

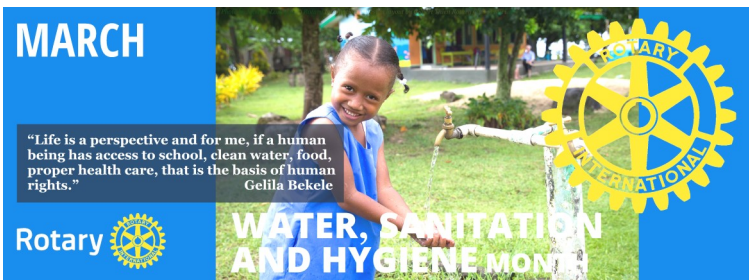
Rotary Club of Calbayog Turns Over Hygiene Kits and Distributes Food Packs to Home for the Aged



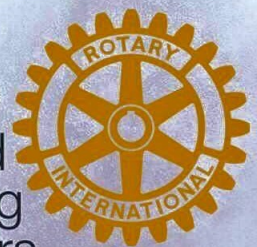
The Rotary Club of Calbayog, through the amiable leadership of Transforming President Vivian Jumagdao, paid a short visit to eight (8) Senior Citizens at the Home for the Aged to distribute hygiene kits consisting of adult diapers, tissue rolls, shampoo, soap, alcohol, toothpaste, toothbrush and alcohol.



The lolas were also given time to indulge in their favorite meal from Jollibee. The eight (8) staff of Home for the Aged were likewise given the same generous serving of Jollibee food packs as the club's way of saying thanks for taking good care of the elders in the facility. Also in attendance were Club Secretary Irene Obong and Rotarian Jun Jumagdao. The activity was in line with Rotary International's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month observed every March of the Rotary Year.



A person's most useful **asset** is not a head full of knowledge, but a **heart** full of **love**, an ear ready to **listen** and a hand willing to **help** others.



Rotary Club of Calbayog Meets with Women's Group to Organize a Rotary Community Corps



The Rotary Club of Calbayog led by Transforming President Vivian Jumagdao (the one who took the pictures) and President-Elect Sandro Daguman who is also the club's Community Service Chairperson, met with a group of women in Manguinoo last March 06, 2021, to introduce a Rotary Community Corps in the area.

The first meeting was more of a meet and greet; while the succeeding meetings focused more on the orientation of members consisting of forty two (42) active women in the barangay.

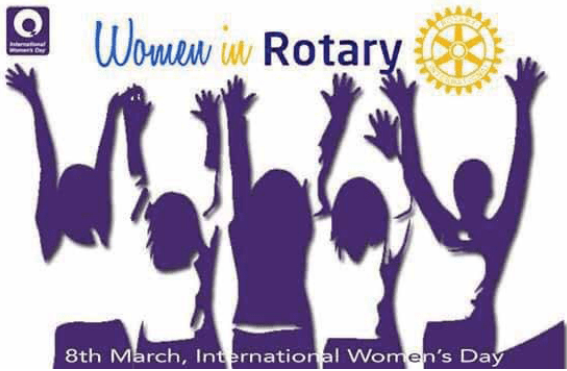
The group has already elected their officers for the first year. Ms Cathy Abela who is the newly elected President, shall serve as RCC Representative for RY 2021-2022. Prior to the organization of RCC Manguinoo, same group of women participated in the Business Development Planning and Financial Literacy Seminar-Workshop sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calbayog, together with Iceland Government, SOS Children's Village Calbayog and North-west Samar State University last November 26-27, 2020.

Some members of the group were also able to avail the Basic Starter Kits for Bread Making donated by the Rotary Club of Calbayog in partnership with SOS Children's Village Calbayog, through the assistance of the Government of Iceland, last August 28, 2020.



