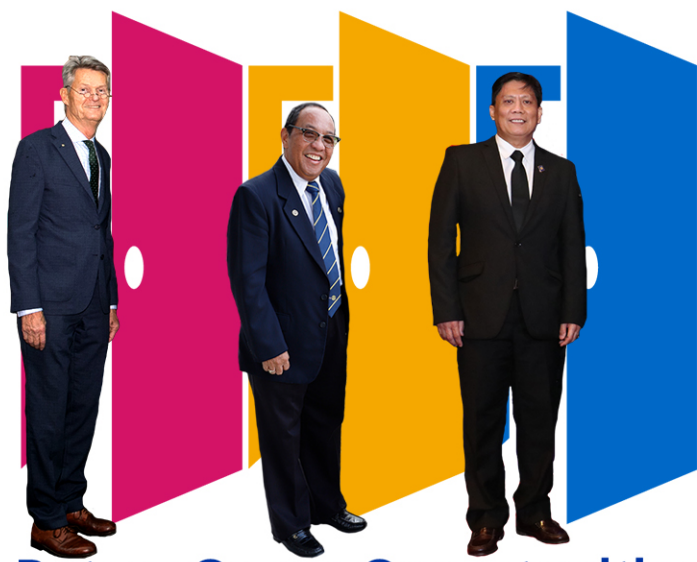


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The Rotary Hymn.....Audio Visual Presentation

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Introduction of Rotarians / Spouses.....PP Ma. Consolacion A. Pasion
Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest

Presentation of RCCF Members.....Audio Visual Presentation

PART 2

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....PP Maricel Amores

Guest Speaker.....Dr. Leonor Magtolis Briones
Topic: Education During the New Normal Secretary of Education

Open Forum / FAQ.....PE Bernardino Amago IV

Presentation of Certificate/Token.....Dir. Emman Abay-abay

Rotary Perspective on Education.....DG Rodel Riezl Reyes
PDG Joseph Michael Espina

PART 3

President's Time.....Pres. Emmie Tesalona

Adjournment.....Pres. Emmie Tesalona



Hosted by:
PE Berns Amago IV

INVOCATION

*Our heavenly Father,
help us to remember
that all your children are
near and dear to you.
Wherever they may be,
may we pray for those
who need and desire
our prayers. And we
pray also for ourselves,
but first putting
ourselves, body, mind,
and spirit in your
healing presence. Hear
now our silent prayers,
O Lord.*

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West





President's Message



It's September once again. The breeze is getting colder as Christmas season draws near. In Rotary it's Basic Literacy Month. What a time to discuss literacy when everybody is groping for survival after the onslaught of Covid19. Are there even students willing to go to school and risk contracting the virus in the process? This will be discussed by no less than the Secretary of Education Ms. Leonor M. Briones.

Secretary Briones spoke on the topic "Education Under the New Normal". She noted that classes will continue no matter what. Her very own words were, "education cannot wait". Her mandate: insure continuity of learning. So to abide by the Secretary's instructions, the Department of Education devised a plan of implementing blended modalities of teaching, whereby methods vary from face to face: online; radio broadcast; TV broadcast; and modular system of education. She believed that with the distance learning method of teaching education can continue even in the Covid era.

The meeting lasted four hours, one of the longest meetings of the club. The Secretary, being Visayan herself was eager to exchange pleasantries with her fellow Visayans. Plus, the fact that her topic was very interesting, a lot of questions were asked during the open forum.

EMMANUEL "EMMIE" P. TESALONA
President, RY 2020-2021



From Secretary's Desk



POULY JANG
Secretary,
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Attendance

ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	8th 09/07	9th 09/24	10th 09/28	11th 10/05	Perfect Attendance
6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso					
6581939	Abarintos	Conrado					
8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan					
9330462	Amago	Atty. Bernardino IV					
6218949	Amores	Maricel					
3362897	Barba	Richard					
6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito					
1166426	Calalang	Emmanuel					
8915638	Canama	Don Jade					
	Deiparine	Atty. Sydrick Jose Andre					
2036342	Espina	Archt. Joseph Michael					
1166431	Gonzalez	Dr. Julio					
8944393	Jang	Pouly					
3516557	Karamihan	Dave John					
8599266	Kaufmann	Marina					
10411473	Libron	Dr. Tess Annette					
10234515	Llegunas	Dee Hora					
9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer					
8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita					
10709899	Ong	Jason					
6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion					
10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie					
6581937	Ramos	Geraldine					
8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores					
5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas					
8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain					
3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne					
8543450	Sulay	Kendrick					
9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel					
5176670	Torres	Archt. Manuel, Jr.					
10713855	Uy	Stephen Henry					
10410033	Yared	Patrick					
TOTAL PERCENTAGE							

