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“You Don't Imagine Yesterday, You Imagine Tomorrow”
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Youth Service Month

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Programme



Hosted by:

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INVOCATION

*Our Father, we thank you
for this time of
fellowship and
enlightenment at the
end of the day.*

*Bless us, we pray, as we
return to our homes, that
each day we may
broaden our horizons a
bit further than the day
before, so that we may
always praise you with
spirit but also with
understanding. Amen.*

PART 1

Call to Order	JOMAR PONCE President-Elect
Invocation	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Philippine Anthem	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
The Rotary Hymn	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary	RTR. NESLEN CANONIGO President-Elect/Secretary, RACCF - UV
Introduction of Rotarians Spouses, Visiting Rotarians Rotaractors Guest	RTR. ABIGAIL YBAÑEZ Secretary, RACCF – USC

PART 2

Medical Mission	TOOTSIE SPALLER Member, RCCF
Rotaract's Time (Club Accomplishments)	RTR. RIEKO DIAZ , President, RACCF – USC RTR. ROLDAN LIRASAN , President, RACCF – UV RTR. PHILLIP PEREZ , President, RACCF – CB
Open Forum	
Engagement (Charades)	

PART 3

Secretary's Report	KRISTOFFER LLEGUNAS Secretary
Director's Report	CLUB DIRECTORS
President's Time	JOMAR PONCE President-Elect
Other matters	
Adjournment	JOMAR PONCE President-Elect

...Fellowship Continues...

Quote for the Week

*"The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to do,
and then do it." - Henry Ford*



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 fellow Rotarians,

I am delighted to inform you that the Friendship Hall was officially completed and successful. This is an exciting milestone for our organization, and we are thrilled to share this news with you all. As we move forward, I am pleased to announce that RCCF has been entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the Friendship Hall - DISCON 2023. The host of this event was excellently done by PP Maricel Borrromeo-Amores.

EPNC Meanne Solomon served as the ever-reliable Aide to PRID Guiller and Spouse Letty. Spouse Sandra Espina took charge of the fun-filled spouse tour.

This DISCON 2023 led by our District Governor, Lilu Aliño, was truly a very seamless, beautiful and wonderful DISCON 2023. We are fortunate to have her leadership in this Imagine Rotary soaring high. It is a great opportunity for us to come together, exchange ideas, and celebrate our Rotary successes. We had many exciting programs and activities carefully planned for this event, and I was confident that everyone had a great time.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who have contributed to making this event a success. Your dedication and commitment have been an asset to RCCF, and we could not have achieved this milestone without you.

It was a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and networking with Rotarians from different districts. Let us continue to work together towards our goal of making a positive impact in our community. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to RCCF.

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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	20th 04/17	21st 04/24	22nd 05/15	23rd 06/13	Perfect Attendance
1.	6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso		RW			
2.	6581939	Abarintos	Conrado		RW			
3.	8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan		RW			
4.	9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	RW	✓			
5.	6218949	Amores	Maricel		RW			
6.	11227470	Amores	Atty. Ernesto Miguel		RW			
7.	3362897	Barba	Richard		RW			
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.	5983997	Filipino	Rogelio					
14.	11614251	Gratones	Regie	RW	✓			
15.	10411469	Icamen	Francis Edhilson					
16.	8944393	Jang	Pouly	✓	RW			
17.	3516557	Karamihan	Dave John		RW			
18.	8599266	Kaufmann	Marina					
19.	9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓	✓			
20.	8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita		RW			
21.	11313408	Maglasang	Anna Mae					
22.	10709899	Ong	Jason					
23.	6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion		RW			
24.	10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓	✓			
25.	8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores		RW			
26.	5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas					
27.	8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	RW	RW			
28.	11103868	Spaller	Herminia		✓			
29.	3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne	RW	RW			
30.	8543450	Sulay	Kendrick		RW			
31.	9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel		RW			
32.	11227493	Torres	Alfie					
33.	5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓	✓			
34.	10410033	Yared	Patrick					
TOTAL ATTENDEES								

BIRTHDAYS

May 02 PP Titong Rafols

May 04 PP Rady Abarintos

May 07 Sps. Noel San Pedro

May 08 PDG Yumi Espina

May 24 Rtn. Anna Yared

May 30 Pres. Pouly Jang



People of Action – and empathy

I believe it is a time in our world for brave, courageous, intentional leadership.

