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18th General Membership Meeting

Casino Español de Cebu, Cebu City | March 6, 2023

Area of Focus: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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Programme

PART 1

Call to Order	POULY JANG President
Invocation	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Philippine Anthem	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
The Rotary Hymn	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary	REGIE GRATONES Member
Introduction of Rotarians Spouses, Visiting Rotarians Rotaractors Guest	DAVE KARAMIHAN Past President

PART 2

Introduction of Guest Speaker	JESSE BARING Past President
Guest Speaker Topic: Canadian International Education Open Forum	BARBETTE LOMINOQUE Past President
Presentation of Certificate / Token	

PART 3

Secretary's Report	KRISTOFFER LLEGUNAS Secretary
Director's Report	CLUB DIRECTORS
President's Time	POULY JANG President
Other matters	
Adjournment	POULY JANG President



Hosted by:
PP DAVE KARAMIHAN
Protocol Officer

INVOCATION

For your mercy's sake, O God, deal with us all in this hour. Remind us that we ought not to go out of this place as weak as we have come in. We bring before you the needs of this world, the needs of our neighbors, and our personal needs. Let the miracle of your grace happen, here and now, with each of us, as we come before you humbly in silent prayer.

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." - Mark Twain



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



As we begin the month of March, I want to draw your attention to the Area of Focus for this month: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. This theme is of utmost importance to all of us, especially in light of the ongoing global pandemic. Our hosts for tonight are PP Jesse Baring, PND Patrick Yared, PP Dave Karamihan, Rtn. Regie Gratones.

Access to clean water and proper sanitation is a basic human right, yet many people around the world still lack these essential resources. The lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities has significant consequences, leading to the spread of diseases and poor health outcomes.

This is where our role as Rotarians comes in. We have the power to make a difference in the lives of people who are most in need. We can provide access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities, which can make a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of communities around the world.

Through our collective efforts, we can create sustainable solutions to address the water, sanitation, and hygiene needs of communities. We can work together to improve access to safe drinking water, construct proper sanitation facilities, and promote good hygiene practices.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on our commitment to making a positive impact in the world. Let us continue to work tirelessly to achieve our goal of creating a world where every person has access to the basic necessities of life, including clean water and proper sanitation facilities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Rotary values and principles.

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Very truly yours,


POULY JANG
President, RY 2022 - 2023

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From Secretary's Desk



KRISTOFFER LLEGUNAS
Secretary, RY 2022 - 2023

ATTENDANCE

	ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	13th 12/12	14th 01/09	15th 01/30	16th 02/20	Perfect Attendance
1.	6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso	✓				
2.	6581939	Abarintos	Conrado	✓				
3.	8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan	✓				
4.	9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	✓		✓	✓	
5.	6218949	Amores	Maricel	✓	✓	✓		
6.	11227470	Amores	Atty. Ernesto Miguel	✓	✓	✓		
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	✓	✓	✓		
13.	5983997	Filipino	Rogelio					
14.	11614251	Gratones	Regie			✓		
15.	10411469	Icamen	Francis Edhilson	✓	✓			
16.	8944393	Jang	Pouly	✓		✓		
17.	3516557	Karamihan	Dave John	✓				
18.	8599266	Kaufmann	Marina					
19.	9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓	✓	✓	RW	
20.	8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita	✓			RW	
21.	11313408	Maglasang	Anna Mae	✓	✓	RW		
22.	10709899	Ong	Jason			✓		
23.	6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion					
24.	10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25.	8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores	✓				
26.	5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas					
27.	8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	✓	✓	✓	RW	
28.	11103868	Spaller	Herminia					
29.	3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne	✓		RW	RW	
30.	8543450	Sulay	Kendrick					
31.	9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel	✓	✓		✓	
32.	11227493	Torres	Alfie					
33.	5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓	✓	✓		
34.	10410033	Yared	Patrick	✓	✓	RW	✓	
TOTAL ATTENDEES				24	14	15	9	

BIRTHDAYS

March 02 Sps. Dr. Cri Senerpida
 March 03 PP Jesselito Baring
 March 04 Francis Icamen
 March 05 PP Kendrick Sulay
 March 07 Patrick Yared

March 17 Sps. Soo Jang
 March 21 PP Dinna Ramos
 March 24 PP Rollie Filipino
 March 24 PP Joal Abad

Wedding Anniversary

March 20 PP Emmie & Tess Tesalona





Top: Genshitsu Sen, former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition, performs a traditional Japanese tea ceremony for Jones during her trip to Japan in November. The tea ceremony, known as *chadō*, dates back centuries and embraces the arts, religion, philosophy, and social life. Above: Sen stands outside the Urasenke tearoom compound where he lives in Kyoto. *Rotary* magazine wrote about Sen's remarkable story in the August 2022 issue. You can listen to an audio version of the story at rotary.org/peace-through-bowl-tea.

Lessons from the tea master

I will never forget the gift of meeting tea master Genshitsu Sen during my trip to Japan in November.

