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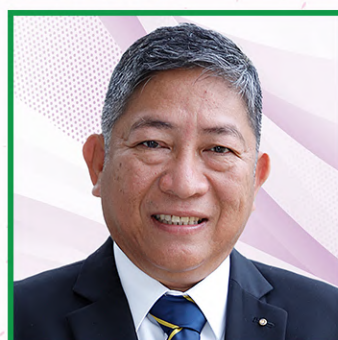
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4th General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | August 1, 2022

Membership and New Club Development Month

Programme



Hosted by:
MARICEL BORROMELO AMORES
Past President

INVOCATION

O God our Father, who has led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house, grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PART 1

Call to Order	JOSE MARIE PONCE President Elect
Invocation	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
United States of America Anthem	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Philippine Anthem	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
The Rotary Hymn	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary	PATRICK YARED President Nominee
Welcome Address	JOSE MARIE PONCE President Elect
Introduction of Rotarians / Spouses, Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest	ATTY. BERNARDINO T. AMAGO IV Past President

PART 2

Introduction: August is Membership and New Club Development Month	ATTY. SYDRICK DEIPARINE Director, Membership
Introduction of Guest of Honor	PDG MARY ANNE A. SOLOMON End Polio Now Coordinator, Zone 10A
Guest of Honor Topic: Recruitment, Engagement & New Club Formation	PDG TOM GUMP Member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025)
Open Forum	
Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	JOSE MARIE PONCE President Elect
Charging of Honorary Member	JOSEPH MICHAEL ESPINA Past District Governor
Induction of Honorary Member	LILU I. ALINO District Governor, RY 2022 - 2023
Closing Remarks	PATRICK YARED President Nominee
Adjournment	JOSE MARIE PONCE President Elect

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

"Attitude is the 'little' thing that makes a big difference."
- Winston Churchill



President's Message



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

Dear RCCF Family,

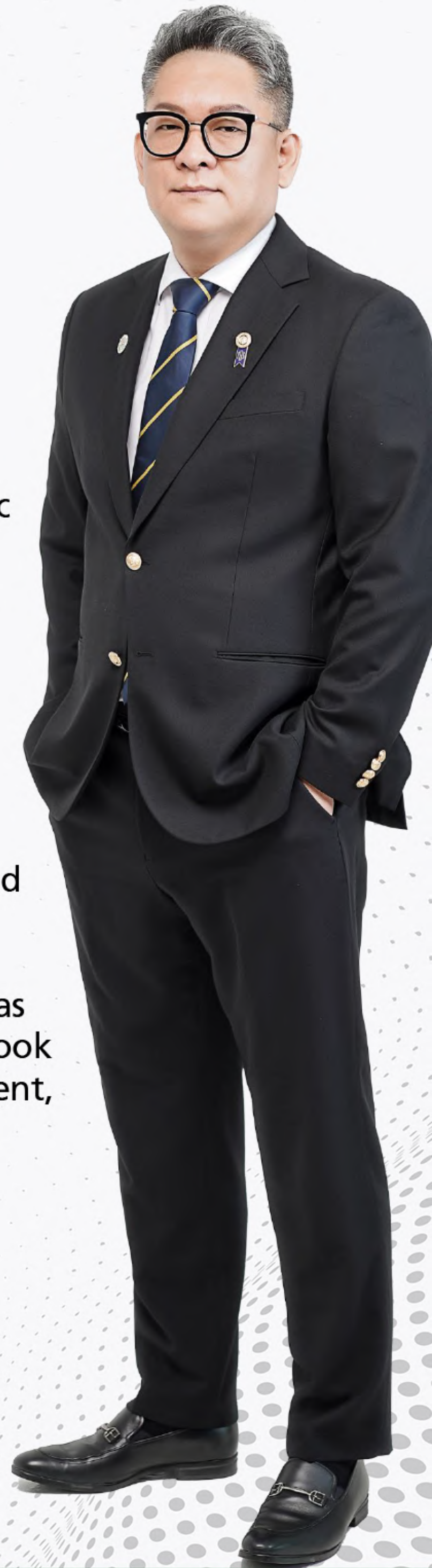
August is Membership Month and RCCF is privileged to have no less than Rotary International Assembly Training Leader, PDG Thomas A. GUMP, as our guest speaker. His topic is just right for the theme of this month, as he will speak on Recruitment, Engagement, & New Club Information.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of keeping members engaged in the club. Members are the lifeblood of the club and sustain it. With Mr. Gump's expertise on this subject, we can learn more about recruitment and retention.

But there is more, as RCCF will induct PDG Thomas A. Gump as one of our Honorary Members. We look forward to his insights on the topics of Recruitment, Engagement, & New Club Information as well as welcoming PDG Thomas Gump into RCCF's fold.