Last month, in this column, you heard from my dear friend Anniela Carracedo. She is an amazing member of our Rotary family, and as a past Interactor and now Rotarian, she is this kind of leader.

Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The outpouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too.

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to ensure that it remains a priority — and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing

service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care.

That is why I'm so heartened by President-elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the global mental health system, not only for Rotary members, but for the communities we serve.

When Gordon announced our focus on mental health at this year's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. Rotary service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives.

Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do right, and yet it builds on something that has been part of who we are for 118 years. We are People of Action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion.

Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can *Create Hope in the World*, Gordon's inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities, and if we can meet people where they are and lift them up, they will imagine Rotary in a new light and come to fully understand our value and our infinite potential.

JENNIFER JONES

President, Rotary International



RI President Jennifer Jones (center) with 2023-24 President Gordon R. McNally and his wife, Heather, at the International Assembly in January

PHOTOGRAPH BY MONIKA LOZINSKA



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Our limitless potential

“Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can.”

While we don't know its exact origin, this widely quoted saying summarizes what Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are all about: We do quite a lot of good, serving people around the world in myriad ways, and we are in it for the long haul.

How many other charities do so much good in so many ways for so many as The Rotary Foundation?

Not only do we, the volunteers, fund most of our projects, but we often contribute significant volunteer hours in organizing and executing them. The “regional offices” of our charity — also known as Rotary and Rotaract clubs — are our reliable go-to partners in the more than 200 countries and geographical areas in which we operate. And when we lack expertise in an area, we partner with outside organizations whose trust we have earned, such as the World Health Organization, to deliver results on the ground that truly change lives.

Unlike some charitable organizations, we don't take the “parachute approach” to humanitarian work. We solve problems in a sustainable way. Before we lift a shovel to start any Foundation project, we conduct community needs assessments and work closely with members of the community. The Foundation

also acts quickly when needed, such as through our disaster response grants, as we did with the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Accountants like me and business and community leaders like you pay close attention to the numbers, and in this area, the Foundation is a cut above. In funding projects, we apply Rotary's traditions of fiscal responsibility and ethics to ensure the best use of the resources of our fellow members. We in Rotary are excellent stewards of our grants, with most of the funds going toward humanitarian support itself and relatively little going to grant administration costs. This is why Charity Navigator has consistently given its highest rating to The Rotary Foundation, year after year.

Because our worldwide operation is dedicated to seven areas of focus, volunteers and donors alike have ample opportunities to make a difference where help is needed most. Indeed, the potential to help through the Foundation is limitless.

So, if you are looking for a great charity to support or a way to do all the good you can, look no further than The Rotary Foundation. It is truly one of the greatest charities in the world, and it belongs to you.

IAN H.S. RISELEY

Foundation trustee chair

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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>

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.

May 2023 Events Around the World

CALENDAR

May events



THE RUN FOR THE ROSES

Event: DeLand Derby
Host: Rotaract Club of DeLand, Florida
What it benefits: Local charities
Date: 6 May
 For the third year, the club hosts a Kentucky Derby watch party for horse-racing fans ages 21 and over. In addition to a livestream of the “greatest two minutes in sports,” the event features a food buffet, drinks, a DJ, lawn activities, and red carpet photos. The club encourages attendees to wear their finest derby outfits, and prizes are given for best dressed and best hat.

HANG WITH THE RAT PACK

Event: Mineral City Celebration
Host: Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
What it benefits: Local charities and international projects
Date: 13 May
 Guests at this Rat Pack-themed charity gala will be transported to the 1960s, when Frank Sinatra and his pals ruled the Vegas Strip. The event includes a cocktail hour, dinner, music by a Sinatra tribute artist, and a raffle to win a luxury trip. The club will present its annual Rock of the Community Award, which honors a local resident who personifies Service Above Self, to Hall of Fame football player and philanthropist Tony Boselli.