Not only is Sen the former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition, but he is also an accomplished Rotarian. Those accomplishments include helping charter the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South, Japan, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Kyoto and governor of District 2650, and holding leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

It was an honor to spend time with him. He is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. And his leadership and engagement in Rotary remain strong.

During that same week in Japan, I had the opportunity to record a video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero and two-time Rotary district governor from Park City, Utah.

Sen and the Rotarian from Park City shared similar stories, though they served on opposing sides of the war. What was remarkable to me was that each of them chose Rotary to live lives of peacemaking. It struck me that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to witness these stories and meet such incredible people.

JENNIFER JONES

President, Rotary International

PHOTOGRAPHS: (CEREMONY) KYOKO NOZAKI; (PORTRAIT, INSET) MINMIN WU



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

A precious resource inaccessible to many

Living in Australia, you think a lot about water. When you travel to the nation's vast interior, the Outback, you can't help but wonder how such an arid climate has supported life for millennia. There, each sip of water feels precious.

Each sip seems to get more precious by the day as climate change continues to impact water supply everywhere. Where Juliet and I live, on the temperate coast not far from Melbourne, I remember times not long ago when water supplies were so low that severe usage restrictions were put into place. We now live on rainwater that falls onto our roof and is collected in a tank. In many parts of the world, people don't have that luxury.

Water is essential for life no matter where we live. Yet many of us take it for granted. Think of all the times today you turned on the tap. About 1 in 4 people in the world have quite a different experience when they do — if they have a tap at all. Today, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, according to the United Nations. It is heartbreaking that each year, about 300,000 children under age 5 die from diarrheal diseases caused by poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water — all preventable circumstances.

This is where Rotary comes in. Through your support, The Rotary Foundation pro-

vides water and sanitation for countless communities around the globe. Foundation global grants have ranged from providing toilets and hygiene education for villages in the Philippines to building infrastructure for year-round access to safe, affordable drinking water in Brazil.

The water and sanitation problems that we face are too great for any of us to solve alone. But whether we work with global grant partner districts across the world or with large agencies such as USAID, we are making a difference.

When thinking of teaming up to provide safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene, remember that one of our greatest partners is right here within the family of Rotary: Rotaract.

Effective this Rotary year, Rotaract clubs may apply for global grants. I encourage Rotary and Rotaract clubs to work together on existing grants and for Rotary clubs to support grants sponsored by Rotaract clubs. Together, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are going to take the power of the Foundation to a new level.

The Rotary Foundation has more potential than ever to make a difference in the water and sanitation challenges we all face, thanks to your generous support.

IAN H.S. RISELEY

Foundation trustee chair

Illustration by Viktor Miller Gausa

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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.



Barbette became president of the Rotary Club of Cebu North in 2006 with the theme Service Above Self, a year after Rotary celebrated its centennial year. A Rotarian of 19 years, she has held various positions in D3860 as Chair for Friendship Exchange, Chair for Rotary Community Corps, Paul Harris Society Coordinator, Assistant Governor for Area

1E and consecutively for two years as Deputy District Governor for Administration in the Visayas, District Secretary and District Trainer.

Outside Rotary, she active is active in the academe and education industry. She is Managing Director of Greater Heights Educational Solutions and One Global Consultancy, Inc. She is also Events Manager of Wise Immigration and Study Services.

She is mother to Barbara, Duke and Benedict, wife to Lyndon and grandmother to Felisse.

When asked how she should be described in a few words, she quips, "Mother and Grandmother, Wife, Educator and Rotarian."



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



MEETING HOSTING RY 2022 - 2023

<p>1.) AUGUST 2022</p>	<p>5.) DECEMBER 2022</p>	<p>9.) APRIL 2023</p>
<p>Membership And New Club Development Month</p>	<p>Area Of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</p>	<p>Area Of Focus: Maternal and Child Health Month</p>
<p>Atty. Sydrick G. Deiparine Atty. Ernesto Miguel B. Amores</p>	<p>Jose Marie Ponce Emman Reyhan C. Abay-abay Jose Alfonso C. Abad</p>	<p>Dr. Alain O. Senerpida Richard G. Barba Emmanuel C. Calalang</p>
<p>2.) SEPTEMBER 2022</p>	<p>6.) JANUARY 2023</p>	<p>10.) MAY 2023</p>
<p>Area Of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy Month</p>	<p>Vocational Service Month</p>	<p>Youth Service Month</p>
<p>Jason Go Kiang Kee Ong Herminia Fernandez Spaller Emmanuel P. Tesalona</p>	<p>Atty. Ernesto Miguel B. Amores Dr. Maricel Amores Alfie M. Torres</p>	<p>Atty. Lolita L. Lomanta Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente Combased, USC & UV</p>
<p>3.) OCTOBER 2022</p>	<p>7.) FEBRUARY 2023</p>	<p>11.) JUNE 2023</p>
<p>Area Of Focus: Community Economic Development Month</p>	<p>Area Of Focus: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month</p>	<p>Rotary Fellowships Month</p>
<p>Mary Anne A. Solomon Kristoffer Llegunas Maria Dolores Rimaz</p>	<p>Arch. Manuel L. Torres Jr Marina Kaufmann Kendrick S. Sulay Anna Maglasang</p>	<p>Conrado M. Abarintos Ma. Consolacion Abad Pasion Lulu San Pedro Francis Icamen</p>
<p>4.) NOVEMBER 2022</p>	<p>8.) MARCH 2023</p>	<p>Dates to Remember</p>
<p>The Rotary Foundation Month</p>	<p>Area Of Focus: Water, Sanitation, And Hygiene Month</p>	<p>Holy Week: April 2-8, 2023</p>
<p>Atty. Bernardino T. Amago IV Arch. Joseph Michael P. Espina Glenford Elendrino</p>	<p>Engr. Jesselito V. Baring Patrick L. Yared Dave John B. Karamihan Regie Gratones</p>	<p>World Rotaract Week: March 13-19, 2023 Rotary's Anniversary: February 23, 2023</p>