Face to Face BOD Meeting

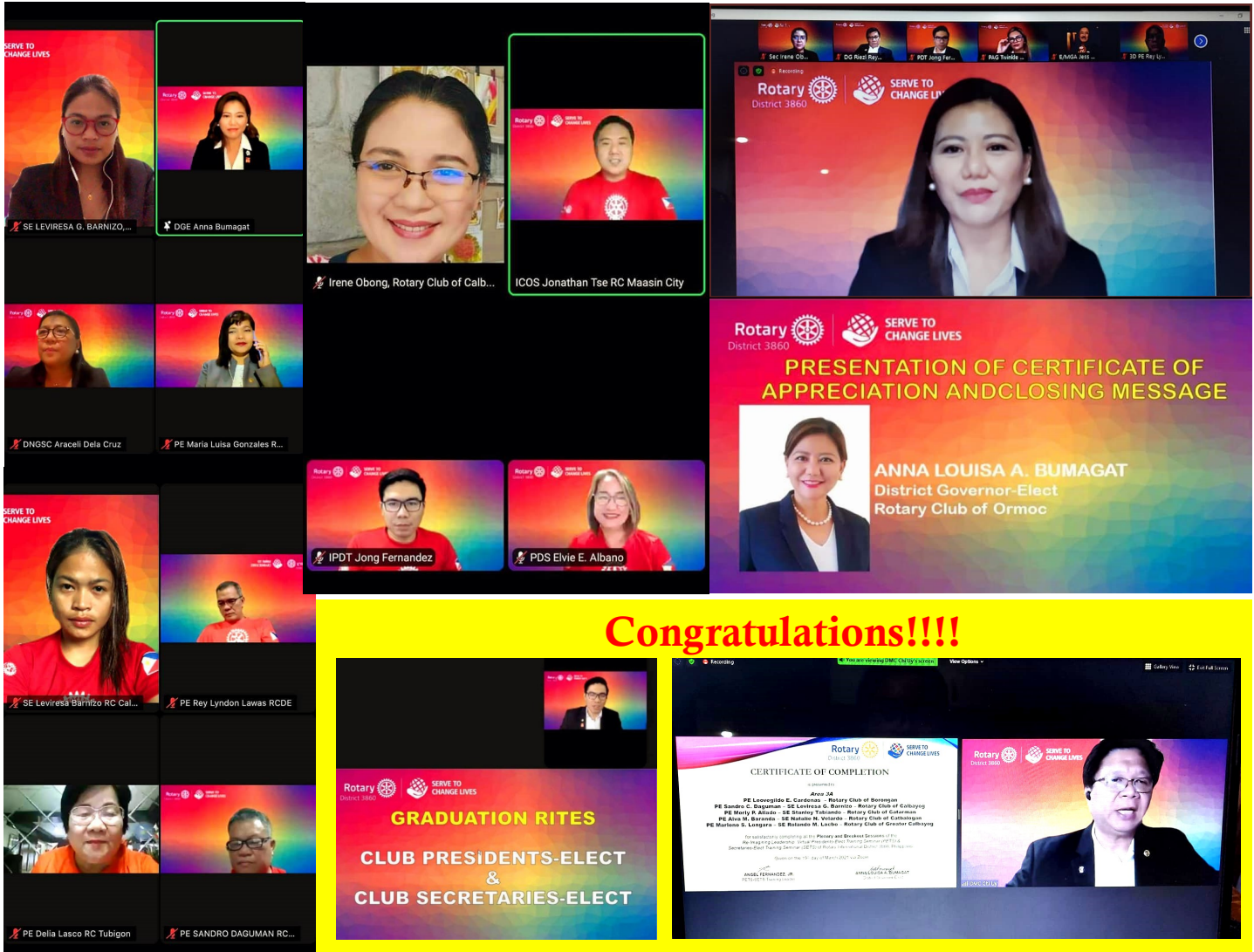
Members of the Board met face to face last March 13, 2021 to discuss some important matters that needed immediate attention. Included in the agenda: Project to be submitted for the District Grant, RYLA Participation, accomplished project or activity to be submitted to Rotary International, and RCC



Virtual PETS-SETS 2021

President-Elect Sandro Daguman, Secretary-Elect Leviresa Barnizo and Assistant Secretary Ellery Daguman, together with Assistant Governor-Elect Ronaldo Obong, Incoming District Economic and Community Development Chair Mel Senen Sarmiento and incoming member of GML Editorial Board Irene Obong, participated in the first ever Virtual PETS-SETS 2021 scheduled last March 11, 13, 18 and 19, 2021.

The four-day virtual training-seminar served as a prelude of what to expect in the coming Rotary Year 2021-2022 which will commence on July 01, 2021. Congratulations and the best of luck to all incoming officers.



Installation of New Members



*Welcome to the
Rotary Club of Calbayog Family!*

Nikki Vetrus, a Rotaractor turned Rotarian (sponsored by Rtn Leviresa Getigan)

Christine Jacob (sponsored by Rtn Reinalyn Calvara and Rtn Richard Alovera III)

Welcome back **Past President Noel Sermense** (sponsored by AG Roni Obong).



Welcome on Board!



Water and Sanitation

by PADG Mel Sarmiento

While we celebrate Water and Sanitation Month, one cannot stop, but remember the passing of the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (Republic Act No. 9275).

As a Local Chief Executive at the time, it was a bit difficult to implement the unfunded mandate of the National Government. Aside from its financial requirement, given that in the US a centralized and a mechanized system is expensive to build and maintain, Capacity Building was badly needed, as well on how to go about implementing it.

I had the good fortune to lead the team as Secretary-General of the League of Cities of the Philippines on our exposure trip under the Linaw (LOCAL INITIATIVES FOR AFFORDABLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT) Program with USAID.

We examined numerous models of wastewater treatment systems. And upon our return, the team worked on a Waste Water Treatment System that used coconut peat, among others.

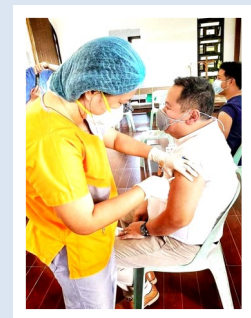
In our City of Calbayog, we first started with SOS Children's village, establishing a secondary treatment system. After passing the test as prescribed in the law, we constructed a communal septic tank (Anaerobic Baffled Reactor) for the 200 houses in a relocation socialized housing site with a Secondary Treatment System using coco peat.

The same system was also used in one of the city's healthcare centers. The Public Market used a similar modified system.

Rotarians may be able to help promote an affordable indigenous system within our residence or workplace. Perhaps we can do this in our District's Rotary Village in Davao, a double piping system included using rain harvesting in an elevated water tank for flushing which will save precious piped water for drinking, bathing and washing.

RESBAKUNA Kasangga ng Bida

Some of our fellow Rotarians (frontliners) in the Rotary Club of Calbayog just got vaccinated. Thank you for your untiring service to the community.



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