CUTEST PARADE EVER

Event: Pet Parade
Host: Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas, Connecticut
Date: 20 May
 Nearly every year since the 1930s, children of all ages have marched through downtown Winsted with their pets,

WHEN THE BUDS BREAK

Event: Buddbreak Wine and Craft Beer Festival
Host: Rotary Club of Mount Airy, North Carolina
What it benefits: Local charities and local and international projects
Date: 6 May

This annual festival in downtown Mount Airy celebrates the spring budding of grapevines. More than 12,000 people are expected to turn out to sip libations from regional wineries and craft breweries, nibble on food from local eateries, and listen to live music. Tickets for those who wish to sample wine and beer include a commemorative wine glass, and general-access tickets are available for a reduced price.

including dogs, cats, horses, and donkeys. The parade ends at a park where organizers serve refreshments and give out awards in several categories. A contest held in conjunction with the event recognizes parade-themed posters designed by elementary school students.

HIT THE LINKS

Event: Charles Phillips Memorial Golf Scramble
Host: Rotary Club of Harbor Beach, Michigan
What it benefits: End Polio Now and local projects
Date: 20 May
 This annual golf event was started in 2005 by a longtime club member and polio survivor to raise money for The Rotary Foundation’s polio eradication efforts. After he died in 2015, fellow Rotarians named the outing in his memory.

Cash prizes are awarded to the top three teams, as well as to the winners of two “closest to the pin” competitions.

GOBS OF LOBSTER

Event: Tustin Lobsterfest
Host: Rotary Club of Tustin/Santa Ana, California
What it benefits: Local projects and scholarships
Date: 20 May
 This outdoor festival, first held in 2010, returns after a three-year hiatus. The main attraction is all-you-can-eat whole lobster with butter, alongside tri-tip beef, salads, baked potatoes, and desserts. A band will perform music from the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. In addition, attendees can buy tickets that correspond to balls that will be dropped from the ladder of a fire truck. The person whose ball lands closest to a target on the ground wins \$1,000.



RECRUIT PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT LEADERS

FOR THE 2024 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Selected fellows receive full funding for a master's degree or post-graduate diploma in disciplines related to peace and development.

Rotary members play a key role in recruiting candidates globally!



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INTERACT AT 60

FOREVER

YOUNG

**Interact is 60 going on 16 —
or is it the other way around?
Join us as we examine
Rotary's leadership and
service program for teens
through the lens of yesterday,
today, and tomorrow.**

INTERACT AT 60

To change the world, start young

Since 1962, generations of young people have discovered the power of Service Above Self and – judging from the pages of this magazine over the decades – had some serious fun along the way. From the White House to Pisa, Italy, and beyond, we chart Interact’s perpetual growth and eternal youth.

Encircled by members of their sponsoring club, the members of Rotary’s first Interact club stand in the shape of the letter “I.” “Even then we knew this was a historic occasion,” recalled member Woody Bowden (front row, left, at the base of the I), the inaugural treasurer of the Interact Club of Melbourne High School in Florida. “We were proud of being the first club of its kind.”



1962

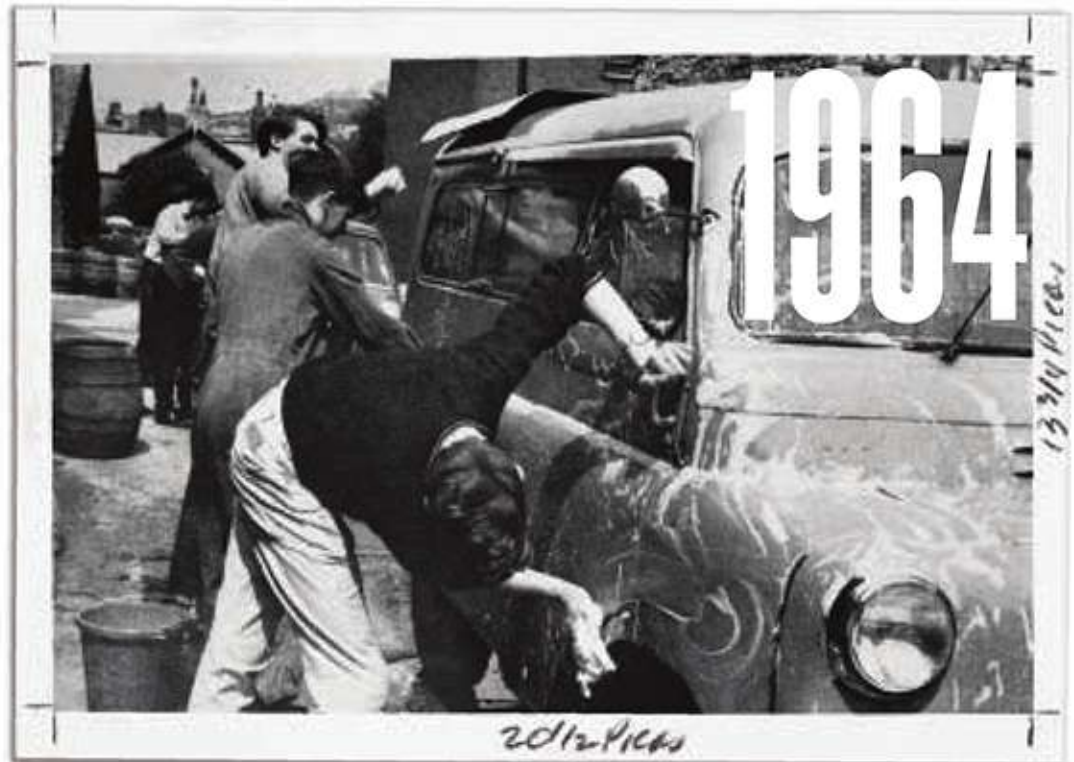
December: An article in the magazine entitled “The blueprint’s ready for Interact” introduces Rotary’s “new youth group,” whose purpose, the article explains, is “to provide opportunity for young men [ages 15 to 18] to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.” The article goes on to outline the program’s goals, which include developing constructive leadership and personal integrity, and encourage interested Rotary clubs to obtain an Interact Club Organizing Kit. As for the group’s name, Interact — an amalgam of “international” and “action” — was selected from more than 200 suggestions, and “linguists agree, [it] translates clearly in almost every language spoken by Rotarians.”

