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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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31st General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | May 10, 2021

Area of Focus: Youth Service Month

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Programme

Part 1

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 / Spouses.....	PN Pouly Jang
Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest	

PART 2

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....	Rtn. Sydrick Deiparine
Guest Speakers.....	RACCF CB Raymund Kapalac
Topic: Club Project / Achievements Presentation	RACCF USC Gerald Nitz Ponce RACCF UV Maria Leah Maraviles
Open Forum	

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

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late." – Benjamin Franklin



Hosted by:
PP Jun Torres

INVOCATION

Our Father, we thank you for the opportunities you have wrapped up with this day. Give us grace to worthily receive your gift. We pray that the food we have enjoyed together may strengthen us for the work of this day.

Strengthen us also with strength of purpose and strength of character, that we may fully serve you through all our relationships with others, in our homes, at our places of work and business, and in our communities. Amen.



President's Message



Welcome to the month of flowers, also the Rotary's calendar month of youth service. What a coincidence, isn't youth always associated with fresh flowers? With that, our first meeting for the month of May was dedicated to our Rotaract clubs: Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente- Community Based, Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente-University of San Carlos Chapter and Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente-University of Visayas Chapter.

During the meeting, the presidents of the three Rotaract Clubs presented their projects and accomplishments, and all of them delivered commendable undertakings. For me, they are all winners. However, one project that caught the attention of many Rotarians and the Rotary award-winning body for its relevance, sustainability, and impact, was the Help.Net project of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente-Community Based. The project addressed the mental issues felt by a lot of people during quarantine period.

Congratulations RCCF Rotaractors!



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



POULY JANG
Secretary,
RY 2020 - 2021

From Secretary's Desk

Attendance

ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	28th 03/29	29th 04/12	30th 04/19	31st 05/10	Perfect Attendance
6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso	✓	✓			
6581939	Abarintos	Conrado	✓	✓	✓		
8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan	✓	✓	✓		
9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	✓	✓	✓		
6218949	Amores	Maricel	✓	✓	✓		
3362897	Barba	Richard			✓		
6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito	✓	✓			
1166426	Calalang	Emmanuel					
8915638	Canama	Don Jade					
10954392	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	✓				
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					
11103868	Spaller	Herminia	✓	✓			
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 ATTENDEES IN ZOOM			35	42	21		

Birthdays

May 02 PP Titong Rafols
May 04 PP Rady Abarintos
May 07 Sps. Noel San Pedro

May 08 PDG Yumi Espina
May 30 PN Pouly Jang





FOR YEARS, SUSANNE AND I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary's exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated.

Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

For those who are not able to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary offers other opportunities. New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary program that deserves wider recognition: It is an excellent opportunity for young people ages 18 to 30 to participate in community service as individuals or in a group and to gain internship experience. Simukai Matshalaga, a Rotaractor from Zimbabwe, stayed with us in Ratzeburg during her NGSE experience three years ago.

When I applied for the New Generations Service Exchange program, I did not realize that I was signing up for a life-changing experience. This program gave me that opportunity and much more. It taught me about the importance of failing fast, learning quicker, and being myself.

Some of my greatest experiences happened at the dinner table. The warmth and kindness of every home I lived in still resonate with me today. It took me weeks to understand how a stranger could care for me as deeply as these

members of the Rotary family did. I am inspired by the lessons of humility I learned from all the amazing people I met. I came to understand a new culture and realized that the only things that separate us as people are our experiences and, at times, our false assumptions.

Professionally, it gave me confidence in my own abilities as an engineer. Seeing how other organizations handled problems made me aware that the best person to solve the challenges in my country was me. Returning home from northern Germany, I declined a promotion, quit my job, and began building a family business — a decision that previously I would have never made, out of fear.

I am indebted to the Rotary family. I am not sure whether the friends, mentors, and families I left behind knew that they changed my life permanently. I hope they now do.

New Generations Service Exchange changed Simukai's life. It can change yours, too. All Rotary members can experience something similar at any time: I encourage everyone to take a virtual journey this month and visit meetings of other clubs online. You will see how different Rotary is around the world as you meet great people and make new friends.

Let us build upon these connections forged online — and later, when the time is right, enjoy in-person exchanges through Rotary Friendship Exchange, another excellent program for Rotary members of all ages.

