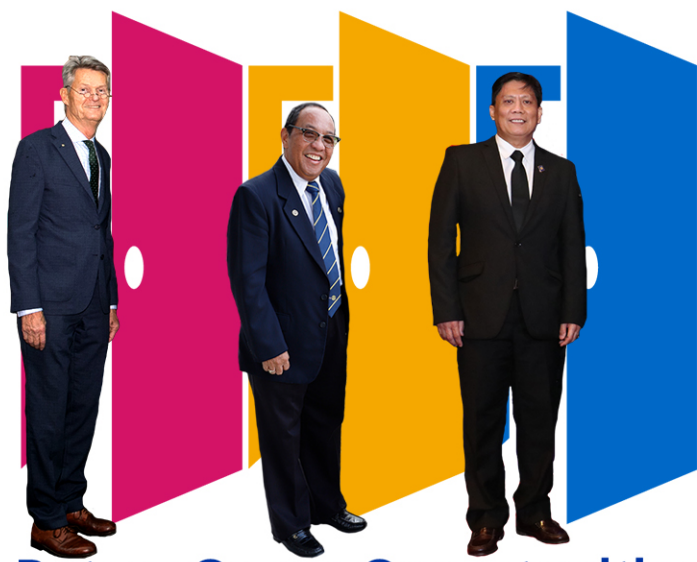


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Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary is not just a club that you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities”

HOLGER KNAACK

Rotary International President, RY 2020 - 2021



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12th General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | October 12, 2020

Areas of Focus: Community Economic Development Month

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Programme

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Invocation.....	Audio Visual Presentation
Philippine Anthem.....	Audio Visual Presentation
The Rotary Hymn.....	Audio Visual Presentation
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary	
Introduction of Rotarians / Spouses.....	PP Joal Abad
Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest	

PART 2

Business Matters

PART 3

Secretary's Report.....	Sec. Pouly Jang
Treasurer's Report.....	Treas. Jun Torres
Director's Report	
President's Time.....	Pres. Emmie Tesalona
Other matters	
Adjournment.....	Pres. Emmie Tesalona

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

- Mother Teresa



Hosted by:

Rtn. Dee Hora Lleguas

INVOCATION

Eternal and ever blessed God, grant this day light to the minds that hunger for truth, and peace to the hearts that yearn for rest. Grant strength to those who have hard tasks to do, and power to those who have temptations to face. Grant unto all within this place the ability to find the secret of your presence, and to go forth from here in the strength of the Lord. Amen.





President's Message



Good evening, fellow Rotarians!

It's October once again and our 38th Charter Anniversary is fast approaching. As agreed during the initial committee meeting, the theme of this year's celebration is Monte Carlo. The highlight of the event is the montage of messages from the past presidents who will greet RCCF. The talented Rotaractors will also render song numbers to spice up the occasion.

The committee in charge of the anniversary break their heads to think of ideas on how to make the celebration joyous and lively despite holding the occasion via Zoom. Everyone thinks that no matter how lavish the preparation is, celebrating anniversary the traditional way is preferred than online. However, it is still pandemic time. So let's party while still observing safety protocol.

On the other hand, let's all attend the Balitalk-talkan, to be hosted by our sister club, Rotary Club of Makati, Paseo De Roxas, this coming Monday, October 19, 2020.

See you!

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



From Secretary's Desk



POULY JANG
Secretary,
RY 2020 - 2021

Attendance

ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	11th 10/05	12th 10/12	13th 10/19	14th 10/29	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	Arch. Joseph Michael	✓				
1166431	Gonzalez	Dr. Julio					
8944393	Jang	Pouly					
3516557	Karamihan	Dave John	✓				
8599266	Kaufmann	Marina	✓				
10411473	Libron	Dr. Tess Annette	RW				
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	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓				
10713855	Uy	Stephen Henry	✓				
10410033	Yared	Patrick					
TOTAL PERCENTAGE							

BIRTHDAYS

October 24 Marlene Torres
October 17 Tito Solomon
October 22 Jomar Ponce

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 10 Kristoffer & Dee Hora Llegunas
October 18 Jose Alfonso & Mary Grace Abad
October 21 Emmanuel & Nanette Calalang
October 25 Joseph Michael & Sandra Espina





DURING A RECENT Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the “old normal” in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary — but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

All Rotary clubs have the opportunity to be innovative clubs, just like Bec's club. Let's trust those clubs, learn from them, and lend them our support. Change in Rotary happens at the grassroots level, as clubs lead the charge, defining what this new Rotary can be.

