lina, and many more luminaries.

In 1998, Sonny was elected as the CCP president. It was also that centennial year, when the 70th CCP anniversary was celebrated, with the theme "Unity, Solidarity and Camaraderie." This was held at the Skytop, Intercontinental Hotel, home of the CCP for more than 20 years. In the video of the anniversary party held on August 03, 1998, were some well-known members of the CCP in their younger years, among them, Emil Davocol, Bobby Paterno, Rudy De Leon, Eric Cachero, Raul Tangco, Bien Bautista, Felice Sta. Maria, Quincy Castillo and Rey Ortiz. Black-haired Lito Cruz was the event host, then PI President Fidel V. Ramos was the Keynote Speaker. Congresswoman Imee Marcos, Senator Loren Legarda and Haute Couture Pitoy Moreno were contest judges with the theme 'Period Portrait'. Governor Tony Leviste performed as a magician.

Sonny, feels sad with the current status of the CCP as a whole. As one of the Vanguard, he was a stalwart and a staunch pillar of the "oldest camera club in Asia and the most prestigious in the Philippines" - a phrase he personally coined during the Club's rebirth in the 70's -- he believes that most members now are just taking advantage of the Club's prestige and popularity but not really supportive of the Club. He laments that it is not enough for members to just pay their annual dues, show off their expensive cameras and gadgets, but they should also diligently attend the monthly meetings and events. What's worse is that some just send their "messengers" to submit their photo entries but are a no show in the meetings.

"This is not what the Vanguard want, Boyet! We do not want their money! We do not care if they are millionaires or famous or "de campanillas," he says in exasperation, "If they do not attend meetings, they must as well be kicked out of the Club."

Some LMs and a past president commented "that these members are using the CCP as a badge in the photo world."

He suggests that the Club come up with an Honorary Board of Directors, composed of lifetime members, who would assess membership performance from 2005 to present. He further suggests that those who fail to attend meetings for at least six times a year should be expelled from the Club. It breaks his heart that lifetime time members are still the ones seen in meetings and maintaining the life of the CCP. He noted that some probees, after becoming regular members do not become visible anymore. They have taken for granted the efforts, sacrifices and tremendous initiatives of their seniors in the 70's.

As Don Miguel Heras, one of the Club's founders, eloquently said, "one compelling reason why our Club lasted for 35 years (his speech during CCP's 35th Anniversary) and I'm hoping it will last forever, is that at Camera Club of the Philippines, no member whether he is rich or occupies a high position in business or government, is given more importance than that of a member of more moderate circumstances."

All LM Sonny Camarillo wants is that a member should not be just a proud member of the CCP but that THE CAMERA CLUB OF THE PHILIPPINES must be proud having him as a member!