1963

January: The magazine article “Interact’s in orbit” introduces the Interact Club of Melbourne High School in Florida; certified 5 November 1962, it is Rotary’s first Interact club. Previously established as a campus service club by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, its 39 members already had 35 “helpful activities” to their credit, including collecting toys for poor children, painting gymnasium bleachers, and buying a class ring for “one of their number,” exchange student Katsutoshi Shintani, of Hiroshima, Japan. “The club cut across all kinds of socioeconomic barriers,” member Woody Bowden recalled 25 years later. “We came from different backgrounds and cliques, but Interact brought the many groups together. We always looked forward to Monday nights when we got together.”

February: In a letter to the magazine, Mississippi Rotarian Frank E. Cotton Jr. writes: “If Interact is as good as it appears, I wonder if there is any justification for our seriously limiting its potential value by restricting it to young men. The article indicated no principle of Interact which would not apply as well, perhaps better, to clubs of boys and girls.”

November: On its first anniversary, Interact numbers 177 clubs in 24 countries. That includes a club in Thanjavur, India, the first Interact club outside of the United States, with certification two months after the Melbourne club.



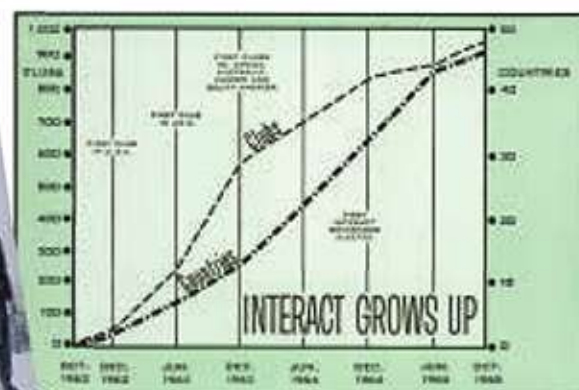
1964

September: With “deep satisfaction,” RI President Charles W. Pettengill announces the first Interact Week, a forerunner of World Interact Week. “It is my hope that every Rotary club in the world will take advantage of the unique opportunity,” he says, “... to focus attention on this dynamic youth program.” The same issue reports that, in its most recent meetings, Rotary’s Board of Directors requested district governors “to appoint district Interact advisory committees ... to assist the district governor in publicizing the Interact program, promoting the organization of new Interact clubs, and administering the program of Interact within the district.”

↑ Members of the Interact Club of Ulverston, England’s first Interact club, demonstrate their drive by washing cars, a weekly project whose goal is to raise money for a public swimming pool.

1965

October: A series of articles, including a profile of a club in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, recognizes Interact’s “booming, boyful success.”



November: Interact celebrates the arrival of its 1,000th club, this one in Rio de Janeiro.