Change is constant, and we have more work to do in many areas. It is important that we celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds and promote people from underrepresented groups so that they have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders in Rotary.

The tools to make Rotary more inclusive, more relevant, and more fun for everyone are at our fingertips. Let's use them now, and we will see how *Rotary Opens Opportunities* for ourselves and for those yet to discover us.

HOLGER KNAACK

President, Rotary International



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Celebrate World Polio Day with a donation

In the early 1990s, polio was still a concern in my country. As the Sri Lanka PolioPlus Committee chair, I was part of a task force of Rotarians, government officials, and UNICEF representatives that drove all polio eradication efforts, including National Immunization Days (NIDs).

But those were difficult days; civil war was raging in Sri Lanka. The government said NIDs could happen only outside conflict zones. This meant one-third of the country's children would not be vaccinated — an unacceptable proposition.

Rotary stepped in with UNICEF to engineer a cease-fire. Establishing contact with one of the world's most feared and elusive rebel leaders was not easy, and we were careful to maintain Rotary's good name during negotiations.

A few weeks later, my secretary delivered a letter to my office, her hands shaking. Signed by the rebel leader himself, it read: "Dear Mr. Ravindran: If you can persuade your government to stop the war for two days, then we are willing to lay down our guns for two days too, for our war is not with children."

Soon the NID was on, and vehicles bearing the Rotary emblem traveled to the vaccination booths in the areas occupied by insurgents, receiving the same respect and courtesy as the Red Cross.

Obstacles can seem insurmountable until we overcome them.

In March 2020, the polio program made the tough decision to temporarily suspend polio immunizations while the polio infrastructure that Rotary members had helped build was used for COVID-19 response. But with the wild poliovirus now banished from the African region and circulating in just two remaining countries, we continue to move forward. Our history shows that we can overcome even the most difficult situations. But we can't do it without your help.

World Polio Day is 24 October, and it's the greatest opportunity we have to raise funds and awareness for Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Visit endpolio.org/worldpolioday to get tools for planning virtual events and fundraisers, and to register your club's event.

Please consider making a donation to End Polio Now, to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In the face of a pandemic, there is a serious risk of further spread of polio. Your support is more important than ever, and it will ensure that together we can tackle the remaining obstacles and achieve a polio-free world.

K.R. RAVINDRAN
Foundation trustee chair

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August	September
Membership & New Club Development	Basic Education & Literacy
Dave John Karamihan	Maria Celina Amores
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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	

Pink October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <p>Cebu Fuente Rotary Club</p>			<p>1 6pm Rustan's Pink Lighting</p>	<p>2 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	3
<p>4 7:45am Cancer Chat w/ Healing Mass</p>	<p>5 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	6	<p>7 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	8	<p>9 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	<p>10 1:30pm Pink Perspectives Webinar</p>
<p>11 1:30pm Pink Perspectives Webinar</p>	<p>12 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	13	<p>14 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	15	<p>16 4pm ICS Dance 5pm Pink It Forward Waterfront</p>	<p>17 4pm Rustan's Tablescape</p>
<p>18 4:30pm Pink Mass Ayala Center</p>	<p>19 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	20	<p>21 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	22	<p>23 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	24
25	<p>26 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	27	<p>28 4pm ICS Dance Exercise</p>	29	<p>30 10am Fr. Orbos Healing Mass 4pm ICS Dance</p>	31

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection is the best prevention.
See your doctor today.



