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"Rotary is not just a club that you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities" **HOLGER KNAACK**

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26th General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | March 15, 2021

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Area of Focus: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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Programme District Governor's Visit

Part 1

6:00 PM - BOD / Officers with the District Governor Riezl Reyes and Party

Presentation of Club Accomplishments......Pres.Emmanuel Tesalona

- As per Planning Guide
- As per Areas of Focus

Updates on the Club's Compliance with the:

- Rotary Citation
- District Challenge

Part 2

Call to Order

7:00 PM - District Governor Riezl Reyes & Party and RCCF Members/Rotaractors/Spouses

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Introduction of Rotarians / Spouses	

Part 3

Introduction of New Member (Herminia Spaller).....AG Alain Senerpida Charging of New Member......AG Amor Tomakin

Part 4

Introduction to the District Governor......AG Amor Tomakin

District Governor Message......District Governor Riezl Reves

Adjournment......Pres. Emmanuel Tesalona

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

"The purpose of our lives is to be happy" - Dalai Lama



Hosted by: PE Bernardino 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 our desire our prayers. And we pray also for ourselves, but first putting ourselves. body, mind, and spirit, in the healing presence of your Son, Jesus. Hear now our silent prayers, O God Amen





President's Message













The moment of truth! Tonight's meeting is the Governor's Visit. Everyone is excited and looks forward to the Governor's comments after I delivered the Club's performance report. Though I'm pretty confident about our performance, I couldn't just brass aside

anxiety. This is what we have worked for the entire Rotary year.

challenges given to us by the District and the Rotary International. In some instances, we even exceeded our goals and received early commendation from the Governor himself. The excitement however, lies on the performance of other clubs because we are being paired with the equally performing clubs in the District.

Performance wise, Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente achieved all the

Though the Governor's Visit is still hours away, we can already face the mirror and tell ourselves, we did the best we could to finish the task.

Thank you very much.









Attendance

From Secretary's Desk

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6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso			✓		
6581939	Abarintos	Conrado	√	✓	√	√	
8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan	√	√	· ✓	√	
9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	√	√	· ✓	√	
6218949	Amores	Maricel	√	•	<i>\</i>	√	
3362897	Barba	Richard	V	√	•	√	
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3516557	Karamihan	Dave John	✓	√	√	✓	
8599266	Kaufmann	Marina	•	√	√	√ ✓	
10411473	Libron	Dr. Tess Annette		-	√	-	
10234515	Llegunas	Dee Hora	✓		-	✓	
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8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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8543450	Sulay	Kendrick	✓			✓	
9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5176670	Torres	Archt. Manuel, Jr.	√	√	√	✓	
10713855	Uy	Stephen Henry	√	√	✓	√	
10410033	Yared	Patrick			√	✓	
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BIRTHDAYS

March 02 Sps. Dr. Cri Senerpida PP Jesselito Baring March 03 Pres. Kendrick Sulay March 05 PP Dinna Ramos March 21

March 24 March 24 March 31

PP Rollie Filipino PP Joal Abad PP Cornelio Mercado



S SOMEONE WHO KNOWS firsthand the great leadership potential of Rotaractors, I always look forward to World Rotaract Week, which we are celebrating from 8 to 14 March. Rotaractors are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate Rotaract by including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International. Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with Rotaract's age limits.

But we are only just embarking on our journey together. Partnering effectively doesn't happen by itself. It requires both sides to be open and to understand the value of cross-generational alliances. Louie De Real, a dual member of Rotaract and Rotary, explains.

Joint virtual meetings have helped Rotaractors introduce Rotarians to new ideas and tools, pioneering unique ways for clubs to collaborate. In the case of pandemic and disaster response, Rotaract clubs used social media to coordinate efforts, drive information, and fundraise, while Rotary clubs used their networks and resources to amplify support, provide logistics, and bring the goods and services to communities.

Rotaractors' innovative virtual engagement and professional development activities inspired Rotarians to support and follow suit. The pandemic made Rotaract clubs realize that we can immediately connect and partner with Rotary clubs through virtual platforms. With constant collaboration, we realize that Rotary and Rotaract indeed complement each other — that we are part of a single organization with shared goals.