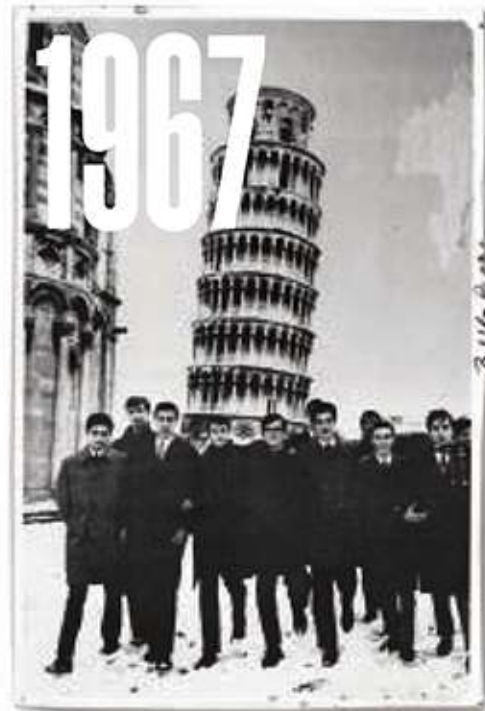
1966

March: At the White House, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson greets Peter Arroyo, president of the Interact Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut. An honor student, class president, and co-captain of the football team at Warren Harding High School, Arroyo had been chosen Boy of the Year by the Boys' Clubs of America.

October: Ahead of Interact's fourth anniversary, RI President Richard L. Evans declares it "a Rotary success." With some 34,000 members in nearly 1,400 clubs and 51 countries, Interact, he says, "has enlisted the energy of youth in service and in international understanding."

1967

October: "Interact, just five years old, is one of [Rotary's] newer efforts, but it could prove to be what Winston Churchill might have described as your 'finest hour,'" writes Tom Lawrence, president of the Interact Club of Meridian High School, Mississippi. "I say thanks from our Interact club for giving us faith in a better tomorrow."



← Interact approaches a milestone: the certification of its 2,000th club. Among the newer clubs is the Interact Club of Pisa, Italy. It comprises 25 boys from the Ulisse Dini science high school and the Galileo Galilei classical high school, who, according to a May 1968 magazine article, "have already made a fast start down the avenue of Interact service."

1968

January: Rotary's Board of Directors expands Interact's horizons. "Should local circumstances indicate to the sponsoring Rotary club that good cause would be served by the admission of girls, the sponsoring Rotary club is at liberty to use its discretion accordingly. Should the sponsoring club decide on a mixed membership, at least half should be boys."

1970

October: In a special issue of the magazine that addresses the conflicts and challenges confronting young people in a turbulent era, an article entitled "Alternatives to anger" recommends both Interact and Rotaract as a way of fostering "community builders today, world leaders tomorrow."



In April, Interactors register for a district Interact conference held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



A member of the Interact Club of Sheffield, Alabama, speaks during a panel session on international projects held at the district conference in Tuscaloosa.

1982

October: After 20 years, Interact's 90,000-plus members serve in 4,100 clubs situated in 78 countries. "Everyone is aware of problems in the world," says Diane Mezzich, a member of the Interact club at St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York. "It is a good feeling to know that we can do something positive through Interact."



1987

↑ A group of Interactors gathers in Brazil. As its silver anniversary approaches, Interact numbers about 5,000 clubs in 83 countries.

2002

November: A youthful 40 years old, Interact now has about 8,600 clubs in 107 countries. For this year's World Interact Week, those clubs and their Rotary sponsors are asked to give an inspiring presentation about Interact to a Rotary club that does not sponsor an Interact club or conduct a joint Rotary-Interact project to increase awareness of Interact.

2009

The Interact Video Awards are introduced. The grand prize winner is the Interact Club of Communities-in-Schools at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice with a video entitled *Giving Back Through Interact*. In a surprise, two videos each win first prize: *What Interact Means to Us* from the Interact Club of Shoumen in Bulgaria and *The World We Live In* from the Interact Club of Edmonton Centennial, Alberta. In 2020, the video prize becomes a component of the more broadly themed Interact Awards, which also honor photos and essays.



2010

The minimum age for participation in Interact changes from 14 to 12.

2013

→ Four Interactors from the United States celebrate Interact's golden anniversary at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. They're at a booth in the House of Friendship that tracks Interact's history.