Our ability to meet in person is limited now, but we know that *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, always. Now is the time to get ready, so that when the pandemic is behind us, Rotary's exchange programs will come back stronger than before, serving a world that is yearning to reconnect.

HOLGER KNAACK

President, Rotary International



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Rotary members are writing the future

In the classic film *Lawrence of Arabia*, Peter O'Toole plays T.E. Lawrence, the British scholar, military officer, and author who helped Arab tribes in their struggle for independence against the Ottoman Empire.

Lawrence leads a group of Bedouin warriors through the desert for a surprise attack on the Ottoman port of Aqaba. As they reach the end of the desert, they discover that a soldier, Gasim, has fallen off his camel during the night. But it is morning, and the tribesmen, led by Sherif Ali, played in the movie by Omar Sharif, advise Lawrence that going back to find him would be futile, that Gasim would already be dead given the sandstorms and the scorching heat. "Gasim's time has come; it is written," one of the soldiers tells Lawrence.

But Lawrence does go back and finds Gasim near death, staggering in the dunes. When they return to camp, Ali offers Lawrence water. Before taking a drink, Lawrence looks at him and says: "Nothing is written."

This unforgettable scene means more than just a quotable movie line; it represents a way of looking at the world. It is a challenge to fatalism — that we must accept a certain outcome because of the way it has always been. No, Lawrence says, history is not written, yet.

So it is with The Rotary Foundation. We have not yet emerged from the sand-

storm of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fallout from it. We are still occupied by work to raise awareness, deliver critical personal protective equipment, and provide support for frontline workers.

We do not know the day when, standing beside our polio eradication partners, we will announce that for the second time in history, a disease has been eradicated. We do know that, because we have worked steadfastly for years, the end of that story will be written soon.

And thanks to a \$15.5 million contribution from the Otto & Fran Walter Foundation, we are also adding a new chapter in the story of our expansion of the Rotary Peace Centers: Plans are underway to launch a new peace certificate center in the Middle East or North Africa.

Rotary is engaged in so many noble efforts; it is an ongoing story that inspires me even more than *Lawrence of Arabia*. We do not yet know the name of the baby whose life will be saved because of a maternal and child health grant from Rotary, or the name of the girl who will learn to read with our support. When will those grants start, and will your district — or you — be directly involved?

Nothing is written. We write it.

K.R. RAVINDRAN

Foundation trustee chair

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Membership & New Club Development	Basic Education & Literacy
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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	
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TRANSFORM PILIPINAS



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Community Based



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TRANSFORM PILIPINAS



MARIA LEAH MARAVILES

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**Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente
University of the Visayas Chapter**





8th

TAKE IT TO THE HOLE

Event:
Golf Classic

Host:
Rotary Club of Kyrene, Arizona

What it benefits:
Local charities Save the Family and Feeding Students USA

What it is:
Hosted at the par 71 Arizona Grand course, this event includes lunch as well as opportunities to win raffle prizes. There are fun competitions, including a hole-in-one contest that can net a \$25,000 prize.



15th

START YOUR ENGINES

Event:
Bow Car Show

Host:
Rotary Club of Bow, New Hampshire

What it benefits:
Local charities

What it is:
See all types of automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles from the early 1900s to the present. A People's Choice award will be given, along with Best in Show and 16 additional prizes.

22nd

MAKE CHANGE

Event:
Quarter Mile

Hosts:
Rotary Club of Bangor, Rotary Club of Bangor Breakfast, and Rotary Club of Old Town, Maine

What it benefits:
End Polio Now

What it is:
A "quarter mile" might sound like a short race, but this event involves laying down quarters for a full mile: The result is 66,555 quarters, totaling \$16,638.75, lined up on the ground. With the 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the amount raised increases to nearly \$50,000.

8th to

9th

HAVE A LITTLE ART

Event:
Kingman Festival of the Arts

Host:
Rotary Club of Kingman Route 66, Arizona

What it benefits:
Local and international projects

What it is:
A Mother's Day weekend tradition, this festival features arts and crafts, music, dance and theater performances, and food, as well as children's art activities. Celebrate the moms in your life — and buy them a nice gift — at this party.