Both sides add value, Rotarians can be mentors and service partners to Rotaractors, while Rotaractors can demonstrate to Rotarians that difficult jobs can be simplified and limitations can be surpassed through digital approaches. This synergy motivates Rotaractors to become future Rotarians: I joined Rotary because Rotarians gave me memorable membership experiences through inspirational moments of collaboration. I needed to be a Rotarian to inspire Rotaractors the same way, now and in the future.

That same synergy leads Rotarians to realize that while Rotaractors may have a different culture, we all share a common vision of uniting people to take action. Rotaract's unique ways of doing things serve as inspiration for innovation, helping Rotary increase its ability to adapt to future challenges. Rotarians and Rotaractors will build the future together, so let's start today.

I see no difference between a Rotary club and a Rotaract club, except perhaps for the average age!

Many Rotarians still view Rotaract as our youth organization, but I see it differently. For me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To be successful together, we need to have mutual respect — to see each other as equals. Let's see Rotaractors for who they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs who are capable of planning, organizing, and managing a Rotary institute including breakout sessions in five languages — as they did in Berlin in 2014.

As we take this journey together, let's remember the strengths of Rotary and Rotaract. And, as Louie says, let's get started right away in building the future together. In doing so, we open endless opportunities for our organization.

HOLGER KNAACK

President, Rotary International



Challenge and opportunity

One year ago this month, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. As I write these words, the coronavirus continues to wreak havoc: taking lives, choking economies, and changing our societies in myriad ways. It has disproportionately hurt the poor and worsened inequalities.

Even as some countries have done better than others in controlling this deadly disease, the rapid development of vaccines is bringing us closer to the end of our strange new reality of social isolation.

This dark chapter in our history is also an opportunity for Rotary, because it reminds us of the impact we can have through The Rotary Foundation if we commit to helping others and live up to our highest ideals. It reminds us of the truly international spirit that we must embody to recover from this moment.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed compassion and sacrifice, friendship and resilient good humor. I am reminded of that famous insight popularized by John F. Kennedy: "When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters: One represents danger, and one represents opportunity."

Working together, we have done so much to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, to care for our communities, and to seize the opportunity to be a part of perhaps the most complex task ever undertaken in history - vaccinating 7 billion people.

This does not mean we will deviate in

any way from our avowed commitment to eradicating polio, which remains our highest priority and will continue to be our only corporate program.

On the contrary, while continuing polio vaccinations and surveillance, we can apply all our experience in fighting polio to counter COVID-19. We all have a part to play in combating the growing force of vaccine resistance and misinformation. Our advocacy in our communities will be critical - we need to spread the message about the power of vaccines to save lives. We need to work closely with governments and support them in the vaccination drive. We need to add to the more than 3,000 projects already registered on Rotary Showcase to raise awareness, deliver critical personal protective equipment, and support frontline health workers.

As Aristotle said, human beings are social animals, and while COVID-19 has cruelly deprived us of our natural or habitual environment, it does not prevent us from finding connections and helping others in new ways. As you will see in the coming months, Rotary members are already finding the means to channel their humanitarian spirit through the Foundation, which is constantly adapting to address the world's challenges. Every Rotarian has a role in this effort, and you will find that however you choose to help others and make lasting change, you are not alone.

K R RAVINDRAN

Foundation trustee chair

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Monthly Hosting

August	September		
Membership & New Club Development	Basic Education & Literacy		
Dave John Karamihan	Maria Celina Amores		
Geraldine Ramos	Emman Reyan 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		
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Maternal & Child Health	Youth Service		
Bernadino Amago IV	Pouly Jang		
Jose Marie Ponce	Manuel Torres Jr		
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Rotary Fellowship			
Emmanuel Calalang			
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DG Riezl Reyes

Introduction of District Governor

RODEL RIEZL S. REYES believes that the opportunity to lead the District is an honor and a privilege to give back to Rotary what he has achieved in his 22 years of dedicated and committed service in doing good with the community.

A third generation Rotarian, he was destined to serve the District drawing inspiration from his father, the late Roberto C. Reyes, past president of the Rotary Club of South Davao. His journey as a Rotarian began when he was inducted as member of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Davao in September 1998, with his friends in the same line of business. In August 2001, he joined the Rotary Club of East Davao and ascended the club leadership ladder to become its 41st President in RY 2005-06. Throughout his 16 years in Rotary, he displayed admirable leadership skills that paved the way for him to be appointed various key positions within and beyond the club level having served as conference and training chair, resource speaker and district officer that enriched his knowledge in Rotary and honed him to lead us in this coming Rotary year.