BIRTHDAYS

September 10 Gingging Lomanta
September 20 PP Sol Pasion
September 25 Inday Rimaz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 08 PP Rogelio & Rosa Filipino
September 08 PP Julio & Alicia Gonzalez





ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's

degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways *Rotary Opens Opportunities* for us and for the people we serve.

HOLGER KNAACK

President, Rotary International



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Peace is a choice we can make every day

In late 1914, Europe was divided by hundreds of miles of trenches. British and French forces on one side were within shouting distance of German troops on the other. The pope made a plea for a Christmas truce, but the shooting continued.

Then, on Christmas Eve, soldiers from behind British lines heard an unexpected sound — not gunfire, but singing. Next, they heard a single voice shout out, “English soldier, merry Christmas!” followed by “English soldier, come out to join us!”

Both sides cautiously emerged over the parapet into the no man’s land between the trenches. Before long, the soldiers realized that it was a real truce. They fraternized, singing Christmas carols, exchanging souvenirs and whiskey, and even taking up a friendly soccer match.

The cease-fire continued only two days before the troops returned to their trenches, resuming bloodshed for nearly four long years. But the story of the Christmas truce reminds us that peace is possible, if we choose to accept it. If peace can last a few days, could it not also last months or years? And how do we prevent conflict in the first place?

In his Nobel Peace Prize lecture in 1964, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said, “We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace.”

With Positive Peace, our society’s structures, policies, and everyday attitudes

and actions promote justice at all levels, sustaining a peaceful coexistence. It’s an answer to the calls for justice and peace we have heard on the streets in protest from Minneapolis to Paris this year.

Positive Peace, studied at our Rotary Peace Centers around the world, is not just an academic idea for the Rotary Peace Fellows. Through Rotary’s partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, the Rotary Positive Peace Academy offers free training to every Rotary member on how to wage Positive Peace in every project we do at the grassroots level, including Foundation grants.

Positive Peace resonates at all levels of The Rotary Foundation. Our literacy projects help children gain equal access to literacy, so opposing sides on an issue can understand each other better. Through our Foundation grants that provide clean water, communities gain stability, as more children stay in school rather than fetching water for hours on end.

Our role as civil society leaders who wage Positive Peace will continue to expand, not only through partnerships and more grants, but also through our hearts, minds, and hands as we offer our gifts to make the world a better place.

K.R. RAVINDRAN

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Membership & New Club Development	Basic Education & Literacy
Dave John Karamihan	Maria Celina Amores
Geraldine Ramos	Emman Reyán Abay-Abay
Conrado Abarintos	Maria Consolacion Pasion
October	November
Community Economic Development	Rotary Foundation
Jose Alfonso Abad	Lolita Lomanta
Kristoffer Llegunas	Joseph Michael Espina
Dee Hora Llegunas	Don Jade Canama
December	January
Disease Prevention & Treatment	Vocational Service
Mary Anne Alcordo Solomon	Richard Barba
Ma. Dolores Rimaz	Julio Gonzales
Marina Kaufmann	Tess Annette Serrato-Libron
February	March
Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
Kendrick Sulay	Alain Senerpida
Jesselito Baring	Jason Ong
April	May
Maternal & Child Health	Youth Service
Bernadino Amago IV	Pouly Jang
Jose Marie Ponce	Manuel Torres Jr
June	July 2021
Rotary Fellowship	
Emmanuel Calalang	
Stephen Henry Uy	
Patrick Yared	

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES

Secretary of Education



NOTABLE POSITIONS HELD:

In Education

- Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) (March 2013 to present)
- Regent, Universidad de Manila
- Chair, Silliman University Board of Trustees (2001 – 2016)
- Director, Center for Policy and Executive Development, National College of Public Administration and Governance (July 2002 to May 2005)
- Vice President for Administration and Finance, University of the Philippines (1996 – 1998)