29th

SIP AND SEE

Event:
Art, Wine & Wheels

Host:
Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite, California

What it benefits:
Local projects

What it is:
There is something for everyone at this annual day of culture and beauty. Appreciate art? Admire and buy works from more than 40 artists. Love wine? Taste delicious wines from a variety of local vineyards. Fancy yourself a car person? Check out the antique autos.



KEY MOVES FOR LEADERS

BE CREDIBLE

"We don't follow people for very long if we don't believe they're credible," says Barry Z. Posner, co-author of *The Leadership Challenge*. That means being dependable. "When you tell me you're going to show up at the barbecue fundraiser at 1 o'clock, I can count on that. If I can't count on that, I can't depend on you."

FIND A MENTOR

"Every new Rotarian should have a mentor," says Michel Jazzar, a past governor of District 2452. He had the good fortune, he says, of having Past Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe as his mentor.

BE A MENTOR

Keep that loop of constructive energy thrumming by encouraging the next generation of leaders.

HANDBOOK

Brush up on your leadership skills

Stand out by being a follower – of advice from our experts

Yvonne Kumoji-Darko, like many people, was afraid of speaking in public, and she worried that it was holding her back in her club. "If I didn't overcome my nervousness, I would be stuck at the back of the room, not enjoying Rotary as I would have loved to," she says.

Kumoji-Darko, who is now governor of District 9102 (Benin, Ghana, Niger, and Togo), read online materials on public speaking and leadership, and found they mostly repeated the same basic ideas. Far more productive, she says, has been the mentorship of a past district governor, Adotei Brown. "Past Rotary leaders have an immense wealth of knowledge," Kumoji-Darko says.

Rotary's partnership with Toastmasters International is another way the organization is helping enhance members' leadership and communication skills.

Kumoji-Darko is a believer in the transformative power of Rotary programs to develop leadership skills. "My *voilà* moment was delivering a Power-Point talk without looking at the screen," she says. In late January, a club focused specifically on public speaking, the Rotary Club of Accra-SpeakMasters, was chartered in her district.

— BRAD WEBBER



DELEGATE

"Utilize the talents and backgrounds of members when forming a committee. Usually the unofficial leader is the one with some experience in the program or project," says Knut Johnsen, a past governor of District 7210 in New York.

PICK YOUR TEAM

Include both new and more experienced members. Embracing diversity fosters new ideas and approaches to conducting business. Let go of assumptions (and, in some cases, unfair reputations) about fellow club members.

SHARE POWER

"Autocratic leaders struggle in the Rotary environment because members can choose to exit the club at will or abscond from club duties," says Lynda Nabayiinda Were, a Toastmaster and the president-elect of the Rotary Club of Kampala Maisha in Uganda.



BE WILLING TO LEARN

“Leadership requires that the leader is open to going out of their comfort zone,” says Louie Boy de Real, chair of the Pilipinas Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization in the Philippines.

BE THAT VOLUNTEER

Chairing a club committee can make all the difference — for your club and for yourself as your confidence builds.

PRACTICE PUBLIC SPEAKING

“If I could have given advice to my younger self, I would have told myself to join Toastmasters early in my career,” says David Jones, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington/Grandview (TriVillage) in Columbus, Ohio.

CREATE A POSITIVE VIBE

“Generate high team motivation in doing good,” says Jazzar. Leading is easier in an upbeat atmosphere.

SHOW APPRECIATION

Acknowledge the efforts of others with a meeting shout-out, an emailed thank-you message, or a cup of coffee in gratitude. Even small gestures pay dividends, says Nabayiinda Were.

RESOURCES

- ▶ **My Rotary:** Rotarians can find specific guidance for emerging leaders at the club, district, zone, and international levels. Subscribe to the *Training Talk* newsletter.
- ▶ **Rotary Leadership Institute:** Past Rotary Director David Linett created this group in 1992, when he was governor of District 7510 (New Jersey), to help Rotarians hone their skills in course sessions emphasizing participation. The institute is not an official Rotary program but has been adopted by many districts.
- ▶ **Rotary.org/learn:** The Rotary Learning Center offers an array of online courses that guide you through building leadership skills.
- ▶ **Your club:** A study commissioned by Rotary showed that in 2018-19, 29 percent of clubs offered leadership development seminars, up from 17 percent in 2014-15.