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

Maricel Borrromeo-Amores

Membership Director 2020-2021

President, RY 2017-2018

I can still remember vividly my November 2019. The excitement of my forthcoming trip to Europe the following month was a check on my bucket list. I was looking forward to my sister, Marissa, and her family's trip to the Philippines in June 2020.

Fast forward today, who would ever imagine that it has been close to 8 months already that I had the imposed, then self-imposed lockdown because of the coronavirus that swept the world by surprise! It has unbridled changes that seemed inconceivable last February. I even assumed it was going to pass like a typhoon, or a health scare that will upset perhaps only a few nations with fast remedial measures in place and will basically vanish into thin air. But I was totally wrong and all plans plummeted in the dark abyss of uncertainty. No presidents nor the heads of state were ever prepared for the herculean catastrophe this Covid 19 brought to the world.



Subsequently, these words floated around- "the new normal". Is that the best they can do to describe it since it seems so vague and ambiguous for one to swallow? The skeptics were skeptic and the cynical were a bunch of cynics trying their best to rationalize things and scoffed at the whole idea. The erudite and learned straightforwardly pinned it as merely "take a 360 and do the paradigm shift". The once whispered wish to "work from home" became the stark reality for all employers to take in and approve for their employees. Everyone had to wear face masks, face shields, and the frontliners had to wear the PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) looking like astronauts. No household lacked the essential alcohol and malls looked like ghost towns for months.

We need to embrace this so-called "new normal" as this Covid 19 after all is a great opportunity to cleanse the world. The penance is indeed hefty but look at it in a more positive way. It has taught

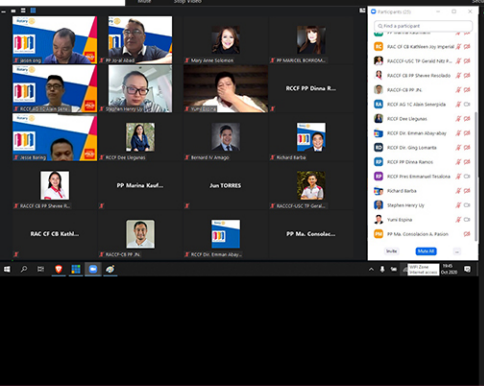
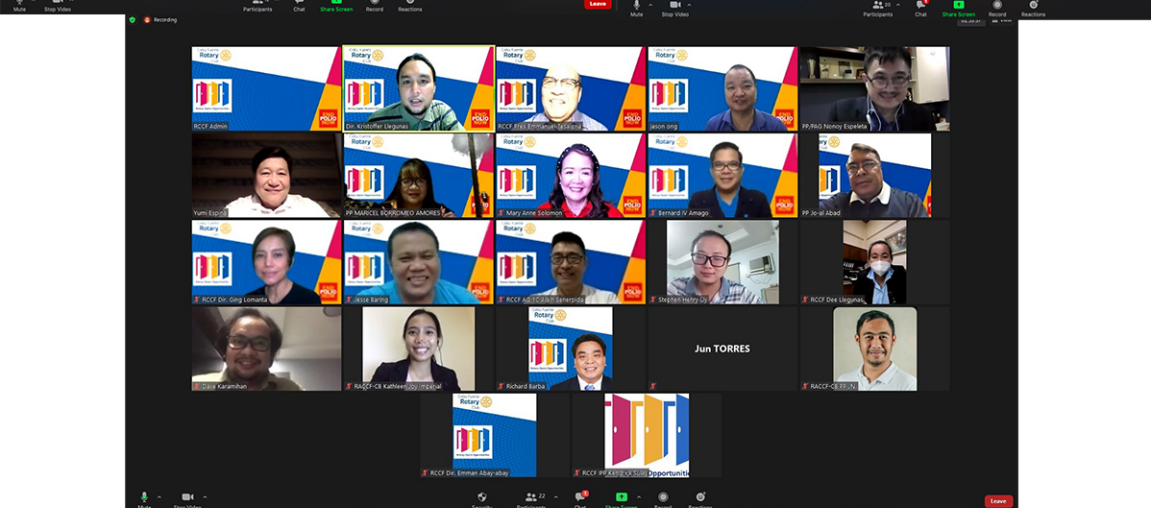
"To quell the uncertainty, ambiguity and vagueness of the so called "new normal" is to change gears and do the inevitable paradigm shift."