ADOPT (A Dose Of Positive Thoughts)

DR. MARICEL BORRROMEO-AMORES
Public Image Director 2022-2023
Asst. Governor A1B 2021-2022
President 2017-2018



Living a life that matters is a conscious decision to prioritize values, purpose, and impact over fleeting pleasures or material possessions.

It means choosing to make a positive difference in the world and leaving a meaningful legacy that reflects one's unique talents, passions, and beliefs.

Ultimately, it requires a commitment to personal growth, service to others, and a deep sense of fulfillment that comes from living in alignment with one's highest aspirations.💜

Live a Life that Matters

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten
will pass to someone else

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies
will finally disappear

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away
It won't matter where you came from

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant
So what will matter ?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built
Not what you got, but what you gave

What will matter is not your success, but your significance

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion courage
or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others
to emulate your example

What will matter is not your competence, but your character

What will matter is not how many people you knew
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone

What will matter is not your memories
but the memories that live on in those who loved you

What will matter is how long you will be remembered and for what

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident
It happens by choice ...

People of action around the globe

By Brad Webber

67 pounds, 1.8 ounces

Heaviest cantaloupe melon recognized by Guinness World Records



United States

Southern Michigan lore tells of a wanderer who handed melon seeds to a greenhouse owner. The resulting Howell melon has been celebrated by townsfolk with an annual festival now in its 63rd year. The Rotary Club of Howell has gotten in on the festivities by selling a Howell melon-flavored ice cream. In August the 40-member club sold 7,000 cups of the ice cream and 1,500 half-gallon containers over the weekend fair. More than 100 people, including Rotarians, members of the Interact Club of Howell High School, and school athletes, pitched in to help. The endeavor scooped up \$30,000 for scholarships, local youth programs, and other community projects. "It's so popular that no matter what time we say we're going to start selling there's going to be a line," says Sandie Cortez, a past president of the Howell club. "People go crazy over this."



Peru

This month the Rotary Club of Chincha is scheduled to unveil a new addition to a shelter that houses vulnerable girls ages 5 to 17 in the Ica region. The girls, some of whom have been abandoned by their families or are victims of abuse, "need a lot of psychological help," says Mónica Avilés Calderón, a past club president. The club completed the first building, with a capacity of 30 residents, in 2000. Soon the number of girls living in the shelter more than doubled. Starting in 2018, the club expanded capacity with additional buildings, costing about \$35,000 each. The three new structures were funded primarily by donations from the Rotary Club of Flawil, Switzerland, and District 2000 (Liechtenstein and Switzerland). The Chincha club raised the remaining funds.



3 in 10

Peruvians living below the national poverty line

Czech Republic

Amid the metaverse and other digital kingdoms, all things analog still have an appeal to younger generations, asserts the Rotaract Club of Most. The club played host to its third annual board games festival, which attracted more than 250 competitors over two days in October. "Board games in the Czech Republic are on a big rise since the beginning of the pandemic, and such an event made sense to us," says Petr Machovec, a past club president. "The secondary aspect of this was to engage new people in our club activities." For a \$3 entry fee, players could hear local professionals discuss developments in the games industry and try more than 150 games, many curated by club members and unique to the country. The most skilled won tournament prizes.



Rotaract Club of Most

269 moves

Longest recorded tournament chess game

Circa 1590

Compound microscope invented

Australia

Since 2010, about 800 schools have been equipped with more than 24,000 portable microscopes through the Microscopes in Schools project. The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay started the project. But for many years it became the intense focus of Diane Collins, charter president, and her husband, Kenneth, a past Rotary International director and Foundation trustee who died in August. Besides sacrificing garage space for storage and a distribution operation, the couple promoted the microscopes, enlisted Rotary club sponsors, kept records, and carried out the more mundane tasks. The project has multiplied in a big way. "It currently allows in excess of 280,000 students annually, in all states of Australia as well as many countries in Asia and the Pacific, to develop a love of science," Collins notes.

Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay



India

Table tennis ranks among the most popular sports in India. Tapping into that enthusiasm, the Rotary Club of Chennai Riviera is providing coaching to 17 deserving athletes ages 7 to 12. "All these children belong to underserved families and have the inclination to pursue the sport," says Club President Asha Daniel. "We want them to utilize this sport to improve themselves further and become good at it, giving them exposure and opportunities for a good education and life." The club covers breakfast and the cost of coaching, and a club member provides workout space, reducing the project's cost. To fund the annual \$4,000 training expense, the club in November staged a Future Paddlers Tournament that attracted 135 contestants ranging from 10 to about 70 years old, generating about \$2,700 through entry fees.

\$2 million

Biggest prize purse at an officially sanctioned table tennis tournament

Rotary Club of Chennai Riviera



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DISCON 2023

May 4-6, 2023 | Waterfront Cebu City Hotel

Imagine: Soaring High!

DISCON 2023 SOUVENIR PROGRAM CLUB LISTING

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1. Name of Club, Area and Charter date
2. Name and Picture of Club President
3. Name and Picture of Club Secretary
4. List of Officers RY 2022-2023
5. Group picture of Club members
6. Service Project Picture (People of action layout)

*** please make sure pictures are in high resolution / 300 dpi*

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May 5, 2023 (Friday Evening)

FELLOWSHIP *Night*

6:00 PM
PACIFIC GRAND BALLROOM

THEME: INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA
ATTIRE: INTERNATIONAL COSTUMES

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

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May 6, 2023 (Saturday)

Governors' *Night*

6:00 PM
PACIFIC GRAND BALLROOM

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MAY 4 - 6, 2023 | WATERFRONT CEBU CITY HOTEL

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MAY 4, 2023 / THURSDAY:

- **DISCON 2023 FUN GOLF TOURNAMENT**
7:00 AM | Venue: Alta Vista Golf, Country Club, Pardo, Cebu City
- **DISCON 2023 BOWLING GOVERNOR'S CUP**
1:00 PM | Venue: SM Bowling Center, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City
- **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING**
10:00 AM | Venue: Coral Room, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel

MAY 5, 2023 / FRIDAY

- **OPENING OF FRIENDSHIP HALL**
10:00 AM | Venue: Ballroom Hallway, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel
- **PLENARY / OPENING CEREMONIES**
1:00 PM - ASSEMBLY For Dignitaries, Past & Future District Governors, District Officers, Assistant District Governors and Club Presidents
Attire: White Inner Blouse/Polo, Theme Tie/Scarf and Dark Blazer
Venue: Caspian Room, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel
Other Attendees: Club Uniform
- **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Theme: INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA
Attire: International Costumes (*Details per AREA to be announced*)

MAY 6, 2023 / SATURDAY

- **SPOUSE PROGRAM**
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Assembly Time
Venue: Waterfront Cebu City Hotel Lobby

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM SPOUSE TOUR

ATTIRE: WHITE BLOUSE OR SHIRT; COMFORTABLE SHOES
- **PLENARY SESSIONS**
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Venue: Pacific Ballroom, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel
- **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | TRF & District Awards
Venue: Pacific Ballroom, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel
- **GOVERNOR'S NIGHT**
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Venue: Pacific Ballroom, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel
Theme: Nature's Elegance
Attire: Elegant Gown for Ladies / Tux or Coat and Tie for Men

MAY 7, 2023 / SUNDAY

- **DISCON 2023 RUN FOR GIFT OF LIFE**
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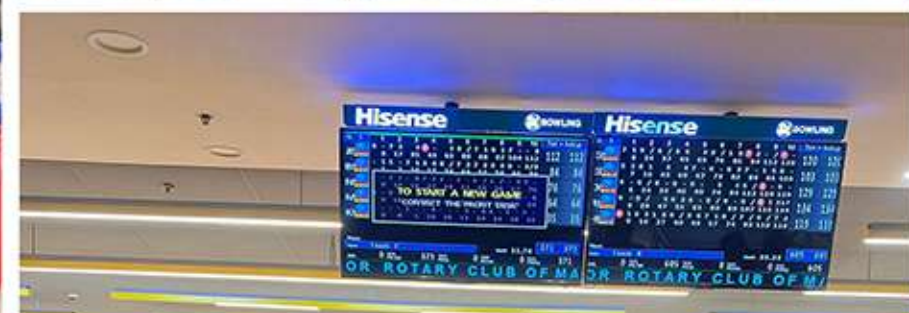


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March 2023 Events Around the World

CALENDAR

March events

SIP WINE, FEEL FINE

Event: Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction

Host: Rotary Club of Old Saybrook, Connecticut

What it benefits: Local projects

Date: 3 March

Located at the mouth of the Connecticut River, the Saybrook Point Resort and Marina is the seaside setting for this annual evening fundraiser. Attendees are invited to sample wines and beers and nibble on appetizers while bidding on silent auction items from area businesses. Local TV meteorologist Scot Haney will serve as master of ceremonies, and a jazz band will perform.