In Government

- Treasurer of the Philippines, Bureau of the Treasury (August 1998 to February 2001)
- Presidential Adviser for Social Development with Cabinet Rank (in concurrent capacity), Office of the President of the Philippines (August 1998 to January 2001)
- Secretary to the Commission, Commission on Audit (1978–1987)

In Civil Society

- Former Lead Convenor, Social Watch Philippines, Co-coordinator of Social Watch Asia and member of the International Committee of Social Watch (1996 – 2016)
- Former Chair, People's Public Finance Institute (2013 – 2016)
- President, Freedom from Debt Coalition (1988– 1996)

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), has spent most of her life as a teacher. She has taught young children in church school and students in under graduate, masters and doctoral studies. Whenever and wherever she delivers a public lecture, she teaches.

She has been a resource person in numerous national, regional, and international meetings and fora. She addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2005. She combines the roles of distinguished academic and teacher, public official, and social activist.

Secretary Briones has been involved in the administration of academic institutions. She served as Vice-President for Administration and Finance of the University of the Philippines System. Before her appointment as Education Secretary, she was Chair of the Silliman University Board of Trustees, and Regent and Chair Designate of the Universidad de Manila.

She has a wealth of experience in administering public institutions. She was Secretary to the Commission on Audit, and served as Treasurer of the Philippines.



Furthermore, Secretary Briones is an articulate advocate on economic and social development issues. She was former President of Freedom from Debt Coalition. She then became Lead Convenor of Social Watch Philippines, Coordinator of Social Watch Asia and Social Watch International. Social Watch reports to the United Nations on social development issues

Her academic and professional competencies range from business administration, accounting, public finance (revenues, expenditures, borrowing and accountability), public policy and administration (including local government administration, government corporations, and graft and corruption).

She obtained her Bachelor in Business Administration, major in Accounting, magna cum laude from Silliman University at the age of 17; Master's in Public Administration, major in Local Government and Fiscal Administration, Dean's List from the University of the Philippines; Post Graduate Diploma in Development Administration, major in Public Enterprises, With Distinction from Leeds University England; Certificate in Policy in Public Enterprise from Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard University; and, Certificate in Innovations in Governance from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Massachusetts. She was also conferred the honorary degrees of Doctor of Public Administration and Doctor of Humane Studies by the Central Philippine University in 2014 and Foundation University in 2017, respectively.

Secretary Briones has received numerous awards in recognition of her sterling performance as a public official such as the Presidential *Lingkod ng Bayan Award* in 2000 by the Civil Service Commission on its centennial year, the *Outstanding Professional Award in Public Administration* conferred on her by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, and the *Alumni Achievement Award for Government Service* given to her by the National College of Public Administration and Governance on its 50th year. She has also been awarded as one of the Outstanding Sillimanian for Public Administration, Outstanding Negrense Award for Government Service, The Bayi Citation Award for Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance in 2011, Distinguished Alumni of the UP Alumni Association in 2013 and Outstanding Citizen of Quezon City in 2015. Recently, she has been recognized as one of UP-NCPAG's pillars in a library exhibit titled "*Leonor Magtolis-Briones: Professor Emeritus, Public Finance Expert, Social Activist and Lingkod Bayan*" in honor of her unparalleled contributions as an educator, a champion of fiscal management and social development, and a public servant.

Even more important than her long record of research, teaching and government service is her total commitment to good governance, particularly in public finance.

Secretary Briones is a member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and President of the Manila Concert Choir.





A.D.O.P.T. (*A Dose of Positive Thoughts*)

Maricel Borrromeo-Amores

Membership Director 2020-2021

President, RY 2017-2018

Can there be heaven on earth? Can we live in harmony with each other? Can we simply co-exist bereft of greed and envy in our hearts?

A resounding yes from all of us would heal this world and nothing...not even this pandemic can cast fear in us.

Truly, the pandemic served as a wakeup call to everyone regardless of race, creed, religion, and status in life. We were all powerless as our common enemy is fearless because we cannot see nor touch it. We just understood that it is lurking out there ready to attack its next victim.

Thus, the aforesaid thought provoking questions are timely queries we need to ask ourselves in this time when we are defenseless and vulnerable. I refuse to dabble on the negative vibes that

Coronavirus 19 has wantonly injected in the minds and hearts of mankind. In its place, let us focus on the "good" it has brought into this world.