Very truly yours,


POULY JANG
President, RY 2022 - 2023



From Secretary's Desk



KRISTOFFER LLEGUNAS
Secretary, RY 2022 - 2023

ATTENDANCE

	ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	1st 07/02	2nd 07/11	3rd 07/18	4th 08/01	Perfect Attendance
1.	6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso	✓		✓		
2.	6581939	Abarintos	Conrado	✓	✓	✓		
3.	8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyán	✓	✓	✓		
4.	9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	✓	✓	✓		
5.	6218949	Amores	Maricel	✓	✓	✓		
6.	11227470	Amores	Atty. Ernesto Miguel	✓	RW	✓		
7.	3362897	Barba	Richard	✓				
8.	6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito	✓	✓	✓		
9.	1166426	Calalang	Emmanuel	✓	✓			
10.	10954392	Deiparine	Atty. Sydrick Jose Andrei	✓	✓			
11.	11227514	Elendrino	Glenford	✓				
12.	2036342	Espina	Arch. Joseph Michael	✓	RW	✓		
13.	8944393	Jang	Pouly	✓	✓	✓		
14.	3516557	Karamihan	Dave John					
15.	8599266	Kaufmann	Marina			✓		
16.	9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓	✓	✓		
17.	8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita	✓	✓	✓		
18.	10709899	Ong	Jason	✓				
19.	6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion	✓				
20.	10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓	✓	✓		
21.	8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores	✓				
22.	5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas					
23.	11103868	Spaller	Herminia	✓	RW	✓		
24.	8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	✓		✓		
25.	3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne	✓	✓	✓		
26.	8543450	Sulay	Kendrick					
27.	9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel			✓		
28.	11227493	Torres	Alfie					
29.	5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓	✓	✓		
30.	10410033	Yared	Patrick	✓	✓	✓		
TOTAL ATTENDEES				24	17	19		

BIRTHDAYS

July 05 Sps Pearle Strolz
 July 28 Sps. Mary Grace Abad
 July 28 Sps. Daryl Ponce



It starts with an invitation

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honor to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excel-

lence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all determined to advance DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would “go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard.”

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

JENNIFER JONES

President, Rotary International

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jones addresses the closing general session of the Rotary International Convention on 8 June in Houston.





TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Two sides of the same coin

During my travels, Rotary often comes up in conversation. Most people associate us with local projects and fundraisers — which is great — but few know what a global force Rotary is. It's easier to understand this aspect of Rotary through an example, such as how Rotary responded to the devastating bushfires in Australia in late 2019 and early 2020.

The result of extreme drought, global warming, and adverse weather conditions, the fires caused catastrophic damage. The need for help was obvious and substantial.

No stranger to forest fires themselves, Canadian Rotarians knew the best way to help was through The Rotary Foundation. They were soon joined by Rotary clubs and districts in other countries and Taiwan, resulting in three Foundation global grants totaling \$280,000 to support the economic recovery of farmers affected by these fires.

One farmer wrote a letter of thanks on behalf of the remote communities we helped, saying they "were in disbelief that Rotary clubs from other countries would step up and help our relatively small farming region" and adding that "they were very grateful and honored to be considered worthy of such aid."

Friends, this is the kind of impact your Foundation has every single day around the world and why it deserves the support of all Rotary members.

The most significant projects done in Rotary's name are those accomplished through The Rotary Foundation. The list goes on and on. Think of the impact of our polio eradication efforts, our peace education programs, and our Programs of Scale grants. All these efforts to make the world a better place emanate from our Foundation.

The Foundation also impacts our club experience, membership, partnerships, and so much more. The more visibility and impact we have through Foundation projects, the more people want to be part of what we are doing as partners or as members. Everybody wins.

To me, Rotary and its Foundation are inseparable — you can't have one without the other. They are two sides of the same coin. I love the friendship and fellowship and projects I experience as a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Australia, but I am also thrilled to be part of a global movement that is changing the lives of countless people through The Rotary Foundation.

Remember that other side of the Rotary coin and support your Foundation. By doing so, you will also be supporting your fellow members who are bringing to life the projects our world truly needs.

IAN H.S. RISELEY

Foundation trustee chair

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Rotary 



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

August 2022 Events Around the World

SWIRL, SIP, AND SAVOR

Event: Wine Festival

Host: Rotary Club of Sherwood, Oregon

What it benefits: Local and international projects

Dates: 5-6 August

Shake off the dog days of summer by sampling the best of Oregon's renowned Willamette Valley wines in Sherwood's historic Old Town. The festival starts Friday with a happy hour tasting and dinner, and continues Saturday with a full afternoon and evening of wine, food, and music. Bottles of wine will be available for purchase, so tasters can take home their favorite vintage.

BRING ON THE BREWS

Event: Boji Brew Fest

Host: Rotary Club of Iowa Great Lakes (Spirit Lake), Iowa

What it benefits: Local projects

Date: 6 August

More than 20 local and regional craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries are participating in this fifth annual beer festival. VIP ticket holders get an extra hour of sampling before the fest opens, as well as exclusive access to special offerings. To complement the bounty of beverages, food trucks will be on site.

DAS IST GUT!

Event: DAS Run

Host: Rotary Club of Elkhorn, Wisconsin

What it benefits: Local charities

Date: 6 August

The Elkhorn club has organized this Saturday morning 5K to kick off the second day of DAS Fest USA, a three-day German festival held annually in Elkhorn. All runners get an event T-shirt, a

goodie bag, and a free beer at the festival, and the top finishers in each age group will receive an award. The event includes activities for kids.