SWING INTO ACTION

Event: Charity Golf Tournament

Host: Rotary Club of Sun Lakes, Arizona

What it benefits: Local and international projects

Date: 11 March

The 29th annual golf tournament, held at Oakwood Country Club, is played in a scramble format. It starts with a ceremonial ball drop, which in previous years has been carried out by helicopter. The day includes a buffet lunch, catered by the Blazing Desert Dogs food truck, and a banquet dinner and auction.

GLITZ, GLAM, AND GATSBY

Event: Gatsby Garden Party

Host: Rotary Club of Longwood, Pennsylvania

What it benefits: Local charities and international projects

Date: 11 March

This *Great Gatsby*-themed gala takes place at the Longwood Gardens conservatory, a 4.5-acre greenhouse with 20 indoor gardens and thousands



TEE PARTY

Event: Charity Golf Outing

Host: Rotary Club of Four Peaks (Fountain Hills), Arizona

What it benefits: Local and international charities

Date: 27 March

In its 25th year, this annual tournament, held at the Ancala Country Club in Scottsdale, is a favorite among local golfers. The marquee event is a shootout, which drew more than 100 competitors last year. Each golfer hits a tee shot on a par-3 hole; the seven who come closest to the pin then get a chance to win \$1 million if they score a hole-in-one. The registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, as well as lunch, dinner, a raffle, and an auction.

of plants that has hosted social events since 1921, four years before F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel was published. The event comes on the heels of the 25th anniversary of the club, which is a longtime supporter of the gardens. Members will celebrate by dancing to a live swing band on the building's original sunken marble floor.

GO GREEN

Event: St. Patrick's Day Dash

Host: Rotary Club of Bend-Mt. Bachelor, Oregon

What it benefits: Neighbor Impact

Date: 11 March

The family-friendly 5K run, which encourages participants to show up in festive green apparel, has supported various local charities over the years. This year's beneficiary is Neighbor Impact, a nonprofit that provides a

variety of services to help people in central Oregon. Proceeds from the race, along with contributions from other Rotary clubs in the area, will go toward a new warehouse for the organization.

SHRIMP THE BEST

Event: ShrimpaPalooza

Host: Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs, Florida

What it benefits: Local charities

Date: 18 March

Mardi Gras fell in late February this year, but this outdoor New Orleans-style festival on Florida's Gulf Coast keeps the party going. The club expects thousands of attendees, many festooned in beads, who will enjoy a boisterous parade, live music, and food — including plenty of shrimp. Local merchants will host additional activities in conjunction with the event.

Tell us about your event. Write to magazine@rotary.org and put "calendar" in the subject line. Submissions must be received at least five months before the event to be considered for inclusion.

Dining

With more than 2,000 cafes and restaurants across the city, Melbourne's culinary landscape represents a kaleidoscope of cultures and flavors. Expect a little treasure hunting in this city of secret laneways, underground restaurants, and rooftop bars.

1 COOKIE

252 Swanston Street
cookiemelbourne.com.au

Cookie is housed in the iconic palazzo-style Curtin House. You'll be greeted with a vibrant wall mural, a bustling bar (the building's original), dark timber floors, and soft light filtering in from large, arched windows. The menu lives up to the accolades, effortlessly blending a Thai and Australian ethos to deliver plate after plate of informal, share-style flavor bombs.



2 CECCONI'S FLINDERS LANE ↑

61 Flinders Lane
cecconis.com

Cecconi's Flinders Lane is hidden below street level, nestled in a New York-style basement on Melbourne's most famous laneway. Within the theater of an exposed kitchen and a sleek yet warm dining space, head chef Sebastiano Pezzoli dishes up some of Melbourne's finest Italian cuisine with a focus on simply prepared, Venetian-inspired food.

3 IL SOLITO POSTO

113 Collins Street
ilsolitoposto.com.au

Enter Il Solito Posto, another subterranean treasure, via the small backstreet of George Parade. Its name translates to "the usual place," and Melburnians return again and again for its buzzing, welcoming vibe. While the warm and inviting cafeteria offers a relaxed and casual space with an ever-changing menu, the sub-sub-basement trattoria, lined with racks of fine wine, provides a formal dining experience for special occasions.

4 BOTTEGA

74 Bourke Street
bottega.com.au

For modern Italian fare where handmade pasta is the star of the show, try Bottega at the top end of Bourke Street (within what is often cited as the central business district's Italian quarter). Grab a booth or pull up a seat on the pavement as you would in Rome.

5 GELATERIA PRIMAVERA

157 Spring Street
springstreetgrocer.com.au

Directly across from Parliament House, tucked into the entry of Spring Street Grocer, you'll find the marble-topped counter of Gelateria Primavera. Just don't go looking for the name on a sign — there



isn't one, but a soft-glowing "Grocer" on the curved entry roof and "Gelati" in the window. The menu is always changing, but gelato scoops could include anything from licorice and bergamot to basil with honey and pecans.

6 CITY WINE SHOP AND THE EUROPEAN

159-161 Spring Street
citywineshop.net.au
theeuropean.com.au

City Wine Shop is both a wine store with a vast, global selection of vino and a chic cafe. Pull up a seat at either the sleek timber bar inside or the intimate tables nestled under umbrellas on the pavement. The nose-to-tail menu, with dishes mined from the traditions of rural France, Italy, and Spain, is shared with the adjoining restaurant

The European, which includes a laid-back dining room. Be sure to order the steak frites.