It has taught us to go back to the basics. Before the pandemic, we always knew since we were small that washing our hands, while singing one "happy birthday" song, will obliterate all the bacteria. Now, we wash our hands frequently while mentally singing the birthday song or a good 20 seconds of handwashing. Everyone was so busy that even weekends were spent finishing a project, endless meetings and spent little time with family. Today, with the ECQs, MCEQs and all the EQs, curfews and "no Sunday out"- we now take time to play with our family, watch Korean novels, sleep in, read books and simply talking to each other.

Personally, technology which I did not care too much to learn has become my buddy in reaching out to my love ones and friends here and abroad. I learned to use fancy power point decks where once upon a time, I would delegate the task to my staff. I can clearly recall that I even had the propensity to follow it up incessantly thinking it was just a simple word document. Now that I am literally doing it, I could fully understand why it took them so long and it is not something easy you can just whip up in minutes. We have taught ourselves to stretch our patience and understanding beyond the normal to embrace the "new normal".

Henceforth, there could be heaven here on earth. We can live and co-exist in this world and take away the greed and envy in our hearts forever. Pandemic or no pandemic... let us strive to create a peaceful world.





Rotary



END
POLIO
NOW

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO



1 TO IMPROVE LIVES.

Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.



3 TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

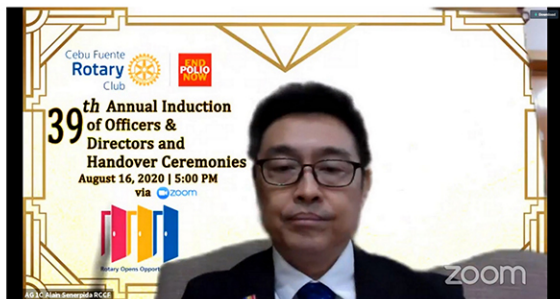
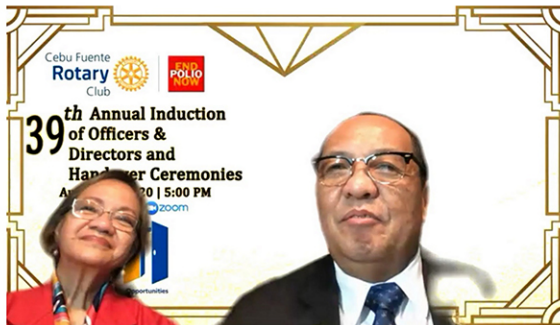
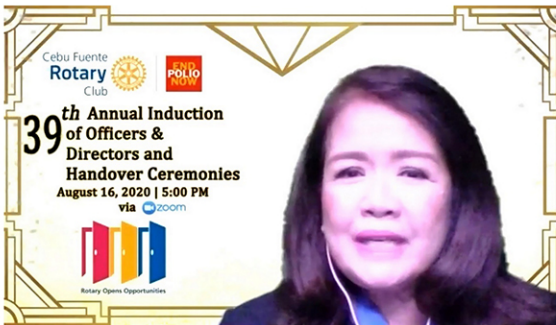
4 TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

5 TO MAKE HISTORY.

Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.

08-16-2020 6th RCCF GMM 38th Annual Induction



Reams of Coupon Bond donation to Guinacot Integrated School, Danao City, Cebu





FOUR QUESTIONS

Peace through projects

Even building a well can help promote peace.
Patricia Shafer explains how

Peacemaking is stopping bullets; peace-keeping is negotiating. Peacebuilding, meanwhile, is creating an environment of security and conditions of well-being through access to things like health care, education, and water. That's what Patricia Shafer, a Rotary Peace Fellow and member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte, North Carolina, teaches to high school and university students as executive director of NewGen Peacebuilders. She is also senior fellow for peace education at the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Recently, Shafer built on her peace fellowship by becoming one of the first Rotary Positive Peace activators, a role that will connect her with Rotarians who want to build peace through their projects and help their communities do the same. By 2022, 150 Rotary Positive Peace activators will be trained in six regions of the globe through the strategic partnership between Rotary and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).

of Positive Peace, promoted the idea that we're trained to think of peace as reducing or minimizing violence — as taking away the bad. But if you want sustainable peace, you have to work on promoting the good: creating the conditions of well-being for all. The IEP's Pillars of Positive Peace is a framework of eight factors that research shows work together to make for more peaceful societies. All eight pillars matter — it's a systemic view — but the IEP advises focusing on which one or two may be the weakest. A focus there can be a basis for the design of a peace project.