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EVERY
YEAR

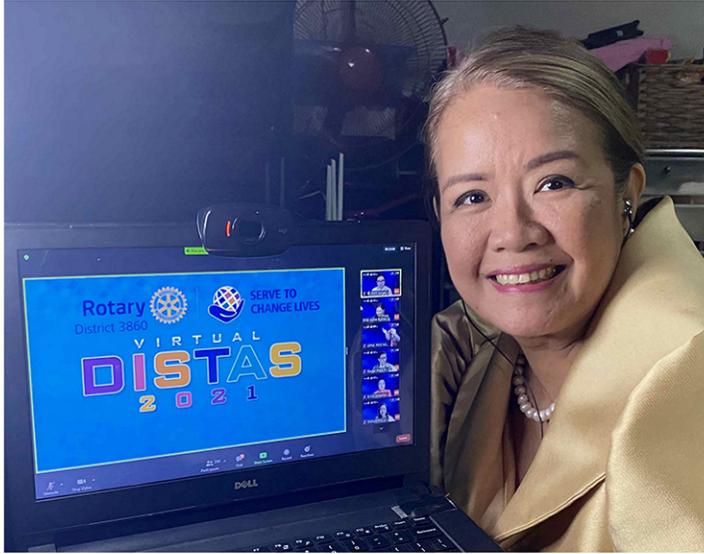


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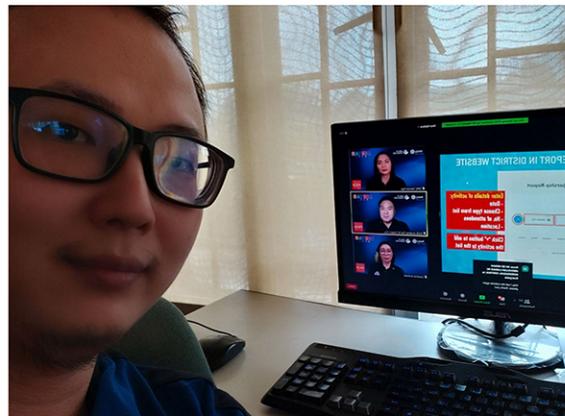
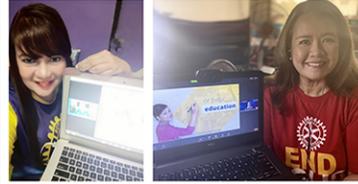
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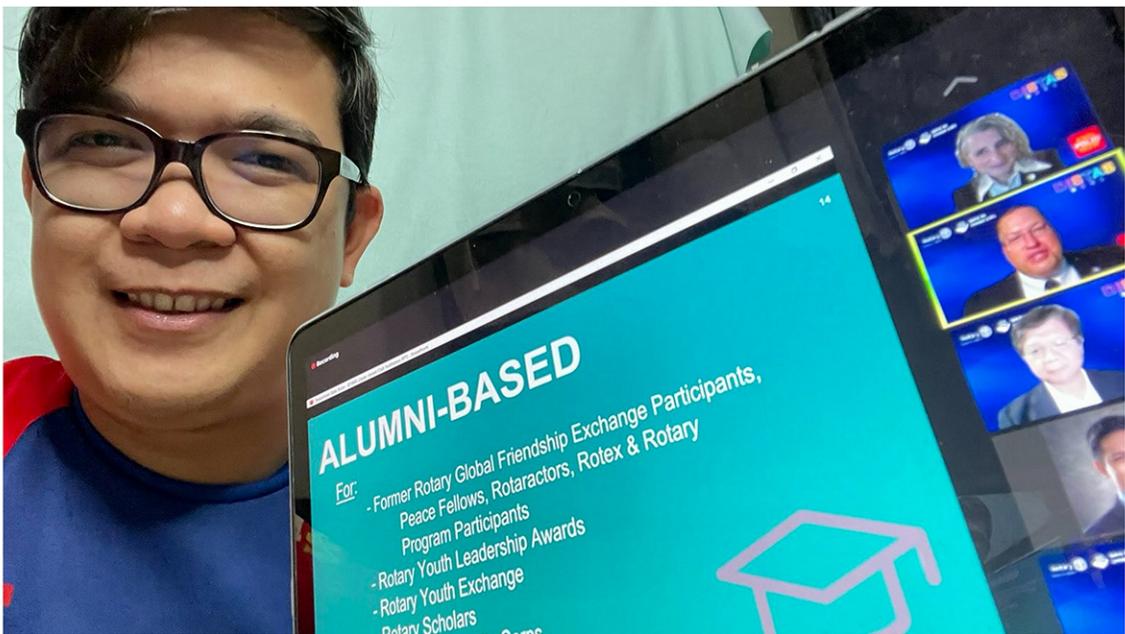
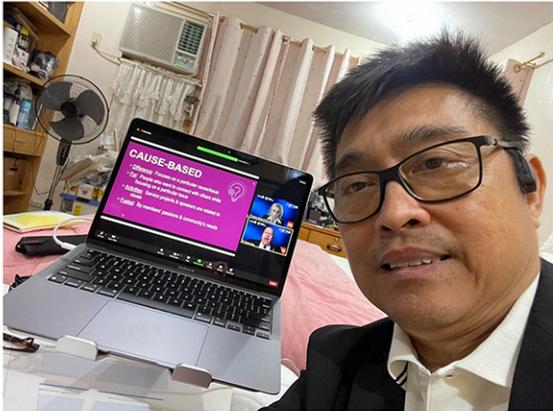