2020

Rotary International approves an Interact Advisory Council; it will merge in July 2023 with a reimagined Youth Advisory Council.

2022

For Interact's 60th anniversary — when it has more than 437,000 members in about 19,000 clubs — RI President Jennifer Jones looks to the past and the future. "For 60 years," she says, "Interactors have been changing the world. ... This year, I challenge you to Imagine Rotary. Imagine a Rotary where, in the next 60 years, youth voices and youth perspective lead the way."

→ Anniela Carracedo, a member of the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and an Interact alumna, exchanges high fives with RI President Jennifer Jones at the International Assembly in January 2023.



Acting is in their nature

Today's Interactors are channeling enthusiasm and ideas into projects of remarkable impact. These young people offer more than just volunteer numbers for your club's service projects. They're key collaborators from start to finish. And in some cases, they're leading the way.

PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Odette relief effort

When Super Typhoon Odette caused widespread destruction in the central Philippines in 2021, a 17-year-old Interactor navigated debris-choked roads on foot to climb a hill where she could get just enough of a phone signal to put out a call for help.

Only a year earlier, Chynna Dorado had started the Interact Club of Metro Mandaue in her home city of Cebu, one of the hardest-hit areas. But she already had a network of Interact friends in other areas of the Philippines that she knew she could rely on. Together, they organized a large-scale response that raised money and distributed donations of food, hygiene kits, medicine, and drinking water to more than 1,000 families across several cities and islands.

At the same time, Dorado was among those grappling with the personal impact of the storm, which triggered landslides that damaged her family's home.

So, Dorado leaned on Interactors in other parts of the country that were less affected. First, she had to find a way to reach them with electricity down and many lines of communication cut. "The internet was best in high places," she says. "So to get a few minutes or an hour of signal, I would walk up a hill. And I had to do that on foot because there was no gasoline for the cars," and fallen trees blocked roads.

She worked with her fellow Interactors to create graphics to share on social media, contact corporations for donations, find nonprofit organizations to partner with, and reach out to Interactors abroad. Other Interact clubs in the country hosted donation drives and fundraisers in their



schools and communities. The Interactors tapped their families — including some Rotarian parents and their clubs — to volunteer alongside them.

Those connections and communication skills, Dorado says, enabled them to mobilize quickly. "One thing Interactors do very well is networking and communicating with each other," she says. "They just have this creativity. How well-versed we are with technology is also a big factor."

More than a year later, Dorado is a high school senior and a member of the Interact Advisory Council that works with the RI Board of Directors. Among her goals, she wants to encourage more Rotarians to start Interact clubs in their communities and learn how Interactors can be strong project partners through the skills, ideas, and perspectives they bring.

Since Dorado started her club, four others have formed in the Cebu area. "We're more visible to Rotary clubs now," she says. "And they definitely see that Interactors do make an impact."



↑ Top: Interactors distribute food aid in the municipality of Argao. Above: People comb through the debris on Siargao Island.

PHOTOGRAPHS: CHYNNA DORADO

CALIFORNIA

Stem cell donation awareness

For most patients with life-threatening blood cancers such as leukemia, a bone marrow transplant is a potential cure. But finding the right donor match is a challenge, and the odds are especially narrow for ethnic minority groups, which are not as well represented on registries of potential donors.

So, members of the Interact Club of Silicon Andhra, California, were thrilled when an attendee of their first donor awareness webinar signed up and a month later received word that he was a match for a person with cancer who needed a transplant. "It's fascinating to me, because it's this nebulous concept that you might save a life," says Aaditya Ravula, the club's 2021-22 president. "This made it very concrete, very real. This is a person, the same as you or I, he just saw this webinar, he signed up, and he got the opportunity to genuinely say, 'I've saved someone's life.'"

The club in the San Francisco Bay Area and its sponsoring Rotary club of the same name started a campaign together to raise awareness about the importance of registering to donate blood stem cells, which enable bone marrow to form new blood cells. They focused on the region's South Asian immigrants, a group that is especially underrepresented among potential donors, who send in cheek swab samples to be added to the registry.

Through webinars, information booths at community events, and other initiatives, the Interact club has been urging people to sign up to join the donor registry managed by Be the Match and dispelling misconceptions about donation.