“We're trained to think of peace as reducing or minimizing violence — as taking away the bad. But if you want sustainable peace, you have to work on promoting the good.”

1 What is Positive Peace?

Dr. Johan Galtung [a Norwegian sociologist who is considered the “father of peace studies”], in his original premise

2 What is a Positive Peace activator?

There are 26 Positive Peace activators in North America, and a group of 30 will be trained in Latin America. Many are Rotary Peace Fellows. Some are Rotarians. Some are IEP ambassadors. I'm all three. Positive Peace activators are charged with equipping people with an understanding of Positive Peace and of the IEP's eight pillars, and with teaching them to put those concepts to work. We do this through presentations at Rotary clubs and conferences, incorporating the Positive Peace framework into other peacebuilding work, and, in my case, co-designing a series of training summits that Rotarians can offer to their local communities in 2021.

3 Why did you become a Positive Peace activator?

Rotary has a peacebuilding history that goes back to 1914 and has established a very clear footprint in peace education with the Rotary Peace Fellows program, which has more than 1,300 members in its alumni network. Another big opportunity is for Rotarians to connect with local communities about peacebuilding and to employ a common framework and a common language and way of thinking about peace.

4 How can Rotarians get involved?

One thing that's easy to do is to learn about the IEP's Positive Peace framework through the free Rotary Positive Peace Academy. Training workshops, whether virtual or in person, can teach you how to apply the eight Pillars of Positive Peace to projects you are already working on. If you're working on education and literacy or water and sanitation, how do you look at those through the eight pillars? It's transformative to look at projects that way. It's how you go from doing good service projects to being activators for Positive Peace.

Over the past few months, every community on this planet has been touched by the COVID-19 pandemic. It's put tremendous stress on every community. Now, in the United States, we're also seeing the impact of discord over issues of racial equity. One premise of the eight Pillars of Positive Peace is that they create a stronger, more resilient community that can face crises when they occur. —DIANA SCHOBURG

Enroll in the Rotary Positive Peace Academy at rotarypositivepeace.org.



HANDBOOK

How to create a People of Action ad

What's the best way to explain what Rotary is? Showing what Rotarians do in their own communities: A strong public image helps Rotary clubs find new members, enhance community participation in Rotary projects, and increase donations to The Rotary Foundation. Recognizing Rotarians as people of action is the cornerstone of Rotary's public image, and with resources provided by Rotary, you can create effective ads that focus on the work your own club is doing. Here's a step-by-step guide.



BEFORE YOU START

Review the People of Action Campaign Guidelines on the Brand Center at brandcenter.rotary.org. You'll find great suggestions as well as examples of engaging ads.

DESIGN YOUR AD

Use the People of Action Style Guide and ad templates on the Brand Center. Remember that repetition is key in advertising: Ads created by different Rotary clubs should tell the same kind of story. A shared language of visual elements helps reinforce that.