7 RED EMPEROR ↑

131 Little Bourke Street
redemperor.com.au

Melbourne's Chinatown dates to the gold rush days of the 1850s. For an elegant but welcoming Cantonese dining experience, seek out the glowing neon sign of Red Emperor. The restaurant, famed for its daily yum cha and sumptuous banquets, has become a staple on the city's dining scene.



Register now at
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Drinking

Whether you're after a classic cocktail, a craft beer, a vintage vino, or a good old Aussie pub, Melbourne's bar game is on point. From rooftops to hidden doorways and basement dives, you will never go thirsty in this city.

8 CAMPARI HOUSE

23-25 Hardware Lane
camparihouse.com.au

You haven't fully experienced Melbourne until you've ventured to the city's "ceiling." A brew with a view is a rite of passage. Take the stairs to the rooftop of Campari House for casual cocktails, wine, chilled beers, and incredible city views.

9 IMPERIAL HOTEL

2-8 Bourke Street
bourkestreetimperial.com

The historic Imperial Hotel dates to 1863, but today is best known for its large rooftop beer garden, live sports, ice-cold beers, and classic pub fare. The 360-degree city views aren't too shabby either.

10 FARMER'S DAUGHTERS

95 Exhibition Street
farmersdaughters.com.au

Farmer's Daughters offers seasonal eats courtesy of local farmers and producers. The sunny rooftop bar features locally sourced craft beer, wines, and spirits. Also on the roof is a garden that supplies herbs for both food and cocktails.

11 HER ROOFTOP

270 Lonsdale Street
her.melbourne

Built in 1903, the heritage-listed Pacific House recently

reopened as Her, a multifaceted drinking, dining, and music venue. Enjoy wine and cocktails along with Thai bites, prepared in the kitchen of the tiny BKK restaurant below.

12 POMELO ROOFTOP BAR

169 Melbourne Place
pomeloroof.com.au

Pomelo is known for its perfectly executed concoctions. Order yourself a boozy slushy or a refreshing seltzer crafted and canned in-house. The rooftop bar is the playful sister of Bouvardia, a small, experimental cocktail bar downstairs — itself worth a stop.

13 BAR CLARA ↓

87 Little Bourke Street
barclara.com

Bar Clara bases its cocktail list around clarified fruit

juices (the Clara in the name). Jars of homemade concoctions can be seen nestled between the top-shelf spirits lining the shelves of the back bar. Grab one of the soft, green velvet lounges and settle in for the night.

14 BENEATH DRIVER LANE

Shop 3, Driver Lane
driverlanebar.com

Housed in the vault of the old Money Order Office, you'll descend into another time and place in this basement bar. Nab one of the original brick-arched booths, order yourself a signature cocktail or top-shelf whiskey, and enjoy live blues music. Just make sure you get there early.

15 HEROES

188 Bourke Street
heroesbar.com.au

Adjacent to Chinatown, you'll find Nitro Lab ice cream shop. But you're not here for dessert. Seek out the elevator within and be transported to Heroes with its multiple levels of revelry.

16 NEW GOLD MOUNTAIN

21 Liverpool Street
newgoldmountain.com.au

On Liverpool Street, keep your eyes peeled for a push-bike suspended on the wall

above the number 21. Step through the golden doors and into the opulence of New Gold Mountain. The intimate bar serves up some of the city's best cocktails using 100 per cent Australian ingredients.

17 SIGLO BAR

161 Spring Street
siglobar.com.au

An unmarked door on Spring Street opens to a staircase to Siglo Bar. The open air, black-and-white paved terrace is a perfect location to enjoy a post-theater single malt and a Cohiba Cuban cigar, with views of Parliament House, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Princess Theatre.



18 TRINKET ↑

87 Flinders Lane
trinketbar.com.au

From the outside, Trinket is an unassuming, vintage-inspired cocktail bar. Step through a Narnia-like wardrobe, however, and you'll find a basement bar complete with velvet couches, candlelit tables, and chandeliers.

19 STATE OF GRACE

27 King Street
stateofgracemelbourne.com.au

Housed in the Melbourne Steamship Co. building on King Street, State of Grace is an eclectic Euro bistro that boasts a stunning rooftop bar. Slide back a bookshelf, and enter Fall From Grace, a secret cocktail den in the basement.







You asked. Gordon McInally answered.

Responding to your questions, Rotary's president-elect says he plans to lead with caring as his core value

Photography by Kevin Serna

If you ask Gordon McInally anything about his upcoming year as Rotary International president, he'll immediately stop you. "It's not about *my* year. It's about one of Rotary's years," he corrects. "I'm a great believer in continuity, and I don't see the years in isolation."