CATCH A WHOPPER

Event: King Mackerel Tournament

Host: Rotary Club of Sneads Ferry, North Carolina

What it benefits: Local projects

Dates: 19-20 August

In its 31st year, this fishing tournament awards \$40,000 in prizes, with a hefty \$10,000 cash prize going to the boat that catches the heaviest king mackerel. Secondary prize categories include Lady Angler, Junior Angler (under age 16), and Senior Angler (age 55 and older). Register early to pay a lower entry fee; for additional

fees, anglers can compete for even more prizes.

DON'T MISS THE BOAT

Event: Belfast Harbor Fest

Host: Rotary Club of Belfast, Maine

What it benefits: Local projects

Dates: 19-21 August

There's something for everyone at this annual festival that celebrates the boating traditions of Maine. Highlights include the 5K Bug Run/Walk (named after a local moniker for lobsters), a boat building competition, a cardboard boat regatta, a blueberry pancake breakfast, and a barbecue dinner. Musical acts will entertain attendees, and activities have been planned for kids. Proceeds from an auction will benefit a local technical education center.

STATE OF THE ART

Event: Fine Art in the Park

Host: Rotary Club of Los Altos, California

What it benefits: Scholarships and local and international projects

Dates: 13-14 August

As one of California's most prestigious outdoor art shows, this 47th annual event

expects to draw more than 10,000 attendees to Lincoln Park in Los Altos. Under the park's redwood trees, more than 100 artists from around the United States will display and sell paintings, sculptures, jewelry, textiles, glass, metalwork, and ceramics. A separate "Young at Art" display showcases works by local high school students.





TOM GUMP **ROTARY MEMBERSHIP** **SPEAKER**

Member Of Rotary International's
Membership Growth Committee
(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025)

Zone 29 Innovative Club Advocate
(Since January, 2020)

District Governor 2020-2021, Rotary
International District 5950

Tom Gump is passionate
about growing Rotary Membership through
forming new and innovative Rotary, Rotaract

and satellite clubs. He founded, co-founded, helped form and/or inspired dozens
of new and creative clubs around the world including:

- The first ever Rotary Club in the world to serve veterans;
- The first ever Rotary Club in the world focused on ending human trafficking;
- *The Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women*, which was featured in the *North American Rotary Magazine*;
- *The Kaleidoscope Rotaract Club*, to serve those with Autism and their families;
- *The Rotaract eClub for the Environment* - the first ever cause-based, international, Rotaract eClub focusing on the environment, which was mentioned by Rotary CEO John Hugo in his closing remarks at the *2021 Rotary International Convention*;
- The Rotary Club of Global Travelers, which was featured in the *North American Rotary Magazine*; and
- *The Minnesota Pride Rotary Club*.

Tom was one of only 20 North American Rotary leaders selected by Rotary International Past President Mark Maloney and Rotary International Membership Staff to participate in a *New Club Development Summit* and was subsequently named as a *Zone 29 Innovative Club Advocate*. Tom is also one of only 500 Rotarians in the world to be named to The Membership Society for New Member Sponsors for bringing in more than 50 active members into his club, which puts him at the Gold Level of the Society.

Tom now inspires others around the world and helps them form their own new and innovative Rotary clubs. He speaks regularly on the topic of membership at Rotary club, district, multi-district, zone and international events. He spoke at this year's *Rotary International Assembly* and for the past few years has led and been a speaker on breakout session panels and workshops at *Rotary International Conventions*. He is on the PETS Alliance's list of "Popular Speakers." Next month he will speak at the Presidential Peace Conference and on three breakout sessions at the International Convention.

The North American *Rotary* magazine and other Rotary regional magazines have written about Tom. Tom's tips for attracting and retaining members and some of the clubs he has started have also been featured as part of cover stories. Rotary regional magazines have published articles by him. Tom's articles have also appeared in Rotary's blog *Rotary Voices*.

Tom was the winner of 2021 "Zones 28 and 32 Individual Membership Innovation Award," for promoting new cause-based clubs throughout the world.

Tom served as General Chair of the *2021 Zones 25B and 29 Rotary Institute* and was a *2022 Rotary International Assembly Training Leader*.



ROTARY LEADERS

New directors and trustees take office

The RI Board of Directors has 19 members: the RI president, the president-elect, and 17 directors, who were nominated by their zones and elected at the Rotary International Convention. The Board manages Rotary International affairs and funds in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws. Eight new directors and the president-elect took office on 1 July.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation manage the business of the Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary that funds service activities. The RI president-elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the RI Board to four-year terms. The trustee chair-elect and two new trustees took office on 1 July.

DIRECTORS

R. Gordon R. McInally

President-elect, 2022-23; Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland



R. Gordon R. McInally is president-elect of Rotary International. He was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental

surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. McInally was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

McInally joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, including as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and as chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McInally says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. "My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world," he says.

McInally is a patron of the UK-based non-profit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization.

In his free time, McInally enjoys rugby, good

food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

McInally describes The Rotary Foundation as "the fuel that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

McInally wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, to live and thrive.

