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14th General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | October 29, 2020

Areas of Focus: Community Economic Development Month

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Part 1

Programme Charter Anniversary Celebration

Song Number......Rtr. Nisa Revoltar Call to Order......Pres. Emmie Tesalona Invocation......Audio Visual Presentation Philippine Anthem.....Audio Visual Presentation The Rotary Hymn.....Audio Visual Presentation Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary.....Audio Visual Presentation Introduction of Rotarians......Audio Visual Presentation Spouses/Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest Welcome Message......Pres. Emmie Tesalona Introduction of New Member......PP Maricel Amores Charge to a New Member......AG Alain Senerpida Induction of New Member.....EPNZC Me'anne Solomon Anniversary Toast......ARRFC Yumi Espina Special song number...... AVP When You Believe by Rotaractors Montage of Greetings from Club Presidents Special Song Number......Araw Gabi - Rtr. Nisa Revoltar Messages from DG Riezl Reves RI Pres. Holger Knaack Presentation of Presidents Caricatures by Spouse Tess Tesalona To be Sung by Rtr. Nisa Revoltar - Moon River



Hosted by: **EPNZC Me'anne Solomon**

INVOCATION

O God our heavenly Father, Creator and Preserver of all humankind, we give you thanks and praise for all your goodness and mercy. We thank you for all those who in all times have been brave and true, for those who served their country in her hour of need, especially those who gave even their lives. Accept our gratitude and make us, we beseech you, more worthy of their supreme sacrifice. May we devise our Memorial Ways with the firm foundation of an abiding faith in you, that your kingdom may come and your will be done.

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

Pictorials

Fellowship

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on" - Franklin D. Roosevelt



Closing Remarks.....PE Bernz Amago

Adjournment......Pres. Emmie Tesalona



President's Message













Every year, we celebrate our Charter Day as we would traditionally do with almost everything being the same, except for the theme and the venue of the celebration.

To conform to the health protocols, we are celebrating our club's birthday with our members being in different locations, all thanks to the power of the internet, and video-conferencing via Zoom.

However, generating the same enthusiasm in celebrating the Charter Day online and far apart from each other is also a different story. No matter how lavish the preparation is, it is the camaraderie and the physical presence that make the occasion joyous and more memorable.

Nevertheless, we adapt to the changes. Online gathering is not quite new for us Rotarians, as we have started to regularly meet in this manner even before the start of the Rotary Year.

While this year's Charter Day being online makes it guite different from the rest, I believe that the distance does not deter us from making tonight's celebration a success. Our Charter Day committee exerted all efforts to make sure of that. We are all in for plenty of surprises. And with PDG Me'anne Solomon as tonight's host, we can expect a lively and exciting program.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.





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



From Secretary's Desk

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	Archt. 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	Archt. Manuel, Jr.	✓	✓	✓		
10713855	Uy	Stephen Henry	✓	✓			
10410033	Yared	Patrick			✓		
4		TOTAL PERCENTAGE					



BIRTHDAYS

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES October 10

October 18 October 21

October 25

Kristoffer & Dee Hora Llegunas Jose Alfonso & Mary Grace Abad **Emmanuel & Nanette Calalang** Joseph Michael & Sandra Espina



President's messag

URING 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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September				
Basic Education & Literacy				
Maria Celina Amores				
Emman Reyan Abay-Abay				
Maria Consolacion Pasion				
November				
Rotary Foundation				
Lolita Lomanta				
Joseph Michael Espina				
Don Jade Canama				
January				
Vocational Service				
Richard Barba				
Julio Gonzales				
Tess Annette Serrato-Libron				
March				
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene				
Alain Senerpida				
Jason Ong				
May				
Youth Service				
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July 2021				





RCCF History

From a Humble beginning . . . in the service of Mankind

In 1982, the Rotary Club of Cebu West (RCCW) under the stewardship of President Ted Flores passed a resolution for the creation of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) then the DG was Dr. Quintin Doromal and the RI President was Himojo Mukasa of Japan.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) was chartered on October 29, 1982 with the Rotary Club of Cebu West (RCCW) past President Cesar "Sar" Estalilla as its charter president. The 11th Rotary Club in Cebu was born.