50%

Global ad spending dedicated to digital media in 2019

FIND YOUR STORY

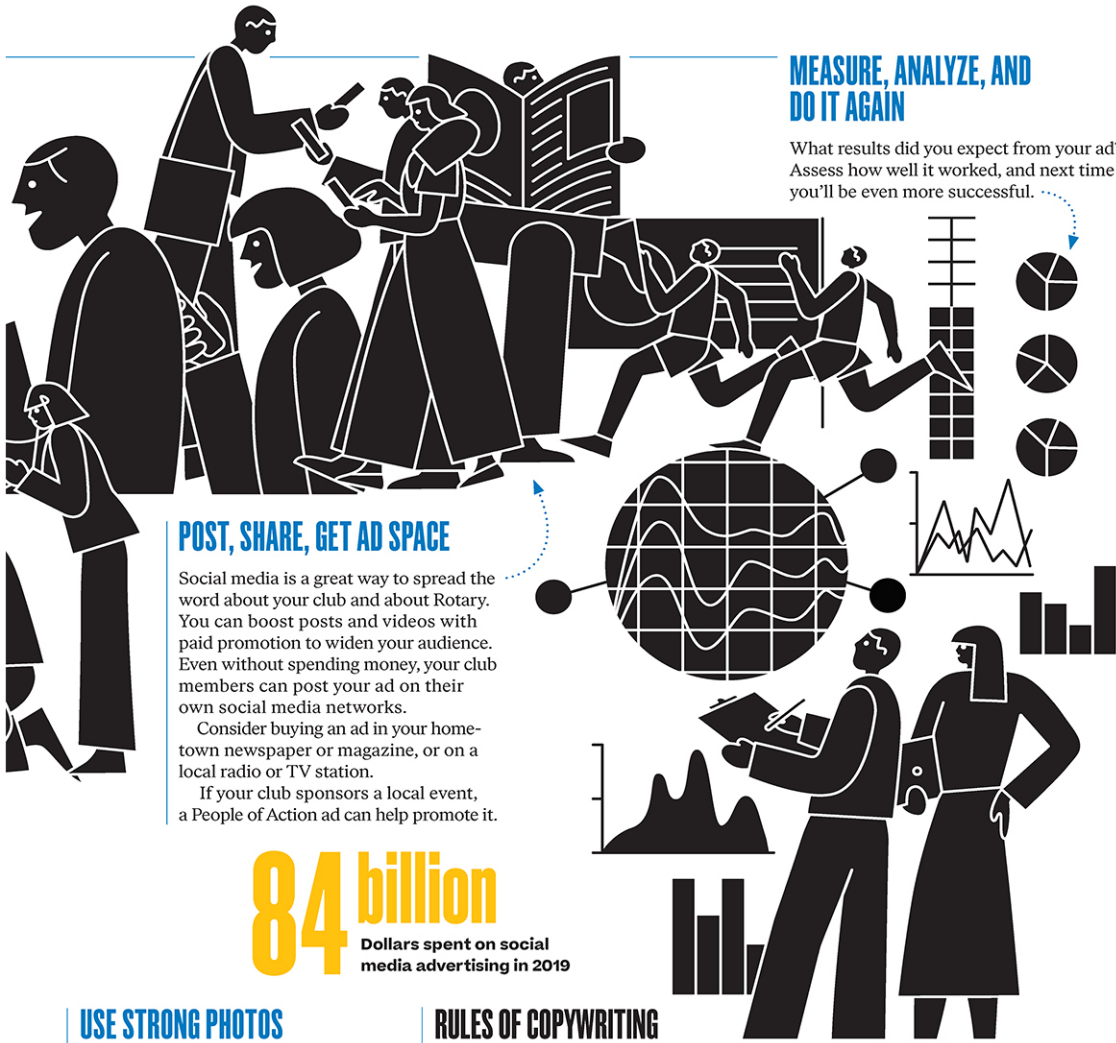
Think about a project or event your club carried out and ask yourself some basic questions:

- ▶ **What was the impetus for the project?**
- ▶ **What were the key moments along the way?**
- ▶ **What impact did it have?** How many people did you help, how many miles of riverbank did you clean up, how many doses of polio vaccine did you fund?

WRITE YOUR STORY

Pick the best verb from Rotary's approved list to finish the headline "Together, We ...": *Connect. Empower. End Polio. Fight Hunger. Inspire. Learn. Mentor. Promote Peace. Save Lives. Transform.* This keeps the Rotary brand consistent wherever you see it.

Summarize your People of Action story into a few short sentences. Include information about how people can learn more about your club, support your cause, or join you at an upcoming event.



MEASURE, ANALYZE, AND DO IT AGAIN

What results did you expect from your ad? Assess how well it worked, and next time you'll be even more successful.

POST, SHARE, GET AD SPACE

Social media is a great way to spread the word about your club and about Rotary. You can boost posts and videos with paid promotion to widen your audience. Even without spending money, your club members can post your ad on their own social media networks.

Consider buying an ad in your hometown newspaper or magazine, or on a local radio or TV station.

If your club sponsors a local event, a People of Action ad can help promote it.

84 billion
Dollars spent on social media advertising in 2019

USE STRONG PHOTOS

Look at your photos objectively; try to see them the way others will. For an inspiring ad, you'll want to show people with happy and engaging facial expressions. Try to show the diversity of your club in age, ethnicity, and gender. The best photos are not staged, but show genuine moments of Rotarians at work or interacting with others.

Get signed, written permission from everyone in the photographs. Remember that not everyone working on a project or benefiting from it may want their photo taken or used.