He then continued to serve Rotary beyond the club level as twice Assistant Governor in RY 2006-2008. A Senior Assistant Governor for Operations in RY 2012 -13 and for Administration in RY 2014 -15. He also handled various district committees such as membership chair, Annual Programs and Polio Fund Chair, World Community Service



(WCS) district officer and the Group Study Exchange Chair.

For District 3860 to thrive. DGE Riz believes that Rotarians must face current and future challenges opportunities with "passion. enthusiasm. perseverance, and above all, commitment."

His top priority is to increase membership, which he believes as the bedrock of Rotary. The campaign on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation, the lifeblood of Rotary. He is also looking at the opportunity to attract and entice former Rotarians back into the folds of Rotary service.

A TRF Major Donor and Paul Harris Society member, he will continue to work on increasing members' contribution to The Rotary Foundation and ensure that all the 98 clubs contribute to the Annual



DG Riezl Reyes

Programs Fund and Polio fund.

He envisions District 3860 boldly and creatively engaging the community to proactively participate in END POLIO NOW campaign.

His passion for everything and anything in Rotary that spanned for 22 years of his life earned him several recognitions from his club as twice Rotarian of the Year: consistent Presidential Leadership awardee; and has maintained his perfect attendance for the past 20 years.

He is also a recipient of several Rotary International recognitions such as the Four Avenues of Service award, TRF Distinguished Service Award and the TRF Meritorious Service Award.

He is also involved in various charitable organization and socio-civic organization like the Maharlika Charity Foundation as VP- Operations, Smile Train Philippines as Davao City coordinator, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason as DDGM in 2008, and a Past Grand Master of the Supreme Council Order of DeMolay.

Professionally, he joined SGV & Company based in Makati right after his graduation in 1983. In the same year, he passed the Certified Public Accountancy Board Examination. He is a proud graduate of San Beda College. In 1986 he was engaged by San Miguel Corporation Audit and Finance group. In 1990, a call for family duty brought him back to Davao to take care of the family business.

He is happily married to Anne Marie C. Lopez, a daughter of former Davao City Mayor Elias B. Lopez. Blessed with an only son Roberto Elias who is currently working in Manila.

He believes that District 3860 will adapt to a rapidly changing world by embracing innovation within the guidelines of our tradition and values. By aggressively embracing new technologies, social media and new opportunities, individual and businesses will see that Rotary helps promote a good civic and public image while adding credibility. As Rotarians we are still Blessed to take on leadership at this wonderful but very

challenging moment of our organization. Let us together embrace the new year as Rotary Opens Opportunities.





THIS IS OUR ACTION PLAN.

WE'RE
EXPANDING
OUR
OUR
REACH



Welcoming all kinds of leaders.

People of Action are from every background and in every community. But even though Rotary is made for leaders at the forefront of change, only 35 percent of those we surveyed* see Rotary as an organization for people like them. And that's not good enough.

We must commit to becoming a more welcoming place for people to connect, grow, and lead change. Let's seek out new partnerships and collaborations with organizations that are committed to getting things done in the community and around the world. Let's demonstrate the value we provide—and help new people find their way into Rotary.

What we will do.

Develop participant models that appeal to diverse audiences

Create flexible engagement models

Support Rotary Fellowships to strengthen our ties around the world

Update our social media presence and outreach resources

What your club can do.

SHARE

YOUR PEOPLE OF ACTION STORIES (VISIT BRAND CENTER AT MY ROTARY)

ENCOURAGE

INNOVATIVE CLUBS AND FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

REACH OUT

TO NEW GROUPS FOR PARTICIPANTS OR PARTNERSHIPS

UPDATE

YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

*2015 general public global survey

Want to know more?

Read the full Action Plan at rotary.org/actionplan







FOR THE RECORD

Livin dreams

President-elect Shekhar Mehta isn't afraid to make big plans. With a little teamwork, he has a way of making them reality

photography by SEPHI BERGERSON

THROUGHOUT AN HOURLONG INTERVIEW with Rotary magazine, Shekhar Mehta mentions dreaming no fewer than a dozen times. Dreams about repairing broken hearts. About eradicating polio from the world. About reaching a 95 percent literacy rate by 2026 in India, a country where 1 in 4 people can't read.