"Fuente" which means Fountain in English, is the symbol for The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) Fountain of service from the A, B, C, D, E's of its programs related to Rotary's areas of Focus.

A for: - Autism Awareness and its support for the REACH Center (Responsive Education for Autistic Children)

> - Free Anti-Rabies vaccination with the Dept. of Veterinary services in Cebu City.

B for: - Blood Service the Rotary way

- advocacy for early detection of Breast Cancer

C for: - anti Cervical Cancer

D for: - anti Domestic Violence

- anti Dengue
- Dental Care
- Disaster Relief

E for: - Education through

- donations of computers and books
- · maternal literacy reading for new borns
- scholarships
- Environment through
 - · trees and mangrove planting
 - · livelihood recycling
 - · water and sanitation

Other programs include its regular medical and dental missions and turn over of donations from partners and sister clubs to chosen beneficiaries. The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) is a multi awarded club having received Rotary awards, and among the highest international and district awards are:

International: - One of the 4 Most Outstanding Club in the World

Public Relation

- Presidential Citation District: - Most Outstanding Club

- Most Outstanding Club Projects

Most Outstanding Club Presidents. Club Secretaries

- Most outstanding club bulletin

Cebu City even recognized the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente as one of its city charter awardee: The club has produced leaders beyond the club level:

District Governors

1982-1983 Cesar "Sar" Estalilla 2007-2008 Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina 2016-2017 Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Solomon

District GSE team leaders

PDG Cesar "Sar" Estalilla

PP Julio Gonzalez

PDG Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina

DG Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Salomon

DT Richard "Dick" Barba

Senior District Officers

DT Richard "Dick" Barba

PSAG Conrado "Rady" Abarintos

PAG Virgilio "Nonoy" Espeleta

PAG Emmanuel "Manny" Calalang

AG Jesselito "Jesse" V. Baring

PAG Jose Alfonso "Joal" Abad

PAG Cristina "Tina" Bacalso

and other district committee chairmen





CESAR "SAR" ESTALILLA RY 1982-1983 District Gov.: Ouintin S. Doromal R.I. Pres.: Hiroji Mukasa Theme: "Mankind is One. Build Bridges of





CRISOSTOMO "CRIS" DY RY 1986-1987 District Gov.: Roque A. Tiu R.I. Pres.: M.A.T. Caparas Theme: "Rotary Brings Hope"





RODOLFO "RUDY" SAGUN RY 1983-1984

District Gov.: Honesto "Totoy" A. Cabarruguis R.I. Pres.: William E. Skelton Theme: "Share Rotary, Serve People."





RODOLFO ROMAN "ROMY" BIGORNIA RY 1987-1988

District Gov.: Antonio "Tony" M. Garcia R.I. Pres.: Charles C. Keller Theme: "United In Service-Dedicated To Peace"





FELIPE "PEPE" CASING RY 1984-1985

District Gov.: Jose P. Lardizabal (+) R.I. Pres.: Carlos Canseco

Theme: "Discover a New World Of Service"





CHING HAI "CHING HAI" GO (+) RY 1988-1989 District Gov.: Cesar "Sar" G. Estalilia R.I. Pres.: Royce Abbey





JOSEPH "DODONG" BADUEL RY 1985-1986 District Gov.: Armin C. Cucueco R.I. Pres.: Edward F. Cadman





LAUREANO "LAU" ROGERO RY 1989-1990 District Gov.: Herminio "Hermie" A. Villano R.I. Pres.: Hugh M. Archer Theme: "Enjoy Rotary"







KENICHI "KEN" YONAHA (+) RY 1990-1991 District Gov.: Margarito "Tito" M. Redoña R.I. Pres.: Paulo V.C. Costa Theme: "Honor Rotary with Faith and



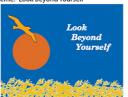


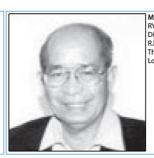
CORNELIO "SONNY" MERCADO RY 1994-1995 District Gov.: Arcadio "Dodong" C. Alegrado R.I. Pres.: Bill Huntley Theme: "Be A Friend"





EDILBERTO "EDDIE" BALLESTEROS (+) RY 1991-1992 District Gov.: Juanito N. Asencio R.I. Pres.: Rajendra K. Saboo Theme: "Look Beyond Yourself"





MELANIO "BOY" SANCHEZ RY 1995-1996 District Gov.: Revnaldo "Bov" I. Reves R.I. Pres.: Herbert G. Brown Theme: "Act with Integrity. Serve With Love, Work For Peace."