The Interactors have brought fresh enthusiasm and ideas to the awareness campaign, says Sneha Vedula, the Rotarian who serves as the Interact adviser. One Interactor even sang south Indian classical music during her pitch. Vedula thinks the Interactors can be more persuasive than older Rotarians when trying to reach potential donors in the target age range of 18 to 35 years old. "It's about their honesty and the passion," she says.

The Interactors, too, gain from the partnership with Rotarians. Ravula says he's more practiced at stepping out of his comfort zone when approaching people to make conversation. Now a freshman at the University of California, Davis, he says learning about the issue of stem cell donation helped him decide to pursue a career in oncology.

↓ Aaditya Ravula (bottom center) staffs an information booth during the Hindu festival of Holi.



TAIWAN
Coastline cleanup

For a coastline cleanup project, members of the Rotary Club of A-Kong-Dien, Kangshan, Taiwan, knew they wanted to go big. We're talking 1 kilometer (more than half a mile) of urban coastline in the large port city of Kaohsiung, some 1,500 volunteers, buses to transport them, as well as food trucks and other vendors.

So, the Rotarians enlisted the help of Interactors in the A-Kong-Dien club they sponsor, and about 100 of them joined the cleanup day in September. They were also involved in planning the event. "We have a saying, 'It's nice to be young,'" says Lawrence Tsai, the Interact chair for District 3510. "Many of our Rotarians are in their 50s, 60s, and 70s. The Interactors, they're young, energetic. So, it helped bring energy to the event."

Many of them had Rotarian parents and grandparents, so multiple generations were working together. Tsai says the Interactors were quick to volunteer for labor-intensive duties like carrying bottled water and other equipment. Many were also eager to help with photographing the event, Tsai says.

Among them was Interactor Liu Fang Ci, who enjoyed the chance to "feel useful and make a difference." He was surprised the Rotarians were asking for the Interactors' input rather than just directing them. "We can learn from Rotarians not to be afraid to talk with adults and share our opinions," he says.

Tsai encourages clubs in his district to involve Interactors in projects and events. His top reason: They're the future of Rotary.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (CALIFORNIA) AADITYA RAVULA; (TAIWAN) LAWRENCE TSAI

4 ways to elevate youth voices

1

Work toward their goals, not yours

This is a club by and for young people — allow them to be the ones to shape it. Remember, Rotary members are there to mentor young people, not manage them. Meet them where they are. Let them set the priorities and ask them how you can best support their goals.

2

Include youths in your committees, task forces, and teams

Look for opportunities to include Interactors in leadership roles in your club and district. Invite Interactors to your district conferences and training events, where they learn alongside other leaders and can contribute to the broader conversation. At the international level, starting in July, Interactors will sit on a reimagined Youth Advisory Council, giving them the chance to have a voice on Rotary's youth programs.

3

Let them take the lead

It's by planning club meetings and service projects that Interactors gain life-long skills in management, negotiation, and relationship building. So play the supporting role by volunteering at Interact events wherever they need help. Think about additional ways to help Interactors learn leadership skills, such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, district leadership events, and local training opportunities.

4

Watch out for "adulthood"

Adults always know best ... or do they? Instead of assuming you know all the answers, be ready to ask questions and listen. Think about the respect you'd give another adult's viewpoints and ideas and treat a teen the same way.



Having been an Interactor myself I know how enthusiastic Rotary youth are to get involved in whatever way we can. So please, I urge you to reach out to students your club sponsors via Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, and every other youth program, no matter how long ago their experience was, and ask them how these programs shaped their lives. Let them know how they can stay involved in the Rotary world.

— Taylor Randall, Australia



Interact members bring fresh perspectives and creativity to projects. Their unique viewpoints, in addition to their tech know-how and capacity to think creatively, can assist in the creation of innovative and successful solutions. And Interact members may use their substantial social media presence to significantly increase awareness of Rotary projects, widening Rotary's influence and contributing to positive change in their communities.

— Rafael Barac-Bologa, Romania

As an Interactor in District 5170, I have had the pleasure of working within my district on projects ranging from COVID-19 relief to anti-human trafficking campaigns — all of which could not be done without Rotary's support. I hope to see Interactors involved in Rotary and Rotaract service projects, elevating youth voices and ensuring a brighter future.