_Jaune claret du soleil douceur

people to stay healthy, build on relationships, be more responsible in taking care of each other, better connectivity and sensitive to the needs of the community. It truly takes a paradigm shift and move forward to a much better YOU! It is my humble opinion that we should not revert back to the degenerative days of pre-covid even if the vaccine will be available soon. The important lesson is taking time to smell the roses no matter how busy you are in your life.

It is my fervent wish that this will soon be over and let this "new normal" be the normal for all of us - of course, with some healthy modifications. Let us not go through another pandemic just to jolt us back into keeping our lines open, more connected with each other, taking good care of the world God has generously blessed us, and to love one another.

10-05-2020 11th RCCF GMM Meeting (Virtual) with Guest Speaker PP Nonoy Espeleta



Planning for Balik-Probinsya
Localities Outside of HUCs/Capital Cities
Towns with Highest Deposit Liabilities

	Banks	Cooperatives
Bohol:	Panglao, Talibon, Ubay, Jagna	Loay, Candijay, Talibon, Trinidad, Sevilla
Cebu:	Carcar, Talisay, Toledo, Bogo, Consolacion, Danao	Pinamungahan, Toledo, Cordova Consolacion Danao
Negros Oriental:	Bala, Bayawan, Guilungan, Tanjay	Bayawan, Siaton, Valencia, Manjuyod, La Libertad
Siquijor:	Larena, Siquijor	San Juan, Enrique Villanueva

Source: as of 31. March 2019, BSP as of 31 December 2019, CDA

To achieve food sufficiency & inclusive growth, we need Big Brothers to help the smaller, fragmented & undercapitalized food & agricultural producers.

REPUR-POSITIONING to collaborate as CORPORATIVES is an opportunity to form clusters of geographic supply chains.

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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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ZONE 10A PHILIPPINES POLIO SUMMIT 2020

October 21, 2020 | 6:30 PM to 9 PM (Philippine Time)

Resource Speakers



PRIVP MICHAEL K. MCGOVERN
Chair, International PolioPlus
Committee



RIPN JENNIFER JONES
Co-Chair, End Polio Now: Countdown
to History Committee



PRID ROBERT HALL
Vice Chair, End Polio Now:
Countdown to History Committee

Guest Speakers



**PRID RAFAEL "RAFFY" M.
GARCIA, III**



**PRID DAUMONGUILLER
"GUILLER" E. TUMANGAN**



**DOH USEC LEOPOLDO J.
VEGA**

Program Host



**RRFC PDG VIRGILIO "JUN" G.
FARCON**

Zoom Host:

Rotary
District 3780



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Meeting ID: 837 8701 3947 | Passcode: 3780



PROGRAMME

6:30pm - Enter Waiting Room

Program Host - **RRFC PDG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon**