RULES OF COPYWRITING

- ▶ **Short is sweet.** Your project has a rich backstory, and a lot of people pitched in, but too many names and details will muddy your message.
- ▶ **Write like Hemingway.** People scan ads quickly. Too much information may deter them instead of drawing them in. Use short, energetic sentences with people as the subject and active verbs.
- ▶ **Call to action.** Effective ads compel the reader to do something. Tell the audience what to do next — and how to do it. In print ads, websites and email addresses must be short and easy to remember.

ELEMENTS OF A PEOPLE OF ACTION PHOTO

- ▶ Photo that fits the shape of your ad: horizontal or vertical
- ▶ Photo that accommodates the "Together, We ..." text in the center
- ▶ Plenty of space for headline and copy
- ▶ Well-lit space
- ▶ Balanced color (not too much white)
- ▶ Simple background



TRIBUTE

Amigo to the world

Remembering 2000-01 Rotary International
President Frank J. Devlyn

By Irving J. "Sonny" Brown

Frank Devlyn's stature, his presence, his enormous energy, his loving sense of humor, his keen interest in everything, and his warmth will always be remembered by anyone who ever met him. His wife, Gloria Rita, with her grace, beauty, and support, was his underlying strength. This giant of a man, in every sense, was and will always be the model of a servant leader.

The word *amigo* applied to every person Frank ever met. Meeting him required that you take his card, give him yours, receive a Devlyn Optical eyeglass-cleaning

cloth, and be prepared to give him your family history. He sincerely wanted to know about you. Frank's booming voice would shake the room and would command attention wherever he appeared. One could not help loving him.

A visionary genius both in his business and in his service to Rotary, Frank encouraged everyone to grow and to experience a new level of accomplishment. A member of the Rotary Club of Anáhuac Tacubaya in Mexico City and a practicing Toastmaster, he interspersed English and

Spanish freely throughout his speeches. He was impeccably dressed for all occasions and came ready to perform with unequalled enthusiasm. He was exceptional.

Assisting his parents in running the Devlyn family business from a young age, he helped grow their optical shops, which early on were located in Sears stores in Mexico, into a mammoth enterprise of more than 880 retail locations, employing over 4,000 people, in shopping centers and independent locations throughout Mexico, other countries in Central America, and the United States. Capitalizing on opportunities to manufacture optical products and services, he expanded the scope of the company and was known and respected as a businessman all over the world. Among many accolades, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year in Mexico in 2016.

His encouraging and loving manner inspired his beautiful family, which includes his daughters, Melanie, Stephanie, and Jennifer, and his sister, Ethel. The families of his brothers, Jesse, who predeceased him, and Pat (both also Rotarians), are now running the family business, each playing essential roles. The company was once named Mexico's Family Business of the Year.

As chair of the District 5520 Conference in 1980, I welcomed Frank to his first district conference as a representative of RI President James L. Bomar Jr. in El Paso, Texas. Being from similar family backgrounds, we became *hermanos*. As such, I had to be prepared for him to drop in at my office, home, or Rotary club at any time, often unannounced. His fierce loyalty in his service to Rotary is legendary, and his enthusiasm and encouragement inspired many others to serve Rotary, enriching their lives and those of others. He invited me to chair his convention in San Antonio in 2001 and to serve as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

For an exceptional experience, I refer you to frankdevlyn.org, his personal website, where you will view a most incredible inventory of his many activities, dreams, and accomplishments. Read each of his *Frank Talk* books and you will be similarly inspired to share Rotary and to place Service Above Self as he did.

To this man of honor, dignity, and grace, we say, "*Hasta la vista, amigo. Vaya con Dios!*"

Sonny Brown is a past RI vice president and past Rotary Foundation trustee.