Alberto Cecchini

Rotary Club of Roma Nord-Est, Italy



Alberto Cecchini is the sole administrator and technical director of Idroesse Engineering, one of the oldest firms of its kind in Italy. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at

Sapienza University of Rome in 1988. He also served as a partner, board member, and technical director of 3TI Progetti Italia, an engineering firm with offices in cities including Rome and Milan; Muscat, Oman; and Hong Kong. Among the many projects he has led or designed are the rehabilitation of a water and sanitation system in Kenya, the construction of a new military air base in Oman, and the rebuilding of panoramic Provincial Road 28 in Sicily.

Cecchini's first experience with Rotary was in 1988, when he became a founding member of the Rotaract Club of Anzio-Nettuno. He joined his first Rotary club in 1994. Cecchini has served RI at the zone and international levels, including as a committee member, Rotary public image coordinator, training leader, regional coordinator and adviser, governors-elect training seminar facilitator, and International Assembly speaker. Drawing on his experience in Rotary's youth programs, he served as chair and vice chair of the Rotaract-Interact Committee and chaired the Rotaract Preconvention in Sydney in 2014. In addition,

he has served as the primary RI representative to numerous Rome-based organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Programme. He is also the RI representative to the Holy See in Vatican City.

Cecchini conceived and organized a polio eradication fundraiser at the Colosseum in Rome in June 2018 that featured actors from the film *Gladiator*, including Russell Crowe and Connie Nielsen, as well as a projection of the movie within the Colosseum with a live orchestra. The event raised \$500,000. Cecchini has also volunteered during a National Immunization Day in Delhi, India, and has delivered bed nets in Guinea Bissau.

Cecchini divides his time between Padua and Rome. In his spare time, he enjoys exercising, traveling, golf, and reading.

Cecchini has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He supports the Foundation as a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor.

Patrick D. Chisanga

Rotary Club of Nkwazi, Zambia



Patrick D. Chisanga, a chartered governance professional, is a fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute (UK) from the London School of Accountancy and a fellow of the Institute of

Directors of Zambia. He has advised the World Bank on corporate governance and has served as president of the Institute of Directors of Zambia and the African Corporate Governance Network.

Working for nearly 20 years in the public and corporate sectors of Zambia, Chisanga served as chief executive officer and chair of numerous companies and organizations before taking early retirement in 1994 to focus on running a family-owned group of companies, Muchanga Investments Ltd., which he founded

in 1987 and now serves as chair. He is also chair and lead consultant of Dynamic Concepts Ltd., a consulting firm dedicated to corporate governance and leadership development across Africa, and he serves on the boards of several other local and international companies.

Chisanga first joined the family of Rotary as a member of Interact. As a high school student in 1968, he was selected to go on a short-term interclub exchange to Kenya, where he stayed with the district governor in Mombasa. "I was so impressed with this man's dedication to humankind that I decided there and then that I would serve as a district governor in Rotary one day," Chisanga says.

In 1986, he became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Nkwazi, and in 1998, he became governor of District 9210, the first person of color to hold that position. "It was a turning point for me and my district," he says.

As governor, Chisanga focused on supporting communities in his district with projects dedicated to health, hygiene, and clean water, and to building safe bridges in rural areas. Later, while serving as RI president's representative at a district event in Bremerhaven, Germany, he lent his networking skills to help start a project to improve infrastructure in Zambian schools that later received several Rotary Foundation grants.

Chisanga has served Rotary International on several committees, including the Membership Committee and the Reach Out to Africa Committee, and as a training leader and Rotary Institute chair. He has also chaired regional Rotary organizations, including the Governors' Council of Southern and Eastern Africa.

Chisanga has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his partner, Petronella, are Major Donors.

Jeremy Hurst
Rotary Club of Grand Cayman,
Cayman Islands



Born in Rochester, England, Jeremy Hurst relocated to the Cayman Islands in 1988. He owns and operates the IRG group of companies, which provides a range of property services in the

Cayman Islands and other Caribbean markets.

Hurst chairs the Global Advisory Board of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World (LeadingRE) and serves on its board of directors. He is a past president of the Cayman Islands Real Estate Brokers Association and was a founding member of the Cayman Islands Investment Council.

Hurst joined Rotary in 1988. He has served

on RI's Membership Committee and the Joint Committee on Partnerships and has been an RI president's representative several times.

Hurst says he started applying The Four-Way Test at his business and saw a positive impact, especially with his employees. "My involvement in Rotary and my businesses have grown together and have always been intertwined," he says. "I've always tried to bring the best of Rotary into my businesses and the best aspects of my businesses into Rotary."

Hurst has been heavily involved in managing Rotary's disaster relief efforts in the Caribbean, chairing his district's disaster relief committee for the 2017 hurricanes Irma and Maria and organizing the Rotarian Emergency Disaster Initiative (REDI) conference in 2009. A passionate supporter of water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives, Hurst is a founding member and steering committee chair of HANWASH, the Rotary-led partnership to bring clean water and improved sanitation to everyone in Haiti. "We are applying the high impact and sustainable best practices from The Rotary Foundation, modeled on the concept of scalability," he says.