"Dreams have to be big enough for people to be motivated to achieve them," he says. "Gandhi once said that if you find the goal, the means will come. That's how it's been my whole Rotary life."

Mehta grew up in a home committed to service; both of his parents were members of Lions Clubs International. Having learned from an early age about the good that service organizations can do, when his friend Chittaranjan Choudhury asked him to become a Rotary member, Mehta readily agreed. Though only 25 years old at the time, he was quickly tapped to take on additional roles within Rotary - his motto being that if somebody asked, he would say yes. Mehta, who values the contributions of a team, would then enlist others to help.

That exemplifies his ability not only to dream big, but to get things done. "I either have done it or have a plan for it; otherwise I won't ask others to do it," he says. He is a director of the India arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a former trustee of ShelterBox (he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami), and the architect of a literacy program that has reached thousands of schools. Yet he didn't mention any of that during this interview, and when talking about accomplishments, he always says "we," rather than "I."

His theme, Serve to Change Lives, flows naturally from, and informs, everything

With his wife, Rashi, seated next to him, Shekhar Mehta spoke with Rotary editor in chief John Rezek and senior staff writer Diana Schoberg in November from the Mehtas' home in Kolkata, where Shekhar is a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar. Although the discussion took place over Zoom and the participants were separated by 8,000 miles, Mehta's message and enthusiasm were as stirring and immediate as if everyone were together in the presidentelect's office at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston. By the end, everyone was thinking about how big and daring our dreams can be.

When did you realize that you could accomplish something significant in Rotary as a member?

I had a baptism by fire. I was 25 when I got admitted to my club, after a friend asked me if I'd like to join. The first month I was asked to create a souvenir publication to raise funds through the sales of advertisements. I had no clue how to do this. But I was asked, and I said OK, Many people offered to help me, and suddenly it became very successful. We raised a lot of money and everybody said, "Wow, Shekhar, well done!" Three months later, I was asked to become the editor of the club bulletin. I loved that job! If ever I were asked to do another thing at the club level, that's the job I'd love to do. You become the nerve center; every piece of information passes through you. You know what's happening around the club, which was one of the reasons I got so involved.

Shortly after, we organized an artificial limb camp, where we would fit limbs for people who did not have legs and give them hand-crank tricycles. Everybody was given a job. I was given the responsibility to determine whether the recipient had enough hand or arm strength to pedal one. So I'd have the person grab my hands and I would pull.

I saw the first person coming, but he wasn't walking, he was crawling. And as he stretched out his hand, and I stretched mine to pull his, I shuddered. I didn't want to touch his hands; they were very soiled. The fourth person was a leper, but I had no option: I had to hold every hand. But by the seventh or eighth hand, I had forgotten about my reservations and I was thinking about their plight. I think that's when I became a Rotarian: I started feeling how others felt.

Did you seek higher levels of responsibility in Rotary or did higher levels of responsibility seek vou?

I never sought anything in Rotary and I never said no to anything. This is what I keep telling everyone: A Rotarian is a volunteer, and being a volunteer means yes, I want to do something. What kind of volunteer are you if you say no?

What was your reaction when you found out you were going to become president of Rotary?

The immediate reaction? It felt nice. I didn't jump with excitement or anything like that. Whenever responsibilities come to me, I think of them as a greater opportunity for service.

I'll give you an example. When I was nominated to be a Rotary director, I was invited to a huge felicitation program. These are very common in India. People come and say nice things about you, and I felt such embarrassment. I thought I needed to do extraordinary things to justify the adulation. So, that night, I wrote down what I hoped to achieve in the next two years. I was coming from a world where there are too many needs and there is a lot of opportunity to do the work. And so I sat down until 4 in the morning thinking of, say, opening 50 eye hospitals in India, of doing 5,000 heart surgeries for children. One of the former presidents of India, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, used to say that dreams are not what you see when you sleep, but dreams are those things that do not let you sleep. That day his thoughts resonated with me so vividly.