On a blustery October day, McInally (that's pronounced MAK'-ihn-al-ee) sat down with six members of Rotary's communications team to take questions gathered via social media from Rotary members around the world. He has a quick sense of humor and an easy banter that filled the room with laughter as a film crew set up boom mikes, cameras, and lights. In introducing himself as a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland, he quipped about his distinctive speech: "Despite the lack of an accent, I am Scottish, and very proud of that fact."

McInally's Scottish heritage is apparent in his office, where a brightly colored landscape painting by the Scottish artist John Lowrie Morrison adorns a wall. Scotland isn't always as dreary as it is typically depicted, he notes. "Sometimes it's a very bright place." In fact, there are a lot of stereotypes about Scotland that McInally is looking to move past. "The tartan, the plaid, it's very traditional, very stereotypical," he says. His presidential tie, instead, was inspired by the bright colors used by Morrison, his favorite artist, along with the colors in a seashell from Thailand that helped inspire his presidential theme. Among other colorful curiosities in McInally's office is a giant cardboard rendition of his head, which he received after a Rotary institute in Minneapolis. Visitors are keen to hold it up for social media selfies. "I think they get more sense out of the head than they do out of me," he says with a laugh.

McInally joined the South Queensferry club when he was 26 years old. He and his wife, Heather, had recently gotten married and wanted to put down roots in the community outside of Edinburgh. A farmer they had met invited them to a Rotary social event and then to a couple of Rotary meetings, and before McInally knew it, he was on the road to Rotary membership. (Heather McInally is also a Rotarian, belonging to the Borderlands satellite club of the Rotary Club of Selkirk.) "I couldn't see how a dentist working in isolation in Edinburgh could make a huge difference in the world," he recalls. "But I very quickly realized that by being part of Rotary, I could, and I did."

He would like to use his year — scratch that, the 2023-24 Rotary year — to spotlight mental health, an issue that has touched his family directly and that is all too often kept under wraps. McInally is an ambassador for Bipolar UK, an organization that supports people with the illness as well as their families and caregivers. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland recently launched a partnership with the organization to bring members' skills to help build a more robust network of support groups around the country. "I'm a big believer in using Rotary members' skills, rather than just their checkbooks," he says.

The following is a condensed version of the town hall. Watch it at rotary.org/mcinallytownhall.





What are your core values, and how do they shape how you lead?

■ **Natarajan Sundaresan**, Rotary Club of Koothapakkam, India

My core value can be expressed in one word, and that is “caring.” I like to think that I care for people. Professionally as a dentist, I cared for people for many, many years. It’s something that was instilled in me by my parents. It’s something that we have instilled in our own children. And the great thing is I now see it being instilled in our grandchildren. I think if the world was a more caring place, a kinder place, then it would be a much happier place and a much more peaceful place. Peace is one of the issues that I particularly want to see us move forward.

How can we reignite members of Rotary who appear to have “lost their spark”?

■ **Jannine and Paul Birtwistle**, Rotary Club of Guernsey, in the Channel Islands

I know Jannine and Paul very well, and it’s nice to receive a question from them. I think the way to reignite the lost spark in certain members of Rotary is to make sure that the Rotary club experience is as good as it can be and suits everybody. It’s not a case of one-size-fits-all. Some clubs will want to meet in a country club and spend 2.5 hours over lunch. Other

clubs will want to meet for 45 minutes on a Saturday morning over coffee and a bagel, and then get out and do service.

It all comes down to the service. We are a membership organization and a service organization. It’s not either/or. We need to be out there doing service, because not only will we enjoy that more, we will also see more people want to come and join us because they can see us.

What concrete plans does Rotary have to address climate change in 2023-24?

■ **Abdur Rahman**, Rotary Club of Secunderabad, India

One of the big projects that we’re working on at the moment is planting mangroves in various places around the world, and there are many others. But we have to remember that Rotary, on its own, will not be able to solve the problem of climate change. We need to work at the level we are capable of working at and encourage and advocate governments around the world to ensure that we address the issue of climate change going forward.

How can we motivate more Rotaractors to join Rotary clubs?

■ **Dale Kerns**, Rotary Club of North East, Maryland

We need to bring them into Rotary

I’m a great believer that everything starts with hope.

clubs as Rotaractors and allow them to help shape the club going forward. We talk about mentoring. But there’s reverse mentoring, as well. We can learn so much from Rotaractors. One of the most successful places in the world at integrating Rotaractors into Rotary is in Hong Kong. They move seamlessly from Rotaract into Rotary. As a result, there’s hardly a division. They have a wonderful way of integrating Rotaract and Rotary together. Both sides gain so much from that. People say that Rotaract is the future of Rotary, but it’s actually the present.

What youth programs are important to you?

■ **Lindy Beatie**, Rotary Club of Penn Valley, California

I'm a great fan of RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]. We have seen very successful RYLAs in our part of the world. If you take a high school student with potential to a RYLA experience, the change that can take place is amazing. Sometimes the quiet, introverted young students who go to a RYLA experience have, by the end of it, found themselves and are blossoming. It's important we send people with potential to the RYLA experience — not the highfliers, because they're going to fly high anyway. It's the people we have the potential to develop.