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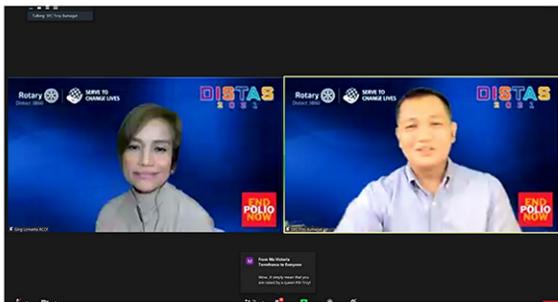
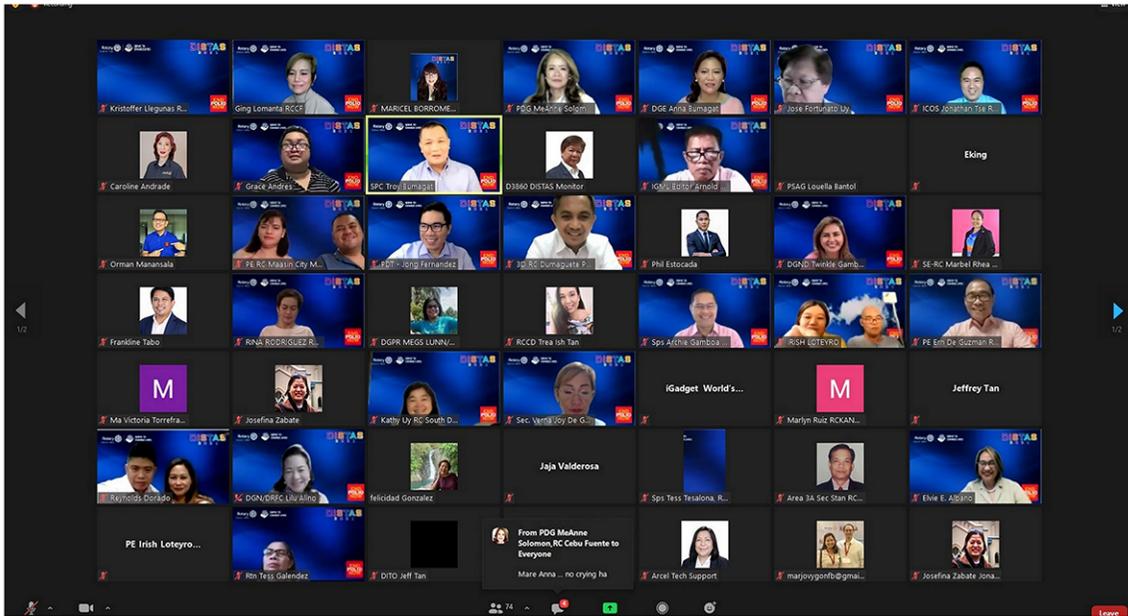
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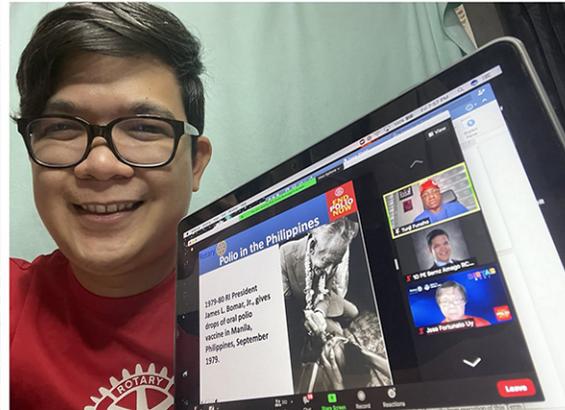
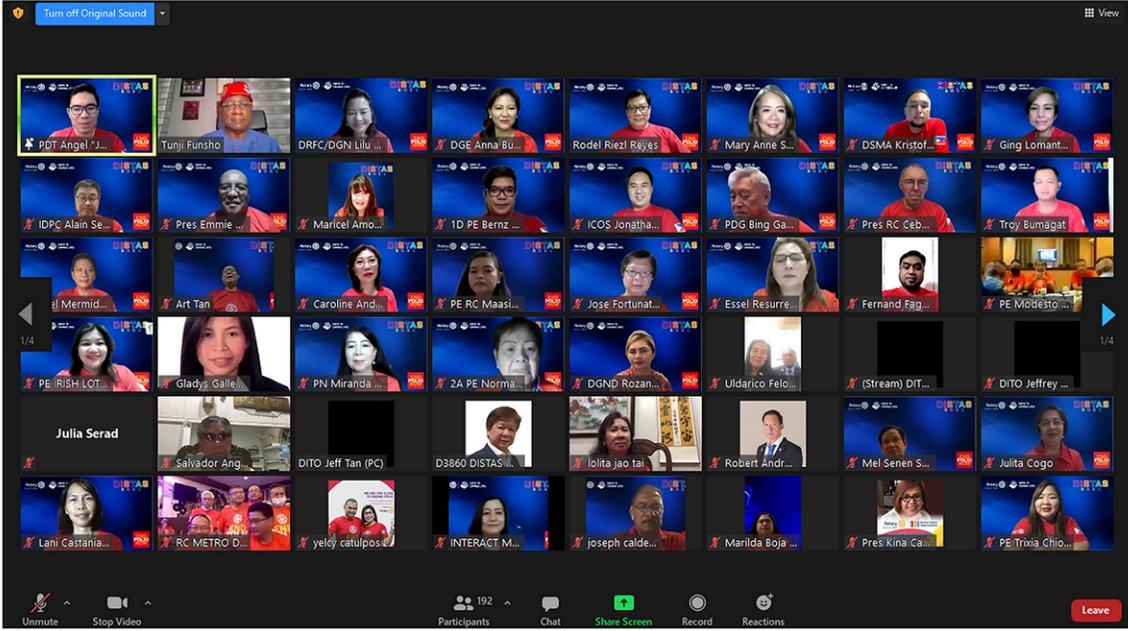
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ORATIO IMPERATA: PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19 or 2019 CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