TOPIC

Call to Order

Invocation/Prayer

Anthems

- USA
- Canada
- Philippines

Welcome Message

Introduction of Dignitaries &

Transforming Governors

Introduction of PRID Raffy M. Garcia, III

Tribute to PRIP Mat Caparas

with special message

Introduction of PRID Guiller E. Tumangan

Why I continue to give to Polio

Introduction of DOH USEC Leopoldo J. Vega

Philippine Polio Updates

Introduction of EPNZC Zone 10A PDG Me'anne Solomon

Districts' Polio Updates and Presentation

of Philippines Top PolioPlus Donors

Introduction of Resource Speaker

The Impact of your Polio Donation

Introduction of PRID Robert Hall

Giving to Polio

Introduction of RIPN Jennifer Jones

How Rotary and the polio network have

Helped COVID 19

Panel Discussion/Open Forum

Introduction of EMGA PDG Jess Nicdao

Closing Message

Rotary Hymn

Adjournment

SPEAKER

- RRFC PDG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon

- Audio Visual Presentation

- Audio Visual Presentation

- DG. Johnny Yu, District 3780

- DG Anthony "Tonipi" Parungao, District 3800

- DG Odie Tarriela, District 3810

- PRID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia, III

- DG Ray Atienza, District 3820

- PRID Daumonguiller "Guiller" E. Tumangan

- DG Louie Gonzaga, District 3850

- DOH USEC Leopoldo J. Vega

- RRFC PDG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon

- EPNZC Zone 10A PDG Mary Anne

"Me'anne" A. Solomon

- DG Dindo Berino, District 3770

- PRIVP Michael "Mike" K. McGovern

- DG Riezl Reyes, District 3860

- PRID Robert Hall

- DG ChaCha Camacho, District 3830

- RIPN Jennifer Jones

- ARRFC PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio, III
(Facilitator)

- DG Jess Sama, District 3790

- EMGA PDG Jesus "Jess" Nicdao

- Audio Visual Presentation

- RRFC PDG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon

Screen pictorials to follow

**END
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Rotary projects around the globe



Mexico

Despite making economic strides in recent decades, Baja California ranks 25th out of Mexico's 31 states in housing quality. In February, a delegation from the Rotary Club of Parksville AM, British Columbia, made its sixth annual visit to the San Quintín Valley in Baja. Since 2014, the club has built a kindergarten, a community center, an adult technical training center, a high school technology classroom, and three residences in the area. **This year, the team built two three-room houses** for families selected by the club's partner nonprofit, Live Different, which is based in Hamilton, Ontario.

The group of 18 Rotarians, friends, and Interactors, led by a master carpenter, joined with four local workers to construct the homes in 10 days. "We divided into teams based on interests and skills," says Jo Dunn, a past president of the Parksville AM club. "We took a lot of time to help our Interact students learn how to use the construction equipment." District 5020 (parts of British Columbia and Washington state) donated \$2,600, which the club matched. The Mid Island Group, a charitable arm of a group of Rotary clubs on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, also contributed funds toward the \$12,000 cost of building materials.

United States

On 12 March, a jalopy stripped of its engine, fluids, and interior accouterments plunged through the ice covering Smiths Bay on West Okoboji Lake in northern Iowa. **A clock in the glovebox stopped at 8:38 a.m.**, and the raffle participant holding the ticket printed with that time scored a \$1,000 cash prize. The car drop, an annual event held by the Rotary Club of Iowa Great Lakes (Spirit Lake), raised more than \$7,000 this year; all but seven of the 720 available tickets were sold.

"The car, donated by a local towing company, is put on the ice each year once the lake freezes over," with a permit approved by the state Department of Natural Resources, says Kathryn Fahy, a club member and past governor of District 5970. The proceeds have funded community projects, including a playground and a YMCA camp. "An annual donation is also made to the local fire and rescue department, which uses the retrieval of the car as training for underwater and ice rescues," she says.

138 FEET
MAXIMUM DEPTH
OF WEST OKOBOJI LAKE



1 IN 8

FRENCH WOMEN WILL DEVELOP BREAST CANCER

France

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Rotaract Club of Lyon Ouest staged a fundraising exhibition in October 2019 featuring photographs of women who have survived the disease. The Rotaractors collaborated with students from the medical and pharmacy schools of Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 and sold about



200 tickets to benefit the Centre Léon Bérard, which specializes in cancer research. **The event, dubbed "Soirée Vénus"** and held at an art center in Lyon's Croix-Rousse district, informed attendees about treatment and the need for regular screenings. France sees an average of more than 50,000 new breast cancer cases each year.



India

After his wife developed degenerative tunnel vision in 2004, Ram Bedi, a member of the Rotary Club of Slough, England, wanted to help others who have impaired vision. "My wife and I had regularly traveled to India to visit relatives, and I noted that the dust and smog caused many eye problems, including cataracts, especially in villages among poorer people who do not have the means to be treated," he says. In 2005, Bedi and his fellow Slough Rotarians began a collaboration with the Rotary Club of Shahabad Markanda, located about 100 miles north of Delhi. Every year since, the Shahabad Markanda club has overseen annual events, using money raised by the Slough Rotarians, to **provide cataract operations free of charge**. "I think we have restored the eyesight of over 2,000 people to date," says Bedi, a Rotarian since 1974. The Shahabad Markanda club recruits volunteer doctors to perform checkups and surgeries, more than 100 of which were planned for 2020.