I'm also a great believer in Rotary Youth Exchange. I'm delighted that we are now in a position to reignite the Youth Exchange program. Just over the past few weeks, I've seen young people flying all around the world for what will be a life-changing experience. That comes back to the whole issue of creating a more peaceful world. Because if we can take young people and let them meet other young people and live in other cultures for a year, then we realize that basically we're all the same people. There is no need for conflict because we're all trying to pull in the same direction, and we all desire the same thing.

Rotary keeps creating new partnerships and launching new projects. How can we ensure continuity as one president takes over from another?

■ **Marissa De Luna**, Rotary Club of Sweetwater San Diego, California

When I talk about continuity, I don't just mean doing the same old things year after year after year. What I mean is a process of continually moving forward, continually improving. To do that, we need to be looking at different projects and at different initiatives, because at any given time, there are different needs and different demands being placed on us. So I don't think the two are mutually exclusive. I think we can be part of new projects, and we can look at doing new things. But we can still be practicing continuity, in that we're taking it forward in the long term and not rushing to conclude things in the space of any one presidential term.

What is the biggest potential you see in Rotary as an organization that has not been fully realized?

■ **Claudia Arizmendi**, Rotary Club of Hermosillo Milenio, Mexico

We saw a great increase in volunteerism during the pandemic. I think we have a great opportunity to connect with those people and encourage them to carry on volunteering through Rotary. I believe it's

in everybody's nature to care for other people. If we can bring that out of people, and if we can build on the spirit of care that we saw during the pandemic, what a wonderful legacy. About 6.5 million people died as a result of COVID around the world, and so they must not die in vain. If we can connect with the people who reignited their spirit of volunteering during that period, then we will have achieved something. ■

You can't gather a group of journalists and not allow them to ask a few questions of their own. Here's what Rotary magazine's editors wanted to know:

Tell us about your presidential theme.

The theme is going to be *Create Hope in the World*. I'm a great believer that everything starts with hope. While I was in Thailand inaugurating a village that Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland had built after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, I met a lady. She looked to be about 70 or 80 years of age, and it turned out she was only about 50. She had lost everything in the tsunami. Her house had been destroyed. And as I looked around her house, there was nothing else there. This was a new home, but she had lost everything. But she insisted I take a seashell that she had saved for over 30 years. She said, "I had lost everything, including hope. But Rotary has given me hope to continue." And I have this shell to this day. If people don't have hope, then they will never be able to make their way forward. It's a call to action: Create hope in the world.

What are your priorities?

In terms of continuity, we want to carry on empowering girls and women. Also, we're going to be encouraging people to do virtual exchanges. That will speak to peacebuilding from the ground up. It's not about stopping wars; it's about stopping wars from starting. Prevention is better than cure. Almost every one of our areas of focus has the potential to do that.

The third thing is a mental health initiative. Coming out of the pandemic, there are a lot of people who are struggling with poor mental health. I think it's the next pandemic. I've got experience with friends who have suffered poor mental health. I guess we've all suffered through poor mental health on occasions. Rotary has to be

big enough and brave enough to enter that space and to start talking about where we can make a difference. At the most basic level, it's just opening up the conversation about mental health and helping people get access to any professional help that they might need, and then supporting them through that journey.

I lost my brother to suicide. It's still very painful. I share this not to get people's sympathy, but to make people realize that everybody is affected by this sort of thing. We can't sweep it under the carpet. As a global network of 1.4 million people, we do have an opportunity to make a difference in making it less of a taboo and less of a stigma.

You have also served as president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. What did you learn from that experience that you'll bring to this role?

I learned how to sleep in different beds every two or three days — I traveled a great deal during that year around Britain and Ireland. I learned that Rotary clubs are all different, and that everybody has a different interest. Not everybody is as passionate as I am — I'd sometimes feel I'm a bit of a zealot. But everybody has something. And the secret is to tap into people's interests and to make sure that they're allowed to do things that they want to do. That speaks to bringing members in as well. We don't bring members in and then tell them what they need to do. We bring members in and ask them what Rotary can do for them.

You're a dentist. If you were a tooth, which would you be?

I'd probably be an incisor, because that's the first tooth that does the work. You don't shove anything straight to the very back. You lead with your incisors, and I like to think I lead from the front. That said, an incisor is no more important than any other tooth; all are equally important in the eating process.



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Last February 24, 2023, Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente joined all other clubs in attending the welcome dinner as the main event of Day 1 of the Pilipinas Rotaract Convention (PROCON) 2023 at the Royce Hotel in Mabalacat, Pampanga. The event kicked off with a parade of dignitaries. District Rotaract Representative Raquel Magtalas-Santos gave her effusive welcome remarks. The distinguished guest of honor, Atty. Chel Diokno gave the keynote address centered around how service can make all the difference in the world and how the youth play a critical role in advancing multiple acts of service upon humanity. The previous PROCON host was also given recognition for their previous efforts at bringing together Rotaract clubs across the nation. In all, the event set the tone for the rest of the national convention and served notice of how Rotaractors gather to celebrate and reaffirm their commitment to service above self.



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