**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.**





FOUR QUESTIONS

By the young, for the young

How Rotaractors pulled off Greece's first virtual RYLA event

When Rotaractors in Greece found they had extra time on their hands during the COVID-19 pandemic, they put those hours to good use by hosting the country's first virtual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event, an intensive leadership training program for young people. "There was decreased Rotaract activity due to the pandemic and the lockdown. Rotaractors had to stay at home and had plenty of free time," says Konstantinos Pantikiou, a 31-year-old advanced emergency medical technician and nursing student at the University of Athens. "We decided to make the best of a bad situation by using online media to keep them interested and engaged in our Rotaract goals."

Pantikiou and fellow members of the Rotaract Club of Athinai-North teamed up with members of the Rotaract Club of Thessaloniki to conduct a successful virtual RYLA event in May 2020 that, he says, attracted a larger and more diverse audience than a traditional program would have.

1 How did you set up the virtual RYLA, and how did that differ from what has been done in the past?

The e-RYLA was organized by two Rotaract clubs, with a committee of five people.

We had no experience organizing a RYLA, but I believe that in comparison with an in-person RYLA, a virtual RYLA can be put together by fewer people. We made use of Rotary materials and the RYLA Handbook, and we had the guidance of the Rotarians from our sponsor clubs and of the RYLA committee members in our districts. We invited participants through local youth organizations and student e-newspapers.