— BRAD WEBBER

600,000 COMMERCIAL MOTORCYCLES REGISTERED IN KENYA AS OF 2017

Kenya

Kenya's *boda-bodas*, the country's ubiquitous motorcycle taxis, convey passengers, merchandise, and food, and allow many drivers to earn a living. When the COVID-19 crisis significantly reduced passenger traffic, Cup of Uji — an organization founded in 2011 by Francis Otieno Amonde, now a member of the Rotaract Club of Thika — stepped up to offer relief. **Its #BeNiceKE campaign has supported more than 500 families so far**, providing them with a two-week supply of cooking oil, sugar, soap, cotton face masks, flour, beans, and rice. Donations, which come from Amonde's fellow Rotaractors, Rotarians, and others, cover the \$23 cost per bag.



WHY PARTNERS MATTER

**Leaders from Rotary's
polio eradication partners
discuss our critical role**

SINCE 1988, more than a million Rotarians have volunteered their time and resources to end polio. As community leaders, Rotarians build awareness, raise funds, and encourage national governments to donate to and otherwise support the polio eradication effort.

But eradicating polio is a complex job, and Rotary can't do it on its own. Our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) provide technical support, investigate outbreaks, manage vaccine distribution, and more. "We know from our work in polio eradication and our areas of focus that the impact we make is greater when we leverage the expertise of our partners," says Mark Wright, a news anchor and member of the Rotary Club of Seattle.

Wright moderated a talk with leaders from several of Rotary's GPEI partners about what they had learned over the past few months as their organizations addressed the COVID-19 pandemic, and about how Rotary can draw on its experience fighting polio and play a leading role in safeguarding communities around the world. The conversation, part of the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention in June, has been edited and condensed for clarity.



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MARK WRIGHT: How has the legacy of polio eradication work informed the global health response to COVID-19?

HENRIETTA FORE: I will highlight one example: the joint work that Rotarians, UNICEF, and all of our partners have done to train community health workers. They are the backbone of the community engagement, which all came from our work on polio. Every Rotarian should feel proud that the infrastructure we have in place is now being used against COVID-19.

CHRISTOPHER ELIAS: In 35 years, the global polio eradication effort has built up incredible assets: laboratory testing, surveillance, a frontline workforce of hundreds of thousands who deliver vaccines in polio campaigns around the world. In pretty much every country where the polio eradication initiative is active — over 50 countries — those assets have been dedicated to the COVID-19 response. A lot of the frontline workers doing the contact tracing, doing the surveillance, and looking for cases of COVID-19 are polio workers.

I was in a discussion last week with the minister of health in Pakistan. He thanked me, Rotary, and the rest of the polio partnership for how useful the polio team in Pakistan has been in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak there. That’s true in many countries. The world is benefiting — particularly in the poorest countries, where we’ve been chasing down the last cases of polio — from the infrastructure that the polio initiative has built over the past three decades.

REBECCA MARTIN: Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP) teams are people that we put on the ground to help with surveillance to ensure that we have real-time data for decision making. In early May, in 32 countries where we have Stop Transmission of Polio officers, 48 percent of their time had been spent on COVID-19 activities such as contact tracing and communication planning about physical distancing, the need for quarantining, and the importance of data analysis and collection. We have seen this in Liberia, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Over 18,000 GPEI workers are helping with health worker training, infection prevention control measures, and risk communication. So we already see polio playing a large role in supporting the COVID-19 response.



HENRIETTA H. FORE is the executive director of UNICEF, where her work has focused on economic development, education, health, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief.



CHRISTOPHER ELIAS is president of the Global Development Division at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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REBECCA MARTIN is director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



BRUCE AYLWARD is senior adviser to the director-general at the World Health Organization.

