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## 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES

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**ROZANNE TWINKLE C. GAMBOA**

District Governor, RY 2023 - 2024  
Rotary International District 3860

**6:00 PM | SATURDAY | JULY 8, 2023**



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PRESIDENT, RY 2022-2023





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**PATRICK L. YARED**  
Resto Bar Management



## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES

6:00 PM | Saturday | July 8, 2023 | Casino Español de Cebu, V. Ranudo St., Cebu City

### PROGRAMME

5:00 PM

- Pictorial of Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente
- Registration
- Renewal of Sister Club Agreement (RC Metro Iloilo & RC SeoSuwon)

- Grace Before Meals
- Dinner (Awarding of Golf Fellowship)
- Entertainment

Call to Order .....	<b>POULY JANG</b> President, RY 2022-2023
Invocation/Doxology .....	<b>Audio Visual Presentation</b>
Korean Anthem .....	<b>Audio Visual Presentation</b>
Philippine Anthem .....	<b>Audio Visual Presentation</b>
Rotary Hymn .....	<b>Audio Visual Presentation</b>
Welcome Address .....	<b>PATRICK YARED</b> Secretary, RY 2023-2024
Introduction of Dignitaries and Guests .....	<b>ATTY. LOLITA L. LOMANTA</b> Youth Service Director
Valedictory Address .....	<b>POULY JANG</b> President, RY 2022-2023
Presentation of Club Awards .....	<b>LILO ALIÑO</b> District Governor, RY 2022-2023
• Outstanding Rotaractors	<b>POULY JANG</b>
• Presidential Merit Award	President, RY 2022-2023
• Most Outstanding Past President	
• Most Outstanding Officer	
• Most Outstanding Director	
• Rotarian of the Year	
Introduction of RY 2023-2024 President .....	<b>ALAIN SENERPIDA</b> Past President
Charging of President .....	<b>JOSEPH MICHAEL ESPINA</b> Past District Governor
Introduction of Club Officers .....	<b>JOSE MARIE PONCE</b> President, RY 2023-20234
Charging of Club Officers & Club Advisers .....	<b>RODEL RIEZL S. REYES</b> Past District Governor
Induction of President and Officers .....	<b>ROZANNE TWINKLE GAMBOA</b> District Governor, RY 2023-2024
Turn-Over of Bell, Gavel and President's Medallion .....	<b>POULY JANG</b> President, RY 2022-2023
Inaugural Address .....	<b>JOSE MARIE PONCE</b> President, RY 2023-20234
Presentation of Leadership Award .....	<b>JOSE MARIE PONCE</b> President, RY 2023-2024
Introduction of Guest of Honor .....	<b>EDWARD VINCENT ANG</b> District Secretary, RY 2023-2024
Message from the District Governor .....	<b>ROZANNE TWINKLE GAMBOA</b> District Governor RY 2023-2024
Presentation of Tokens .....	<b>JOSE MARIE PONCE</b> President, RY 2023-2024
Closing Message & Toast .....	<b>PATRICK YARED</b> Secretary, RY 2023-2024
Adjournment .....	<b>MANUEL TORRES JR.</b> Past President
Program Host .....	<b>JOSE MARIE PONCE</b> President, RY 2023-2024
	<b>ATTY. ERNESTO MIGUEL AMORES</b> Director, Vocational Service
	<b>ATTY. BERNS AMAGO IV</b> Past President

PICTORIALS & FELLOWSHIP

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NOW**



# From Secretary's Desk



**PATRICK L. YARED**  
Secretary, RY 2023 - 2024

## ATTENDANCE

	ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	1st 07/03	2nd 07/08	3rd 07/24	4th 08/07
1.	6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso				
2.	6581939	Abarintos	Conrado	✓			
3.	8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan				
4.	9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	✓			
5.	11227470	Amores	Atty. Ernesto Miguel	✓			
6.	6218949	Amores	Maricel				
7.	3362897	Barba	Richard				
8.	6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito	✓			
9..	10954392	Deiparine	Atty. Sydrick Jose Andrei				
10.	11227514	Elendrino	Glenford				
11.	2036342	Espina	Arch. Joseph Michael				
12.	5983997	Filipino	Rogelio				
13.	11614251	Gratones	Regie	✓			
14.	10411469	Icamen	Francis Edhilson				
15.	8944393	Jang	Pouly	✓			
16.	3516557	Karamihan	Dave John				
17.	8599266	Kaufmann	Marina				
18.	9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓			
19.	8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita	✓			
20.	10709899	Ong	Jason	✓			
21.	6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion				
22.	10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓			
23.	8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores				
24.	5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas				
25.	8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	✓			
26.	11103868	Spaller	Herminia				
27.	3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne				
28.	8543450	Sulay	Kendrick				
29.	9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel				
30.	5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓			
31.	10410033	Yared	Patrick	✓			
<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>				<b>13</b>			

### BIRTHDAYS

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





## My call to action

**E**ven as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to *Create Hope in the World*.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain

more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World*.