— Mehreen Rosmon, California



We want to continue to evolve as leaders and let others know what Rotary and Interact are doing for the society — not only with our community projects, but also how we develop ourselves in meetings and projects, how family-like our club feels, how we can find help and support in people that we never imagined, and how we can help people that we never thought would need our help.

— Eduarda Azeredo Bufalari, Brazil

Find more information about working with Interact clubs in the Interact Guide for Rotary Club Sponsors and Advisers, available at rotary.org/get-involved/interact-clubs/details.

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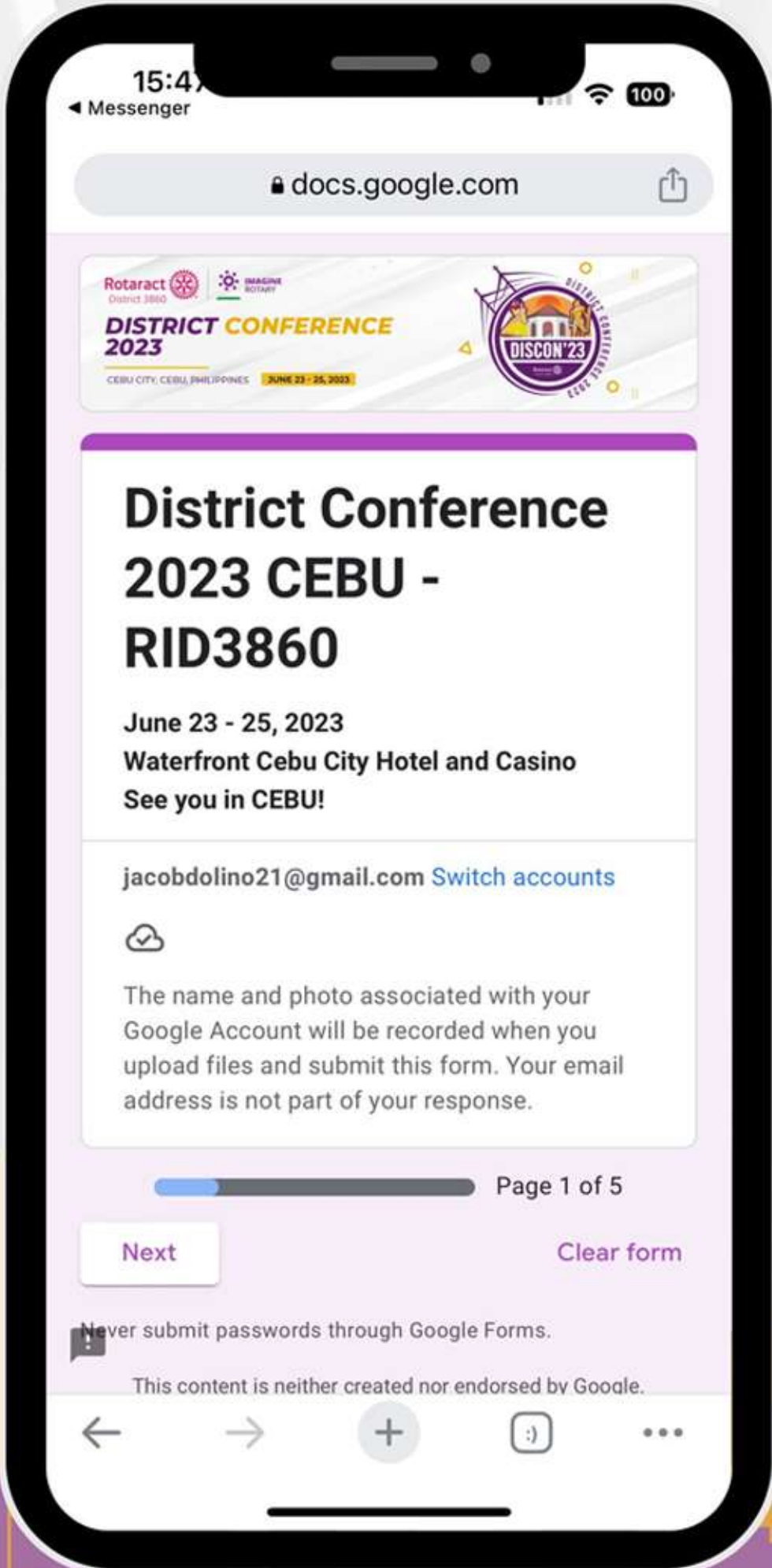
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