



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 by Mr. Bien Bautista & Billy Mondonedo 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 Mondonedo'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)



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!

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	Valmote, 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

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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 Echauz, 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 Pito 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!