WRIGHT: What lessons can Rotary apply from both our partnership and our experience working to eradicate polio that will help us to better define and measure impact in our other work?

BRUCE AYLWARD: What we have come to respect and rely on with Rotary is the tremendous grassroots organization that you are, and the confidence and presence that you have in your communities. I think one of the greatest assets is the ability to draw on that when we have challenging initiatives like the effort to eradicate polio and now to control COVID-19 — and there will be other challenges in the future. You build the trust. You build those local partnerships in peacetime with club-level work on projects and initiatives that communities want. Then when it comes to the big crises, you've built the bridges that partners like the World Health Organization will rely on.

WRIGHT: Can you tell us about the partnership between your organizations and Rotary International? How have we worked together, and what are some of the highlights of what we've accomplished?

FORE: I think our biggest lesson is that partners have different skills, and partners matter. It's rather like being married, where you're going to be with your husband or wife for 20, 40, 50 years. How do you adjust to each other and how do you love and respect them?

We've grown to love and respect Rotarians in every country. Rotarians are rolling up their sleeves. In some countries, they come out and help with community workers. In others, they are surveying and supervising to check the quality of what is going on in these communities. In others, they are out talking to the legislators so that those people have a greater understanding of and commitment to ending polio in their country. As a team, we can carry out all of the things that you need to do in order to end polio.

ELIAS: I think what's critical about our relationship is that it's a partnership. It's not just a funding relationship. Together we're funding the critical partners that are delivering polio vaccine around the world. But we've also worked together in the gov-

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ernance of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. I've worked with quite a few people from Rotary's leadership over the past 10 years in helping to shape the strategy and be an advocate for keeping the focus on the progress we've made and on the eventuality of eliminating a scourge that has killed and paralyzed children for many years, when there are many competing demands for attention in the global health and development sphere.

So we've jointly been funders, we've been advocates, and many Rotarians have gone out and worked to support polio campaigns around the world. It is one of our most critical partnerships in the success of one of the most important things that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is pursuing.

MARTIN: Rotary's important and impactful contributions are the individual Rotarians themselves collectively working from community to national to global leadership levels, and their unmatched ability to raise resources for over three decades. With Rotary, we have been able to reach key leaders and influencers in communities to vaccinate children in India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and many other countries. Rotary has also been a strong partner to the CDC in our global fights against malaria and HIV, and in water and sanitation and hygiene efforts. We've worked closely in countries such as India, Nigeria, and South Africa on Rotary Family Health Days so that we can deliver immunizations, prevent HIV/AIDS, and screen for cervical cancer.

WRIGHT: Communities and other response organizations count on Rotary during challenging times. How can we become a more effective partner?

AYLWARD: As we consider the lingering effects of the current pandemic, I think it will be a great time to reflect on your priorities and the priorities of The Rotary Foundation to see if you are working in the right spaces. Rotary is going to take from this a great sense of satisfaction that, yes, you are focused on the right areas. When we look at the challenges to saving lives and preventing disease posed by COVID-19, some of the greatest barriers have been illiteracy, poverty, and marginalized populations. These have always been at the forefront of Rotary's goals as a great service organization. ■



MARK WRIGHT is an award-winning journalist and television news anchor in Seattle. He was president of the Rotary Club of Seattle in 2017-18.

To end polio, we must stop transmission of wild poliovirus in the two countries that continue to report cases: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Rotary's goal is to raise \$50 million annually, to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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high-visibility vests to help identify health workers so they can safely administer vaccines

75

vaccine carriers to keep the polio vaccine cool and effective

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"Rotary was the first organization to push for a polio-free world, and so many Rotarians have been part of fundraising, vaccination, and advocacy efforts. The final steps to a polio-free world are the hardest — and we'll need the help of every Rotarian to get there. But I'm confident that we will end polio together."

Bill Gates,
co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Clubs are encouraged to give \$1,500 or more annually to support polio eradication, and districts are encouraged to allocate 20 percent or more of their District Designated Funds each Rotary year. Clubs and districts that meet these criteria will receive a certificate of appreciation.