People laughed when they heard what I was planning to achieve. But when you're trying to do something extraordinary, they may laugh at you, but you'll have the last laugh. I am happy to tell you, many of these dreams got fulfilled.

Are we going to see an exponential series of dreams during your time as Rotary president?

Absolutely. If that doesn't happen, in my heart, I'm not a worthy president. But I also understand that when I was a Rotary director, my focus was on India. When I'm the president of Rotary, my focus has to be on the world, and Rotary is not the same around the world.

We're an organization that is 116 years old, which is present in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, and has 1.2 million leaders — not just Rotarians, leaders - and the legacy of nearly eradicating a disease. We have to do projects that have an impact on the national level. I come from one of the largest countries in the world, and Rotary's work today is absolutely having an impact on the national level. It can have a national impact in Nepal, I'm aware of it. It can happen in Bangladesh, in Pakistan. And polio eradication is something we have done on the world level, with polio now endemic in only two countries.

Rotary in India had the idea to present grade school education on TV, one channel for each grade — so grade 3, channel 3; grade 9, channel 9. The telecast is the same curriculum that the child would get in school, and at the end of each lesson there's a message that this was made possible by Rotary. This is presented to 100 million children every day; 100 million children get to hear the name of Rotary and get to know Rotary as an organization that does good in the world.

Our plan was to do this in 51/2 years. But COVID-19 provided an opportunity, the government was interested in supporting this, and what was supposed to take 5½ years, we did in 5½ weeks.

So when I say we can have an impact on the national level, I know we can, Rotary has the power to do it.

What are the characteristics of Rotary in India, and which of those characteristics do you think other areas of the Rotary world should adopt?

Think first from the heart, not from the mind. Imagine the people who thought we would eradicate polio, and if they had used only their minds, we'd never be able to do it. It was a crazy dream. Have you ever planned anything that would take decades? Yet we have the courage to dream of such a thing.

We need to have the courage to take up these projects and be ready to take the risk. I am not worried about failures at all. I would rather have 10 dreams and succeed in only six of them than be a person who only has two dreams and succeeds at them both. This is not a percentage game; this is about doing good in the world. Dream big.

What do you want to accomplish in your year?

I have two broad goals. One, that our membership needs to reach 1.3 million. It's been 1.2 million for 20 years. This needs to change, and it's not too difficult to change it: Each member brings in just one new member. Every one of us will do that job. And yes, I will get one as well.

I'm very passionate about service. Our organization is doing good in the world by serving people. For the coming year, the focus will be on empowering girls. We are committed to educating all children, but the focus will be a little more on girls. We will concentrate on providing toilets and all other hygiene facilities. We need to understand that girls are more vulnerable — to trafficking, especially sexual trafficking — and it is crucial that we protect them.





Is a year too short a time for the **Rotary presidency?**

I don't think the president makes a lot of change to the organization, and I don't think the president should. And, if you look at the past 10 years, it's very difficult to say this thing happened during that year. I'm very happy you're not able to say that, because that shows that it's not about the president; it's about the organization. A president can do well to inspire the 1.2 million members to grow more and

Is the Rotary presidency the best job in Rotary?

The presidency at the club level is the best job vou can have in Rotary. You do far more at far greater speed as club president than you do as RI president. You get to have the pleasure of doing hands-on work.

Did you come up with your theme by yourself?

No. With me it's always about teamwork. I love to take everybody's views. There were about 10 of us in the room. It truly reflects my philosophy in Rotary. I wanted it to be service, but people said it should be a call to action. So service became serve. And when you do that, you change lives for the good. So the theme is: Serve to Change Lives.

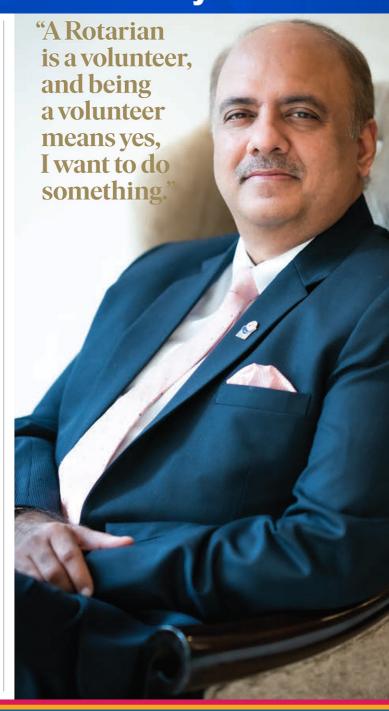
What do you think will be the greatest challenge?