As a cartographer, Hurst collects antique maps. He also enjoys watching rugby, boating, traveling, and being a grandfather. He and his wife, Michelle, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, and District 7020's PolioPlus Society. He has received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Drew Kessler
Rotary Club of North Rockland
(Haverstraw), New York



Drew Kessler is senior vice president of the commercial real estate division at M&T Bank, where he manages a large loan portfolio of real estate and commercial ventures with major businesses in

the New York City area.

Kessler has led numerous professional real estate organizations, serving as president of the Rockland County Board of Realtors and of the 10,000-member Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR), and as director of both the New York State Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Kessler regularly appeared on Fox Business News from 2008 to 2013 because of his expertise on the finance industry and the real estate market.

While at HGAR, Kessler launched the HG Realtor Foundation. A passionate fundraiser, he has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for organizations, including The Rotary

Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, and Feeding Westchester.

Kessler joined Rotary in 2001 at age 20. He served as president of the Rotary Club of North Rockland (Haverstraw) at age 25 and was at that time the youngest president in the club's history. At age 32, he served as governor of District 7210. "For anyone who says that you have to be retired to serve in these positions, I'd like to show that there is another path," he says.

Kessler has served RI on the Young Past Governors Committee, as a representative to the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions, and as an RI president's representative. He also has held zone leadership positions, including chair of the Zone 28/32 Summit, assistant Rotary coordinator for Zone 32, and chair of the Mid-Northeast Presidents-Elect Training Seminar. Committed to continuity and collaboration, he is a member of the District 7210 executive board, a committee he helped establish that is made up of past and current district leaders who work together to lead the district.

As a husband and a father of five, Kessler prioritizes incorporating family into Rotary events, projects, and meetings whenever possible. All of his children have participated in Rotary, including through Interact, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and other programs. Kessler and his spouse, Vicki, also a Rotarian, live in Hopewell Junction, New York.

Muhammad Faiz Kidwai
Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz, Pakistan



Muhammad Faiz Kidwai is the chair of CG Global, a leading architecture, engineering, urban design, real estate development, and hospitality firm. A 1983 architecture graduate of NED

University of Engineering and Technology, Kidwai was later awarded a research fellowship in conservation in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, by the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University. A specialist in socially responsive architecture, Kidwai has developed master plans for urban housing projects as well as large urban development and city planning projects.

Kidwai, who joined Rotaract in 1980, is the first Rotary director from Pakistan. In 1986, departing from Karachi on a Rotary Group Study Exchange trip to Canada, Kidwai survived a violent attack during the hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73. "I pledged that, if given another chance to live, I would dedicate my life to the betterment of humanity," he says. "This was the moment that influenced me to join Rotary."

Kidwai joined Rotary in 1987 and became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz in 1993. He has been active in polio eradication efforts since Rotary began its work for the cause in Pakistan. In 1997 in the suburbs of Karachi, he established a Rotary Community Corps (RCC), which continues to work with his club on projects.

Kidwai is the founder and chair of the Rotary Pakistan Literacy Mission, whose goal is total literacy and quality education in the country. In a project that encompasses all of Rotary's areas of focus, he led the creation of a model sustainable village in Thatta, near Karachi, for 160 families who had been affected by a flood. He has been involved in supporting Afghan refugees in Pakistan, co-chairing an initiative that has assisted more than 50,000 Afghan refugees, and working on projects that fight poverty and hunger while promoting the education and empowerment of Afghan girls and women. Kidwai says he would like to see Rotary become the most influential service organization in the region.

Kidwai has received the Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Patricia Merryweather-Arges
Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois



Patricia Merryweather-Arges is the executive director of Project Patient Care, a nonprofit that brings together patients, families, and caregivers to improve health care. In that role, she has led

nationwide patient and family engagement initiatives with 140,000 clinicians as well as an 18-month project to bring patient concerns into diagnostic research. She helped develop a guide to elective services during the COVID-19 pandemic that was highlighted in the *New York Times* and more than a dozen health journals.

Previously, Merryweather-Arges served as executive director of a company contracted by the U.S. government to improve the quality of Medicare in several Midwestern states. She was also a senior vice president at the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, where she advocated for legislation on infection screening and engaged hospitals in reporting health care outcomes to the public. She serves on a nominating committee for the American Red Cross' Heroes awards, two nonprofit hospital boards in Chicago, and state committees for infection control and prevention and health care reporting. She was named woman of the year by the MRSA Survivors Network and

has received a number of awards for her civic engagement.

Merryweather-Arges joined Rotary in 2002. She has served on Rotary's COVID-19 task force, as a representative for the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions, and as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president's representative, and chair of the 2018 presidential peace conference in Chicago. She's also held numerous district and zone appointments. She is on the board of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group and chairs the health outcomes and patient safety committee of the International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals.

Merryweather-Arges, who has been involved in more than 20 Rotary Foundation grant projects focused on health care and water, sanitation, and hygiene, says that Rotary's expansive network is the secret to its success.

"No one goes at it alone in Rotary. It's all of us together bringing our expertise and leveraging resources, knowledge, and experience," she says.

Merryweather-Arges has received the Service Above Self Award, the Avenues of Service Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her spouse, George, who is also a Rotary member, are members of the Paul Harris Society and are Benefactors and Major Donors.