JULIO "JOJO" L. GONZALEZ RY 1992-1993 District Gov.: Xavier C. Ledesma (+) R.I. Pres.: Clifford L. Dochterman Theme: "Real Happiness Is Helping Others*





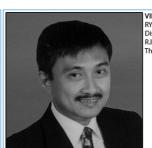
ARMANDO "ARMAN" SERAFIN RY 1996-1997 District Gov.: Vicente "Toting" N. Solis Jr. R.I. Pres.: Luis Vicente Giav Theme: "Build the Future with Action and





EMMANUEL "MANNY" CALALANG RY 1993-1994 District Gov.: Nicanor "Nic" R. Del Rosario R.I. Pres.: Robert Barth Theme: "Believe in What You Do - Do What you Believe In"





VIRGILIO "NONOY" ESPELETA RY 1997-1998 District Gov.: Jesus "Jess" C. Veneracion R.I. Pres.: Glen W. Kinross Theme: "Show Rotary Cares"



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JOSEPH MICHAEL "YUMI" ESPINA RY 1998-1999 District Gov.: Antonio "Anton" B. Florendo R.I. Pres.: James L. Lacy Theme: "Follow Your Rotary Dream"



RICHARD "DICK" G. BARBA RY 2002-2003 District Gov.: Pablo "Pabs" Ouianzon R.I. Pres.: Bhichai Rattakul Theme: "Sow the Seeds of Love"





VICTORIANO "JOJO" DEL FIERRO JR. RY 1999-2000 District Gov.: Raoul E. Hilario R.I. Pres.: Carlo Ravizza Theme: "Act With Consistency, Credibility and Continuity'





MANUEL "JUN" TORRES RY 2003-2004 District Gov.: Roberto "Bert" A. Dormendo R.I. Pres.: Jonathan B. Majivagbe Theme: "Lend A Hand"

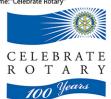




JESSE LORENZO "JESSE" SAGUN RY 2000-2001 District Gov.: Jose Ma. Luis "Toto" N. Cupin R.I. Pres.: Frank J. Devlyn



DAVE JOHN "DAVE" KARAMIHAN RY 2004-2005 District Gov.: Raymond "Ray" G. Patuasi R.I. Pres.: Glenn e. Estess Sr. Theme: "Celebrate Rotary"





MARY ANNE "ME'ANNE" A. SOLOMON RY 2001-2002 District Gov.: Ramon "Monet" A. Tirol R.I. Pres.: Richard D. Kina Theme: "Mankind is our Business"





MICHAEL "MIKE" J. VELOSO RY 2005-2006 District Gov.: Evelvn "Len" Magno R.I. Pres.: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar Theme: "Service Above Self"







MARCELO "MAR" B. INDINO RY 2006-2007 District Gov.: Fernando "Jun" Almeda Jr. R.I. Pres.: William "Bill" B. Boyd Theme: "Lead the Way"





JESSELITO "JESSE" BARING RY 2010-2011 District Gov.: Teodoro "Ted" Locson R.I. Pres.: Ray Klinginsmith Theme: "Building Communities, Bridging





WILLIAM MARTIN "TITONG" RAFOLS RY 2007-2008 District Gov.: Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina R.I. Pres.: Carlo Ravizza Theme: "Rotary Shares"





GERLADINE "DINNA" RAMOS RY 2011-2012 District Gov.: Leoncio "Nonoy" Villa-Abrille R.I. Pres.: Kalyan Banerjee Theme: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"