The only challenge, if any, will be the pandemic, because it may hamper my meeting people. I love the virtual world, because it has great advantages. But Rotary is a people's organization. People have to meet people. The impact I can have with an in-person meeting is much greater than when I'm just taping a message. So let us overcome COVID and meet each other as soon as possible.

Do you acknowledge that there are hopeless situations?

No, never. Nothing could be more hopeless than this pandemic, but we still find a way. I'll give you an example. My club has 90 members, but during the pandemic we had 2,400 people at a recent regular weekly meeting. Without the pandemic, we would not have been able to do it. So, hopeless situation? No, we find opportunities there.

Watch Shekhar Mehta's speech at the International Assembly at rotary.org/ia2021.





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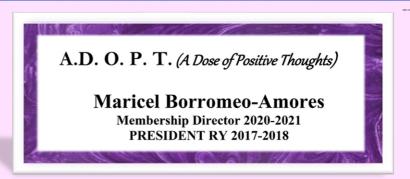






A Dose of Positive Thoughts





here are circumstances in life that, while it was ostensibly best to be collaborative, there was no mistaking that, in the final analysis the decision solely depended on you alone. These are the times when your non-negotiable principles forbade you to kowtow with the rest. It is sometimes a pained sojourn when the vast majority are on the other side of the fence leaving you to be the unconventional rebel holding the fort on the opposite side.

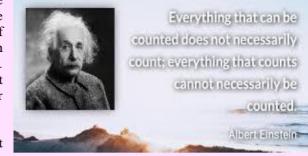
A few unkind souls will sometimes treat you with derision and indomitably pursue that the stand you are taking is simply farcical. It is a rare breed when a person stands firm on an unpopular decision while the general tendency is to gyrate towards the effort to gain more influence. The truth is, do not despair; in time, the benediction of a validation will be a welcome relief in some distant future

One should be emboldened by the mere fact that, one's spontaneous spirit in standing true to any stand or decision, is simply being true to one's self. Any recrimination couldn't nullify the principle you hold dear and precious.

However, when you stand witness to what is happening in this world nowadays; family and friends you lose to the afterlife or simply do not want to spare their precious time with you, nonsensical arguments and endless debates on the pandemic and vaccine... make you realize that peace can be

achieved by choosing what is far more important to you, which is to avoid the vexations of the spirit. Thus, instead of mulling over with disdain certain things then avoid the chaos by not joining in the fray. Afterall, does it really matter if you are right over something that really does not matter much to you?

Follow the advice of the genius, Albert Einstein





March Events



RAISE A GLASS

Event:

Rondy Beer Fest

Host:

Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska

What it benefits:

Priceless, a local organization fighting human trafficking

What it is:

Fur Rendezvous — known locally as Fur Rondy — is an annual festival that salutes the pioneering spirit of Alaskans. As part of the fest, the Anchorage East club hosts this celebration of beer. Attendees can enjoy 18 sample pours of local Alaskan brews, pizza donated by local restaurants, and live music.



LUCK O' THE IRISH

Event:

Lucky Leprechaun Races

County (Urbana), Maryland

What it benefits:

Rotary Club of Southern Frederick

YMCA of Frederick County

What it is:

A longtime sponsor of the Lucky Leprechaun Race series organized by the local YMCA, the Rotary Club of Southern Frederick County provides financial support and volunteer power for the festive 5K and 10K runs and 1-mile walk. Dressing like a leprechaun (or simply in green) is encouraged, and prizes are awarded for costumes as well as for race finishers. Should COVID-19 restrictions be an issue, the club is considering options for a virtual race.





Event:

Aussie Peace Walk

Hosts:

Rotary clubs in the Canberra area, Australia

What it benefits:

Maternal and child health initiatives

What it is:

Fitness and outdoor enthusiasts gather for a bit of rambling. You can walk for just one day, but to earn a finisher's medal, participants must complete walks on both the 27th and the 28th. Volunteers run the checkpoints, serving food, drinks, and entertainment on each of seven courses. Activities begin on the 26th with opening ceremonies.