Lena J. Mjerskaug
Rotary Club of Enebakk, Norway



Lena J. Mjerskaug is chief of administrative control at the Norwegian Armed Forces' Defence Staff Norway, where she has worked since 1997. She also owns and operates a farm that has been in her

family for generations. Mjerskaug holds a master's degree in economics and business administration from the NHH Norwegian School of Economics and a postgraduate certificate in education from the University of Oslo. Before 1997, she served in the Royal Norwegian Air Force with the aim of becoming Norway's first female fighter pilot. She also worked as a teacher and helped local entrepreneurs start their own businesses.

Mjerskaug joined Rotary in 1997 as the first woman in her club and, at the time, its youngest member. She has served Rotary as an End Polio Now zone coordinator, Rotary coordinator, representative to the Council on Legislation, and RI president's representative. She was chair of the Norsk Rotary Forum, a multidistrict administrative group, and she also worked on a national Rotary project, Handicamp Norway, a camp that brings

together young adults from around the world who have disabilities with others who don't.

Mjerskaug, who plans to continue working full time while serving as director, says she wants to lend her experience and skills to minimize the gap between clubs and Rotary International. "Rotary is what the club members create themselves," she says. "No two clubs in Rotary are the same — what works in Norway may not work in Bangladesh. So I'm not representing myself or my region on the Board — I am representing the world."

In addition to her work, her farm, and Rotary, Mjerskaug enjoys sports, reading, and learning about the history and culture of the places she visits.

She supports The Rotary Foundation as a Benefactor and a Major Donor. "I give because even though my contribution will go to a project I may never hear of and help people I will probably never meet," she says, "I know that gift will definitely change someone's life."

Yoshio Sato
Rotary Club of Okayama-South, Japan



Yoshio Sato is a certified public accountant who has owned his own consulting firm specializing in tax and general consulting services since 1986. He has also served as

director of Chugoku Bank Ltd. since 2016.

After earning his master's degree in accounting from Keio University, Sato worked at Arthur Andersen and then at Tohmatsu & Co., now a part of Deloitte, before starting his own firm, Sato Yoshio CPA Firm. He has held leadership roles in regional professional groups, including the Certified Tax Public Accountants Association of Chugoku Region and the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants Western Japan Federation Assembly at Okayama.

Sato has actively supported, on his own and with his Rotary club, the local branch of Asahikawa Villa, an organization that helps people with disabilities live independent lives. He has also served as a director of the Kazuko Watanabe Memorial Scholarship Foundation of Notre Dame.

A member of the Rotary Club of Okayama-South since 1989, Sato has been active in numerous district and national committees. He has served Rotary as chair of the District 2690 Rotary Foundation audit committee and as a member of the Rotary Japan Centennial Executive Committee and the Rotary International Japan Youth Exchange Multidistrict. At the zone level, he has served as convener of the nominating committee for RI director and

as a training leader, Rotary institute session panelist, and RI president's representative. He is also a contributor to the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation, a project of Rotary districts in Japan that supports foreign students who are pursuing academic research in Japan.

In addition to organizing numerous fundraising events, including zone events for Major Donors and Arch Klumph Society ceremonies, Sato personally supports The Rotary Foundation as an Arch Klumph Society member, Paul Harris Society member, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member.

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Barry Rassin

Trustee chair-elect, 2022-23

Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas



Barry Rassin is a director and former president of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, where he retired after a 38-year career. He was the first fellow of the American College of

Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas and was honored with the National Award of Health Hero by the Bahamas Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin served as RI president in 2018-19, when he advocated for closer partnership between Rotary and Rotaract clubs and presented the measure that broadened the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs at the 2019 Council on Legislation. He has served RI in many other capacities, including as RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of both the Finance and the Shaping Rotary's Future committees, RI training leader, and seminar trainer. In 2010, Rassin coordinated Rotary's disaster relief efforts in Haiti after a devastating earthquake. That included supervising the completion of 105 relief and development projects throughout Haiti that were made possible by the \$6.5 million raised by Rotary members worldwide. He is currently active on the Bahamas Rotary Disaster Relief Committee and is working on relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Dorian and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outside of Rotary, Rassin chairs Volunteer Bahamas, a national program to create a culture of volunteerism in the country. He also helped found the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Strategy (HANWASH), a collaborative program to

bring potable water and adequate sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti. In 2018, the government of the Bahamas named him as an Officer of the Order of Distinction.

Rassin has received the Service Above Self Award. He and his spouse, Esther, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Benefactors, Paul Harris Fellows, and members of the Paul Harris Society.

Martha Peak Helman

Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine



Martha Peak Helman is president of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, a nonprofit that has helped build schools in developing nations, provided scholarships for at-risk youth, and

supplied humanitarian aid to Holocaust survivors, among other initiatives. The Walter Foundation made history in 2021 when it announced plans to completely fund a new Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa. The new center is expected to welcome its first class in 2025. Helman was instrumental in realizing the \$15.5 million agreement between the Walter Foundation and The Rotary Foundation.

Before her career in nonprofit management, Helman worked as a writer for business executives and as a magazine editor at McGraw Hill and the American Management Association.