ORATIO IMPERATA: PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19 or 2019 CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

**God our Father,
We come to you in our need
To ask your protection against the 2019 Corona Virus Disease,
That has claimed lives
And has affected many.**

**We pray for your grace
For the people tasked with studying the nature and cause
Of this virus and its disease
And of stemming the tide of its transmission.
Guide the hands and minds of medical experts
That they may minister to the sick
With competence and compassion,
And of those governments and private agencies
That must find cure and solution to this epidemic.**

**We pray for those afflicted
May they be restored to health soon.**

**Grant us the grace
To work for the good of all
And to help those in need.**

**Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.**

**Mary Help of all Christians, pray for us.
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.
St. Rock, pray for us.
St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us.**





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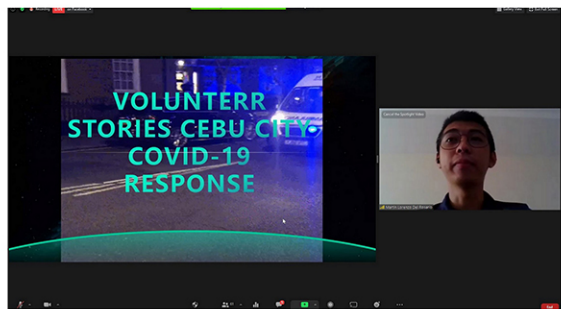
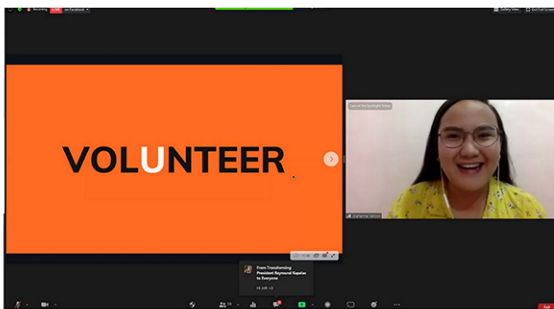
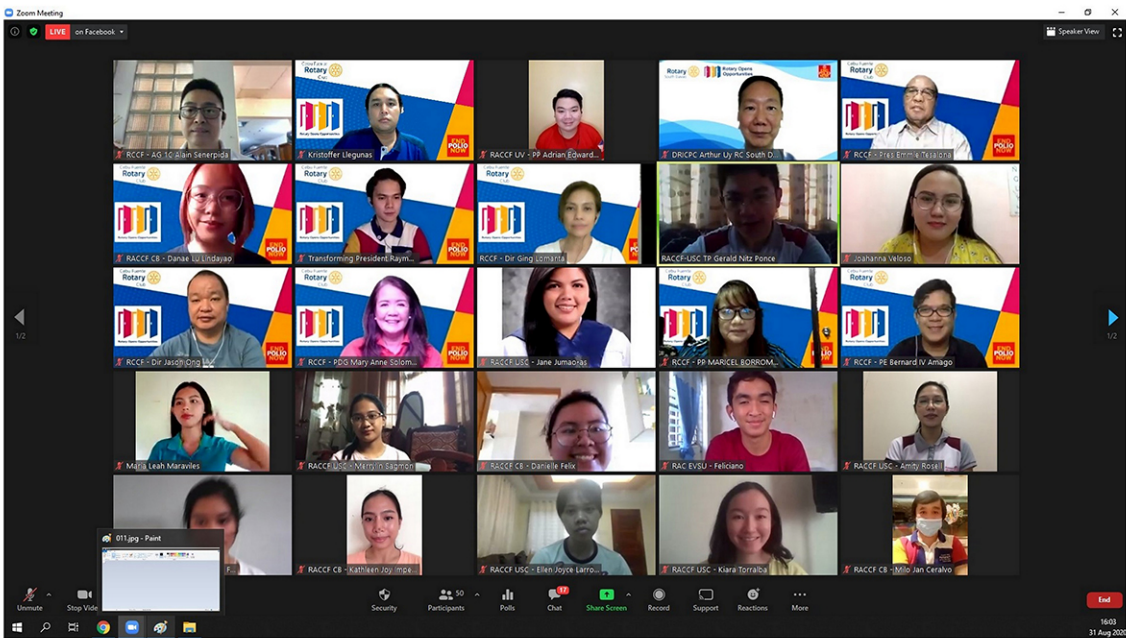
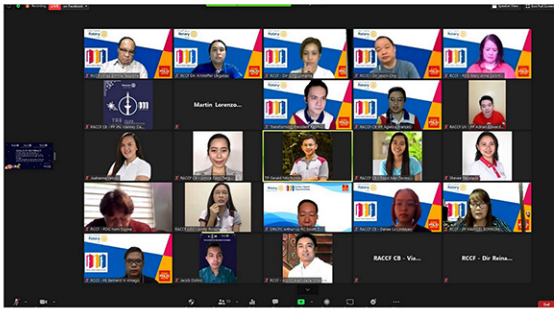
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