2 What level of participation were you able to achieve?

There were far more participants than at most previous RYLA events in Greece. A total of 80 people took part, with an average age of 24. Most were from Greece, but we had 13 from four other countries: Cy-

"More than 85 percent of the participants had no prior relationship or contact with Rotaract or Rotary."

Illustration by Viktor Miller Gausa

prus, Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands. More than 85 percent of the participants had no prior relationship or contact with Rotaract or Rotary. Through the virtual RYLA, young people became friends, and some became members of Rotaract clubs. Instead of a participation fee, we asked attendees to make a small donation to The Rotary Foundation. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the work of the Foundation and how it benefits society.

3 What did your RYLA event focus on?

It was a two-day event conducted in Greek on the Zoom platform. Our opening speaker, RI Director Aikaterini Kotsali-Papadimitriou, provided a helpful overview of Rotary. Throughout our event, we promoted The Rotary Foundation's work and its impact on the world. We presented lively speeches and interactive workshops on topics such as personal branding, leadership, web development, and résumé building. We purposely limited the number of participants in each workshop to 20 so that everyone could get to know each other and actively participate.

It became a project for young people by young people, which perhaps explains part of the success. We set up activities based on things that concern us in our everyday lives and that are related to the development of skills that we find are lacking in our generation.

4 What are some of the benefits of setting up a virtual RYLA?

Accessibility was one of the main benefits. We believe that the virtual RYLA managed to take away distance as an obstacle, resulting in an increase in participation. People with mobility or hearing problems were also able to participate equally, which in the past was not always possible. An additional benefit was to the Rotaractors who were involved in organizing the event: Planning and managing the virtual RYLA gave them an incentive and an opportunity to actively engage in a project and to learn about the processes of Rotary life. We provided our districts with a report of what we accomplished, and we hope it will be used in the future.

— PAUL ENGLEMAN

Visit the virtual RYLA safety considerations topic at the Learning Center at rotary.org/learn.

IN BRIEF

Honolulu to host 2027 convention

A year after canceling the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary announced that the city will host the organization's 118th convention, scheduled for 5-9 June 2027.

About 20,000 Rotary members from 170 countries and geographical areas had been expected to attend the event in Honolulu in June 2020, which had been projected to bring as much as \$40 million into the local economy. The convention was reimagined as a virtual event.

"We are grateful to the citizens of Honolulu for welcoming us again in 2027," says Rotary President Holger Knaack. "As a global organization that values bringing people together, we look forward to sharing and celebrating our friendships, cul-



tures, and service in the spirit of aloha."

"Beyond the incredible economic impact this convention will have, the people of Hawaii will be inspired by the humanitarian causes of Rotary International," says John de Fries, president and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. "As a global

community, Rotary members embody the values we cherish here in Hawaii."

The first Rotary club in Hawaii, the Rotary Club of Honolulu, was chartered in 1915. Today, there are about 1,500 Rotary members and more than 50 clubs in the state.

IN BRIEF

Governors-elect gather virtually for International Assembly

Rotary President-elect Shekhar Mehta (pictured) announced the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, at the International Assembly in February.

The assembly, a yearly training event for incoming district governors, was held virtually this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In both general and breakout sessions, governors-elect and a select group of Rotaractors discussed the impact of service, the power of Rotarians and Rotaractors to do good in the world, and the importance of telling Rotary's story. They also focused



on membership and how Rotary leaders can give members the tools to help the organization grow. In addition, the assembly included programs for governors' partners and opportunities to connect with other participants and with Rotary staff members.

"Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace human-

ity," Mehta said in announcing the theme. He urged members to "do more and grow more": to become more involved in projects with measurable and sustainable impacts, and to help increase Rotary's membership to 1.3 million by July 2022. "As we all serve, we change the lives of not only others," he said. "We change our lives, too."

SAVE THE DATE June 3-4, 2021 Virtual World Water Summit 13



Halk Kocharian on behalf of Village Health Partnership

The 2019 WHO/UNICEF report on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in healthcare facilities (HCFs) outlined the stark inadequacy of WASH services in HCFs around the world, especially in least developed countries. Access to

safe WASH is required to prevent and control infections, and ensure safe treatment of patients, staff and families. Learn about WASH in HCFs and what your club can do to help address this critical issue.