Helman joined the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor in 2003 with her spouse, Frank, who died in June 2022. She has served Rotary as chair of the Peace Major Gifts Initiative and is currently a member of the site selection working group for the new peace center. She has served on the diversity, equity, and inclusion task force. Helman has also served Rotary as a training leader, zone trainer, and multidistrict presidents-elect training seminar facilitator. She has served as RI president's representative and has frequently given presentations in breakout sessions at Rotary conventions.

A keen fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation, Helman put together a group to support the Sakuji Tanaka Rotary Peace Fellowship, which raised \$1 million for the Rotary Peace Centers. As governor, she helped increase District 7780's annual giving to the Foundation by 25 percent. She has volunteered on projects in Cambodia, Chad, Guatemala, India, Mali, Nigeria, Thailand, and Uganda.

Marty and Frank Helman chose to support the Foundation as Major Donors, Paul Harris Society members, and inaugural members of the Legacy Society of The Rotary Foundation.

"Without The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians would be a group of like-minded people doing great work in our communities, but we wouldn't be the global force we are today," she says. "To me, The Rotary Foundation is where the magic is."

Greg E. Podd

Rotary Club of Evergreen, Colorado



Greg Podd is a retired certified public accountant and personal financial specialist who opened his own firm in 1979. During his career, he wrote four professional continuing education

accounting and finance courses and was a keynote speaker at five national conferences. Podd has taught many courses as a guest professor in the master's degree in taxation program at Arizona State University and has made presentations to more than 20,000 CPAs and chartered accountants worldwide. He was also president and owner of a firm that specialized in metal fabrication for the telecommunications industry and of an international health care software development firm.

Podd joined Rotary in 1982. He has served Rotary International as vice president and director. During his time on the Board of Directors, he chaired committees including the Audit Committee and the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee. He also served on the Operations Review Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Investment Committee, among others. Other roles he's held include training leader, RI president's representative, and representative to the Council on Legislation.

As a Rotary Foundation major gifts adviser, Podd organized his district's Million Dollar Dinner, which raised more than \$3.1 million in one night. He enjoys applying his professional knowledge and skills to help Rotary's club, district, and zone leaders resolve funding questions. He says, "There is an education gap out there dealing with the finances of Rotary at all levels, and I'm glad to have served as a go-to person for questions."

Podd has also been active in numerous local, regional, and national professional organizations, community groups, and charities, including as a treasurer and board and committee member.

Podd has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his spouse, Pam, are Major Donors and members of the Arch Klumph Society, Bequest Society, and Paul Harris Society. ■

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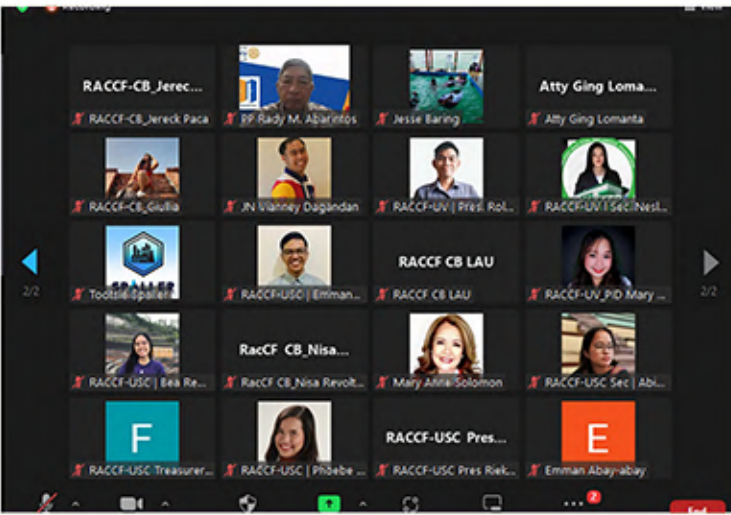


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Q. Why is increasing our ability to adapt one of the priorities of the Action Plan?

NICKI: Everyone, and every organization, is looking to make a greater societal impact. It's an enormous opportunity for Rotary to be a thought leader and a sought-after partner. But if we want to lead in a time of accelerating change, we need to become — and to be seen as — more agile and relevant.

Q. What are the challenges?

NICKI: As an organization, we're very fragmented and hierarchical. We have rules, officers, titles, and committees instead of teams. The more administrative layers you have, the more removed you are from the actual work.

We need to look at leadership as something anyone at any age can own. You don't need 40 years of experience before you can significantly contribute. Remember, Paul Harris was only 36 when he started Rotary.

Q. Where are you seeing opportunities?

NICKI: Before the pandemic, a large percentage of Rotary members didn't really think or see beyond their club. They didn't have a sense of themselves as a global network of change-makers. During the pandemic, people were joining virtual meetings in different districts and countries and seeing for the first time all the things Rotary was doing.

We're capitalizing on this momentum. I worked with a team in Great Britain and Ireland that started a Rotary global hub, an online platform that connects people to clubs but also gives them the opportunity to participate based on causes rather than location. And their involvement can be episodic rather than tied to a weekly meeting at a specific time. It is proving very successful in both attracting new and retaining existing Rotarians.

MEET NICKI SCOTT. A change-management consultant and a member of the Rotary Club of The North Cotswolds, England, Scott helped develop our Action Plan as part of Rotary's Strategic Planning Committee. She is the 2022-23 vice president of Rotary International.