RUN ON THE SAND

Event:

Run the Beach

Host:

Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida

What it benefits:

Local charities

What it is:

This annual chip-timed 5K run/walk takes place on the beach, making for a scenic race opportunity for runners of all levels and ages. First-through thirdplace medals for various age groups are awarded. Should COVID-19 restrictions be an issue, the club is considering options for a virtual race.



SPRING FOR ART

Event:

Spring Fine Arts Festival

Rotary Club of Englewood, Florida

What it benefits:

Englewood Youth Foundation

What it is:

This juried art show features original works by more than 115 artists from all over the United States and Canada. Expect to find a variety of media including sculpture, painting, jewelry, ceramics, and photography. Admission is free; donations fund the club's youth charity.







Prayer Against COVID19

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

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death. restore our hope, and strengthen our faith. We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. We thank you for the vaccines developed made possible by your guiding hands. Bless our efforts to use these vaccines to end the pandemic in our country. We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. strength in their commitment, protection from the disease. We pray for those afflicted.

May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died. Give us the grace in these trying times

to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other

see us through this crisis

and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these 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.

We fly to Your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our petition in our necessities,

but deliver us always from all dangers,

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

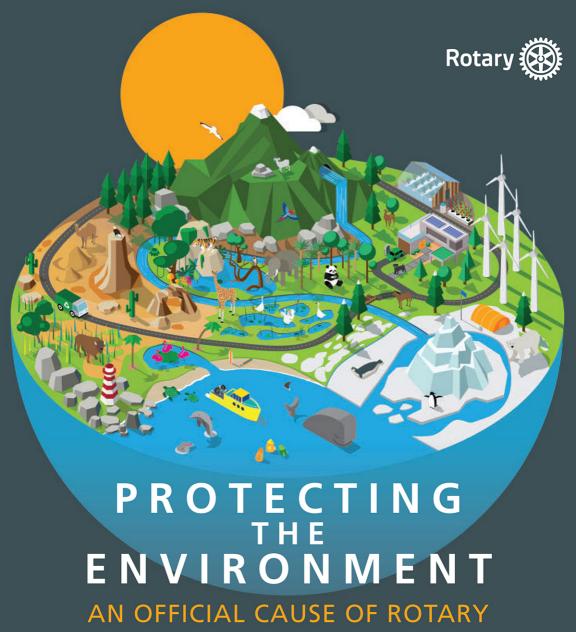
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

San Roque, pray for us.

San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us

San Pedro Calungsod, pray for us.





Rotary's new cause focuses on comprehensively solving specific issues that have a detrimental effect on the environment. As people of action, let's take on projects that can make a positive, measurable, and sustainable impact on the one place we all call home.

Learn more about Rotary's new cause at rotary.org/environment





FOUR QUESTIONS

Gravitational pull

Satellite clubs can help draw in new members

Almost 30 people showed up when Tracey Antee, 2019-20 president of the Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise, Louisiana, organized a meeting to tell people about a new satellite club. Before long, 21 of them had joined the Rotary Satellite Club of Opelousas Sunrise - Sunrise After Dark, and within three months of the club's charter, the new group had started its own service projects, supporting donation drives to set up a diaper bank for children in foster care and launching an anti-bullying campaign. "We were excited to add their diversity to our membership," Antee says. "Sunrise After Dark members range from 23 to 55 years old. Their inclusion has made our collective membership more even in just about every demographic."

Rotary introduced the concept of the satellite club in 2013 as an option for a transitional phase in the process of creating a new, independent Rotary club, though satellite clubs no longer need to strive to become independent and can remain connected to their sponsor clubs for as long as they choose. Antee shared her club's experiences and the benefits to having another club in your club's orbit.

What is a satellite club, and how does it differ from a traditional Rotary club?

Satellite clubs provide an option for holding meetings at different times and locations from those held by the sponsor club. This makes it easier for people who have wanted to join Rotary but were not able to because of other commitments. Satellite clubs also give community members and Rotarians the chance to make a positive difference in a club environment that often differs from their local Rotary club. Satellite clubs have their own meetings, bylaws, and boards but operate under the guidance of a sponsor club. Their members are considered members of the sponsor club.