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per October 2019 Board Decision

100% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF REPORTED ROTARACTORS BY 2022

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

1M REPORTED ROTARACTORS BY 2029

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PHILIPPINE ROTARACT STATISTICS PER DISTRICT as of April 30, 2021

DISTRICT	AS OF APRIL 30, 2021		FROM JUNE 30, 2020	
	CLUBS	MEMBERS	CLUB GROWTH	MEMBERS GROWTH
3770	29	358	-6.45%	7.51%
3780	52	1,025	0%	35.22%
3790	80	1,328	11.11%	0.68%
3800	77	1,625	1.32%	17.84%
3810	84	3,024	-7.69%	2.09%
3820	108	2,391	9.09%	9.33%
3830	64	916	-22.89%	-16.58%
3850	43	1,346	13.16%	96.78%
3860	70	1,384	2.94%	3.52%
3870	29	546	11.54%	27.57%
TOTAL	636	13,943	0%	11.68%



ROTARACT STATISTICS

as of April 30, 2021

WORLDWIDE

7,235 COMMUNITY BASED CLUBS

113,487 COMMUNITY BASED ROTARACTORS

2,770 UNIVERSITY BASED CLUBS

101,995 UNIVERSITY BASED ROTARACTORS

10,005 ROTARACT CLUBS

215,482 ROTARACTORS

6.20 GROWTH RATE (IN %) from June 2020

6.14 GROWTH RATE (IN %) from June 2020



ROTARACT STATISTICS

as of April 30, 2021

PHILIPPINES

452 COMMUNITY BASED CLUBS

8,352 COMMUNITY BASED ROTARACTORS

184 UNIVERSITY BASED CLUBS

5,591 UNIVERSITY BASED ROTARACTORS

636 ROTARACT CLUBS

13,943 ROTARACTORS

0 GROWTH RATE (IN %) from June 2020

11.68 GROWTH RATE (IN %) from June 2020



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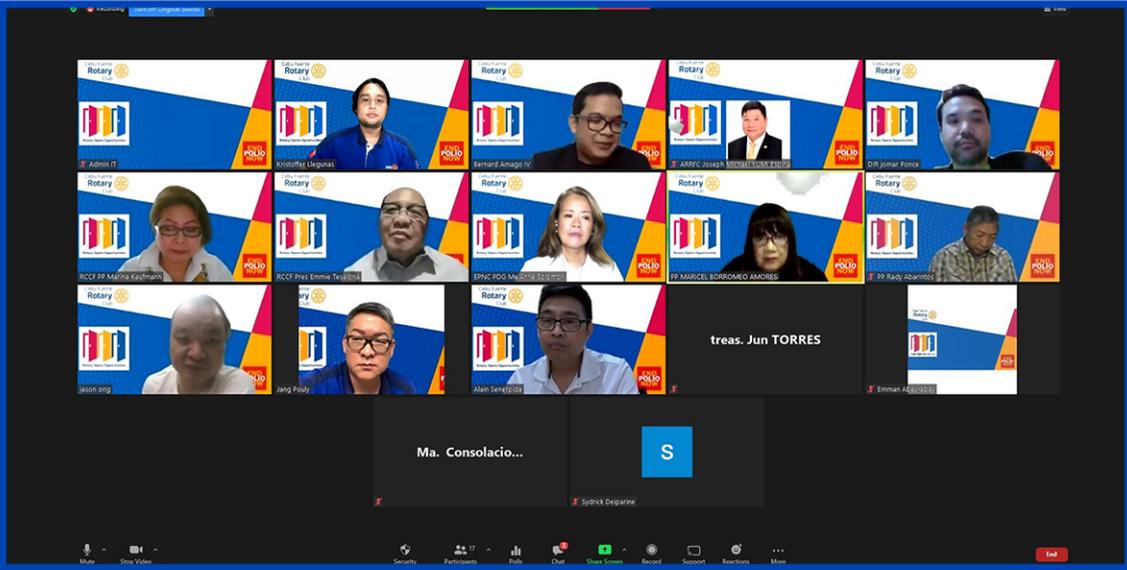


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