ROGELIO "ROLLIE" FILIPINO RY 2008-2009 District Gov.: Pablito "Billy Parilla R.I. Pres.: Dong Kurn Lee Theme: "Make Dreams Real"





CRISTINA "TINA" BACALSO RY 2012-2013 District Gov.: Peter "Perok" Rodriguez R.I. Pres.: Sakuji Tanaka Theme: "Peace Through Service"





CONRADO "RADY" M. ABARINTOS RY 2009-2010 District Gov.: Antonio "Tony" Veneracion R.I. Pres.: John Kenny Theme: "The Future of Rotary is in your hands"





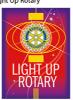
MA. CONSOLACION "SOL" PASION RY 2013-2014 District Gov.: Edgar "Ed" Choingbian R.I. Pres.: Ron Burton Theme: "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"







JOSE ALFONSO "JOAL" ABAD RY 2014-2015 District Gov.: Remegio "Boy" Salanatin R.I. Pres.: Gary C.K. Huang Theme: "Light Up Rotary





MARY CHRISTINE "TEENIE" G. TIO RY 2016-2017 District Gov.: Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Solomon R.I. Pres.: John Germ Theme: "Rotary Serving Humanity"





MARINA "MAR" E. KAUFMANN RY 2015-2016 District Gov.: Salvador "Buddy" Estudillo R.I. Pres.: Ravi Ravindran Theme: "Be a Gift to the World"



Be a gift to the world



RY 2017-2018 District Gov.: Art O. Tan R.I. Pres.: Ian H.S. Riseley Theme: "Rotary Making A Difference"

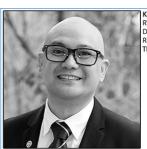




DR. ALAIN O. SENERPIDA RY 2018-2019 District Gov.: Benjamin "Bing" M. Garcia R.I. Pres.: Barry Rassin Theme: "Be The Inspiration"



BE THE INSPIRATION



KENDRICK S. SULAY RY 2019-2020 District Gov.: Philip N. Tan R.I. Pres.: Mark Daniel Maloney





EMMANUEL P. TESALONA

RY 2020-2021

District Gov.: Rodel Riezl S. Reyes

R.I. Pres.: Holger Knaack

Theme: "Rotary Opens Opportunities"





Prayer Against COVID19

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.





Rotary Info



Aminu Muhammad describes what polio immunizers take into the field

Aminu Muhammad

National coordinator for Rotary's PolioPlus program in Nigeria and member of the Rotary Club of Abuja Downtown

THE MEGAPHONE: In Nigeria, we have town criers. If someone has a baby, they announce the name. If there is a community meeting, they announce that. We engage the town criers to let people know when vaccination teams are coming to places that radio and TV don't reach.

THE VACCINES: Injectable vaccines such as those for measles and vellow fever are only given at health facilities or at temporary vaccination stations.

When we run supplementary immunization activities, the teams going door to door give children the oral polio vaccine and tell mothers where to take their children to receive these other vaccines.

THE VACCINE CARRIER: The oral polio vaccine must be kept between 35 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit. Carriers like this one are used to transport vaccines from health facilities, where they are kept in refrigerators,

to health camps or vaccination stations in remote communities. Each vaccine carrier holds four ice packs, one on each side, and you place the vaccine in the middle. When teams go house to house, they carry the vaccines in smaller bags that hold two ice packs.

THE MASK: Because of COVID-19, we carry masks and hand sanitizer. The gloves are part of our normal PPE [personal protective equipment].

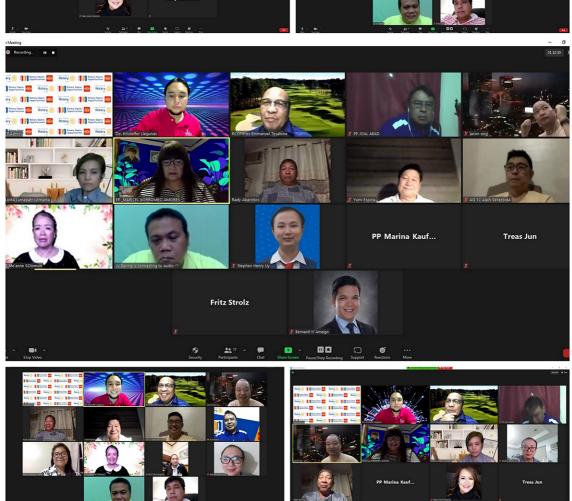


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10-12-2020 12th RCCF GMM (Virtual)