I also see Rotary doing more to build on the work of others, to share leadership. In Great Britain and Ireland, we host Volunteer Expo, an event where all kinds of people and organizations can come together and collaborate. We don't have to reinvent the wheel every time.

Q. What structural changes will increase Rotary's ability to adapt?

NICKI: More regional autonomy is key. What might work for one region might not be a cultural fit for another.

We can be much more regionally focused without losing the ideals of a global organization, or losing the power of a global brand. We can achieve harmony and amplify the sound if we all play the same tune instead of a staccato selection of solos.

Q. What makes you most optimistic?

NICKI: Rotary has something powerful to offer. There are a lot of well-meaning organizations out there, but good intentions don't always translate to results. Rotary has the infrastructure and the integrity that people are looking for, and the connections in communities to know what is really needed. We know how to get the job done. We are people of action.



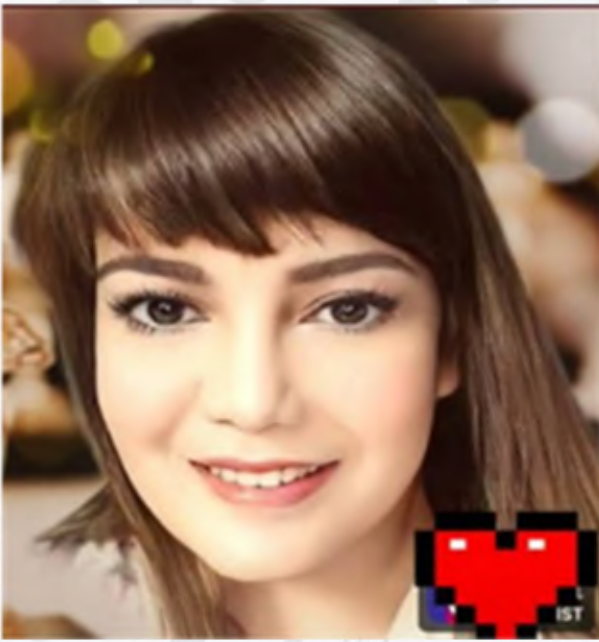


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President, RCCF RY 2017-2018



August is Membership Month for Rotary

International. What better way to celebrate it by having a member of Rotary International’s Membership Growth Committee as our guest speaker?

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) was privileged to have no less than Past District Governor **THOMAS “TOM” GUMP** talk about Membership that touched on the focal points of *Recruitment, Engagement, and New Club Formation*. His talk helped magnify the importance of inviting new members and their retention in the best possible way. His enlightening talk truly inspired us, invigorating our spirits, and revitalizing us to boost our Membership in Rotary. The guest roster was global with Rotarians from Canada, the United States, Jamaica, and Switzerland – just to name a few as well as from all over the Philippines in District 3860. We had a good number of participants which serves as a testimony of how ecstatic everyone was to hear his talk.

The Q &A portion kept the audience informed and entertained as well.

The immense pleasure of having him as a guest speaker was further bolstered by the honor of his induction as an RCCF Honorary Member in the year that RCCF had its first South Korean national as its President. RCCF is the first Philippine Rotary Club to have him as an Honorary Member. RCCF was blessed to have Immediate Past District Governor Anna Bumagat as the Charging Officer and District Governor Lilu Aliño as the Inducting Officer.

RCCF is indeed fortunate to have him as our Honorary member, and he pledged to support the club in its advocacies.



THOMAS GUMP

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY TRAINING LEADER DISTRICT 5950

HIS ROTARY JOURNEY

Tom was one of only 20 North American Rotary leaders selected by Rotary International Past President Mark Maloney and Rotary International Membership Staff to participate in a New Club Development Summit and was subsequently named as a Zone 29 Innovative Club Advocate. Tom is also one of only 500 Rotarians in the world to be named to The Membership Society for New Member Sponsors for bringing in more than 50 active members into his club, which puts him at the Gold Level of the Society.

Tom was an International Assembly Training Leader in 2022 and will also serve in this capacity in 2023.

HIS FIRSTS

- The first ever Rotary Club in the world to serve veterans;
- The first ever Rotary Club in the world focused on ending human trafficking;
- The Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women, which was featured in the North American Rotary Magazine;
- The Rotaract eClub for the Environment - the first ever cause-based, international, Rotaract eClub focusing on the environment, which was mentioned by Rotary CEO John Hugo in his closing remarks at the 2021 Rotary International Convention;
- The Rotary Club of Global Travelers, which was featured in the North American Rotary Magazine;
- The Kaleidoscope Rotaract Club, to serve those with Autism and their families, which he is a member of; and
- The Minnesota Pride Rotary Club.

HIS INSPIRATION

Tom now inspires others around the world and helps them form their own new and innovative Rotary clubs. He speaks regularly on the topic of membership at Rotary club, district, multi-district, zone and international events. He spoke at this year’s Rotary International Assembly and, for the past few years, has led and been a speaker on breakout session panels and workshops at Rotary International Conventions. He is on the PETS Alliance’s list of “Popular Speakers” and recently served as a President’s Representative to a district in the Philippines.



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