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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.





FUNDING IS CRUCIAL TO ERADICATING POLIO

Throughout the fight to end polio, we've shown what can be done when we draw on our collective strengths. A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together.

IMMUNIZE

more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE

disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE

more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, hundreds of thousands of children could be paralyzed. Global health care costs would rise dramatically, and the quality of life for people affected by the disease would be drastically diminished.

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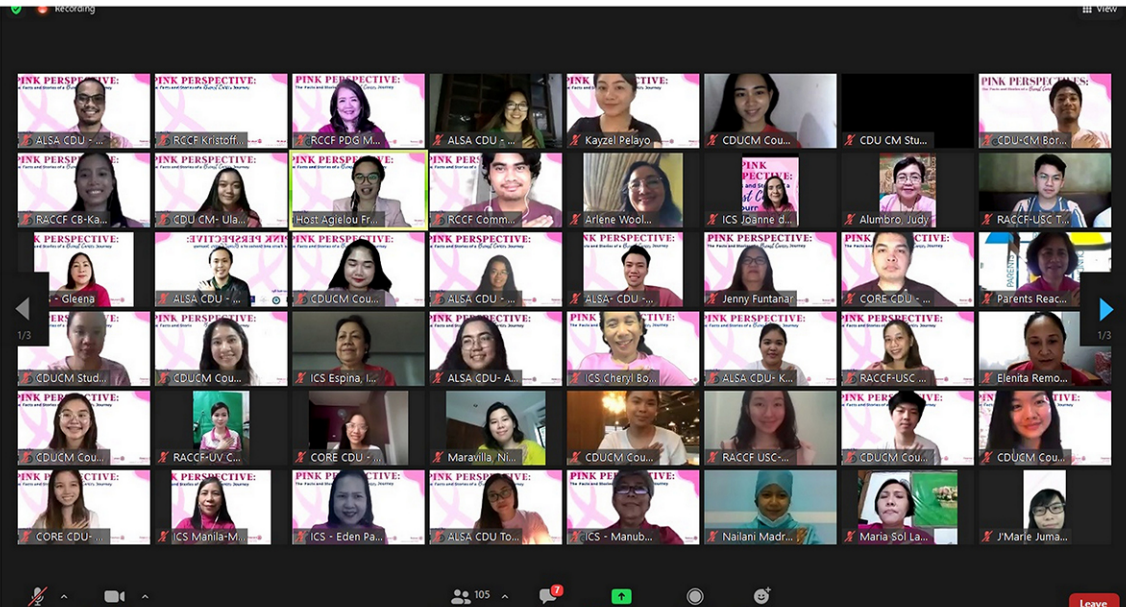
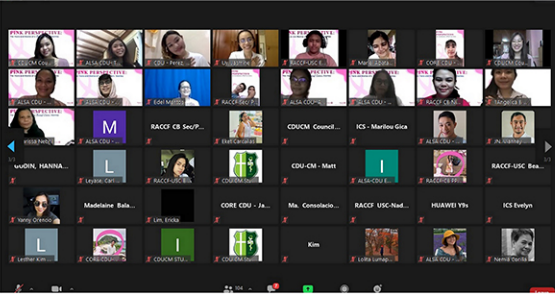


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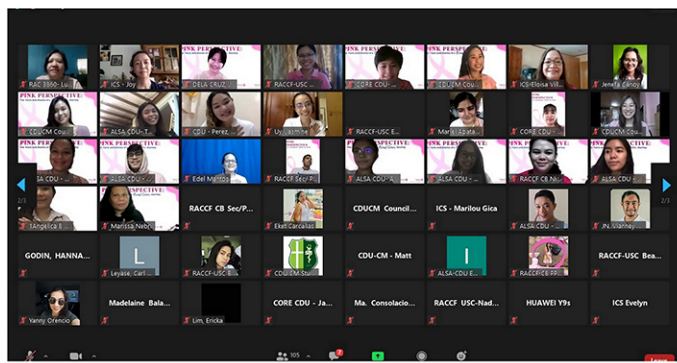


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