"Our satellite club gave younger professionals in the community the ability to join Rotary by accommodating their needs."

What is the process for establishing a satellite club?

The sponsor club has to inform the district and submit an application, along with a list of at least eight members, to its Club and District Support representative. There is a wonderful step-by-step guide on the Rotary website, along with a helpful set of FAQs, at rotary.org/start-club. We also received a lot of support from the leaders in our district. Satellite clubs are designed to eventually develop into full Rotary clubs, but there is no limit on how long a satellite club can exist.

What are the advantages of establishing a satellite club?

Satellite clubs can go a long way toward increasing overall membership of the sponsor club. In our case, it gave vounger professionals in the community the ability to join Rotary by accommodating their needs for meeting times. The power of simply asking someone to join is often overlooked. After reaching 20 members, a satellite club can elect to charter as its own separate Rotary club. The Sunrise After Dark club has more than 20 members but has opted to remain a satellite club for now.

How did you find members for the Sunrise After Dark satellite? Establishing the satellite club was a simple process. We recruited members by approaching young professionals in our area and asking them to attend an informational meeting - and to invite their colleagues and peers as well. People are more likely to say yes to someone they know than to a stranger. The attendees were surprised when we told them about the work the Opelousas Sunrise club has done over the decades. Using the People of Action materials available at the Rotary Brand Center (brandcenter.rotary.org), we showed the prospective members how they could take action by joining the club, which made the difference for many of them. We recognized that people were looking for volunteer activities in their community but didn't know how to get involved; Sunrise After Dark provided that opportunity. — PAUL ENGLEMAN

Forming a satellite club isn't the only way to accommodate differing needs. Visit rotary.org/document/club-types to learn more about other club models.

Illustration by Viktor Miller Gausa







100% PAUL HARRIS CLUB in Rotary International District 3860 for RY 2016-2017





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Rotaract Corner

ROTARACT STATISTICS

as of February 28, 2021

WORLDWIDE

COMMUNITY 7.862 BASED CLUBS

COMMUNITY 115,076 BASED ROTARACTORS

UNIVERSITY BASED CLUBS

UNIVERSITY 102,597 BASED ROTARACTORS

ROTARACT 11.380 CHURS

3,518

RATE (IN %)

RATE (IN %)

217.673 ROTARACTORS

Rotaract (B)

ROTARACT STATISTICS

as of February 28, 2021

PHILIPPINES

COMMUNITY BASED CLUBS

COMMUNITY 8,167 BASED **ROTARACTORS**

UNIVERSITY BASED CLUBS

UNIVERSITY 5,548 BASED ROTARACTORS

ROTARACT CLUBS

13.715 ROTARACTORS

> 9.85 **GROWTH** RATE (IN %)

from June 2020 Rotaract (18)

PHILIPPINE ROTARACT STATISTICS

PER DISTRICT as of February 28, 2021

696

RATE (IN %)

AS	OF FEBRUARY	7 28, 2021	FROM JUNI	30, 2020
DISTRICT	CLUBS	MEMBERS	CLUB Growth	MEMBERS GROWTH
3770	36	358	16.13%	7.51%
3780	60	1,023	15.38%	34.96%
3790	83	1,329	15.28%	0.76%
3800	85	1,602	11.84%	16.17%
3810	91	3,055	0%	3.14%
3820	111	2,407	12.12%	10.06%
3830	86	1,147	3.61%	4.46%
3850	42	880	10.53%	28.65%
3860	73	1,438	7.35%	7.55%
3870	29	476	11.54%	11.21%



9.85%

9.43%

ROTARACT GOALS SET BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

per October 2019 Board Decision

NOTARACTORS BY 2022 INCREASE IN NUMBER OF REPORTED

20% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF REPORTED THAT JOIN ROTARY CLUBS BY 2022 **INCREASE IN NUMBER OF REPORTED ROTARACTORS**

REPORTED ROTARACTORS BY 2029

REPORT YOUR EXISTING AND NEW MEMBERS IN MY ROTARY. VISIT BIT.LY/UPDATINGMYROTARY FOR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Rotaract (18)

TOTAL





Invite someone to become a



Join Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente









Spread the Word!



On the Spotlight



Turn-over of PPE's to Cebu City Medical Center

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