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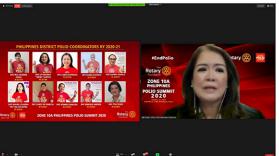


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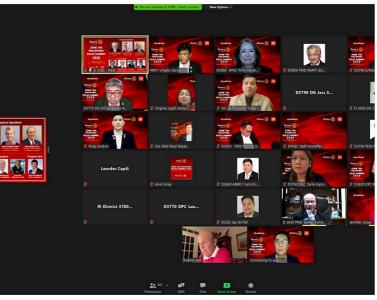






















Rotary Info

IN BRIEF

Rotarians connect at virtual convention

Rotary's first virtual convention, held 20-26 June, attracted more than 60,000 registrants and 175,000 viewers. The robust participation demonstrated Rotary members' eagerness to connect with one another amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which had forced the cancellation of the annual in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii.

During the first general session, 2019-20 RI President Mark Daniel Maloney said he was inspired by how members worldwide had stayed connected, adapted to their changing circumstances, and helped those in need during the crisis.

Maloney acknowledged that the pandemic had challenged Rotary to find new ways to adapt and grow. He pointed out that "increase our ability to adapt" is one of the goals of Rotary's Action Plan.

"We are putting that plan into action out of necessity," Maloney said. "We all have a better understanding of growing Rotary by extending our reach beyond regular meetings. Now we are experiencing in real time how important it is to create new club experiences."

At the second general session, 2020-21 RI President Holger Knaack echoed these sentiments.

"Let us seize this moment and value it for what it is: an opportunity for Rotary to build on what we've learned, to embrace this new reality, to embrace new faces, to find new and better ways to shine, and to have a continuing impact on the world," Knaack said.

A number of world leaders and representatives from partner organizations spoke about the need to help one another through the pandemic. In a video address, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said that the people of the world must work together to find solutions to the problems that are weakening our societies.

"Your [Rotary's] efforts have made a significant difference — in eradicating polio, in strengthening communities around the globe, in alleviating the suffering of



vulnerable populations, and in building a safer, healthier, and more peaceful world," Guterres said.

A panel of global health experts discussed how the polio eradication infrastructure has helped communities tackle the needs that have emerged from the COVID-19 crisis. (Read the conversation on page 44.)

Virtual breakout sessions covered topics such as engaging with members online, planning environmentally friendly events, and using digital trends to attract millennials to Rotary. Nearly 40 additional breakout sessions were held throughout July.

Despite the change in format, the convention did not lack for entertainment. Participants enjoyed performances by Australian pop-opera quartet ARIA and Hawaiian ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro.

Experience the entire virtual convention at convention.rotary.org.

IN BRIEF

The environment becomes new Rotary area of focus

In June, The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the Rotary International Board of Directors unanimously approved the addition of a new area of focus for our organization: the environment.

More than \$18 million in global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects in other areas of focus over the past five years. The creation of a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to increase the organization's impact and bring about positive change.

Mark Daniel Maloney, 2019-20 RI president, said that during his Rotary travels, he met many Rotarians and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment as an area of focus. "I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts," Maloney said.

As the global population approaches 8 billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important, said 2019-20 Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang. "It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protect our environment," he said. "We are qualified to take on this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents."

In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth Committee, which looked at opportunities for clubs and members to conduct environmental projects. "We have finally caught up to [the vision of] Costa," said 2017-18 RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues Task Force, which championed the new area of focus.

"As a lifelong environmentalist, I'm delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity," Riseley said. "This is an exciting moment in Rotary history."

The environment is Rotary's seventh area of focus and the first one to be added since the global grant model launched in 2013. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Global grant applications for projects in the new area of focus will be accepted beginning 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others are being sought to provide funding for this new area.









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