**R. GORDON R. MCINALLY**

*President, Rotary International*

*Photograph by Monika Lozinska*



## TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

# Audacious goals

I love Rotary for many reasons, perhaps most of all for the impact we make when we work together. There is really no other group like us.

In the last five years, The Rotary Foundation has helped 100 million beneficiaries. That is staggering.

But the need is great. There are countless more we could be reaching and supporting right now if we had the resources. We could reach twice as many in the next five years. And your fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians are ready to help. They're hungry for more grants to help more people who need us.

That's why, this year, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have set an ambitious goal for giving of \$500 million, our highest ever.

This breaks down to \$150 million for the Annual Fund to help fund grants and \$50 million for polio eradication, to be matched 2 to 1 by \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For the Endowment Fund and our future, we are targeting \$60 million in outright giving and \$80 million in commitments, totaling \$140 million. And we want to collect \$60 million in other contributions, such as direct giving, cash for global grants, and Disaster Response Fund donations.

To make this happen, we need all of you — each and every Rotarian and Rotaractor.

Did you know that over 80 percent of Rotary members make no contributions to PolioPlus, or that over 60 percent make no donation at all to The Rotary Foundation? For an organization of 1.4 million members, that means that nearly 1 million of us are not contributing each year.

Imagine the tremendous difference it would make if each of those 1 million could contribute just \$25 a year. That would be \$25 million we wouldn't need to raise from our best donors.

We can all give something. That's why I am asking each of you to set a goal to give what you can to The Rotary Foundation this year.

Never have we set such an audacious goal, but I believe that you, who make up Rotary, always respond to a challenge, especially when you see the difference we can make with those funds. We are part of an audacious organization, one that dreams big and makes our dreams a reality.

Let's think bigger and differently this year, so we can meet our goal and do more to *Create Hope in the World*. In this way, we will make the Rotary year ahead an unforgettable one, not just for ourselves, but most importantly, for those whose lives we will soon touch.

**BARRY RASSIN**

*Foundation trustee chair*

## GENERAL OFFICERS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 2023-24

### PRESIDENT

**R. Gordon R. McNally**  
South Queensferry, Scotland

### PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Patricia Merryweather-Arges**  
Naperville, Illinois, USA

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### Anirudha Roy Chowdhury

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Maryville, Tennessee, USA

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### Yeong Ho Yun

Masan South, Korea

### GENERAL SECRETARY

**John Hewko**

Kyiv, Ukraine

## TRUSTEES OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, 2023-24

### CHAIR

**Barry Rassin**  
East Nassau, Bahamas

### CHAIR-ELECT

**Mark Daniel Maloney**  
Decatur, Alabama, USA

### VICE CHAIR

**Bharat S. Pandya**  
Borivli, India

### TRUSTEES

**Martha Peak Helman**  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA

### Chun-Wook Hyun

Seoul-Hansoo, Korea

### Jennifer E. Jones

Windsor-Roseland, Ontario,  
Canada

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Mexico

### Dennis J. Shore

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### GENERAL SECRETARY

**John Hewko**

Kyiv, Ukraine





## District Governor's Message

My respects to Past District Governor Raymond Rey Patuasi, Past District Governor Joseph Michael Yumi Espina and Lady Sandra, Past District Governor Teodoro Ted Locson, Past District Governor Philip Tan, Immediate Past District Governor Lilo Aliño, District Officers in attendance, Hope Creating Presidents, Members of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente and Spouses, Rotaractors, good evening! And to our Rotary brothers & sisters from Korea:

ann-yeong-hase-yo  
joh-eun jeon-yeog- ibnida!

As told in the myth, out of curiosity, Pandora opened the box and let out all the wickedness into the world. However, a thing was left inside the box, and that was Hope.

You may or may not believe the legend, but since time immemorial, humans have always held on to Hope despite the challenges. Our times have been beset with pandemics, natural catastrophes, wars, and economic downturns. One of these would have been enough to put one in despair, but unfortunate was that they transpired altogether. In one way or another, we may have been affected, but imagine those who live in the eye of these disasters.

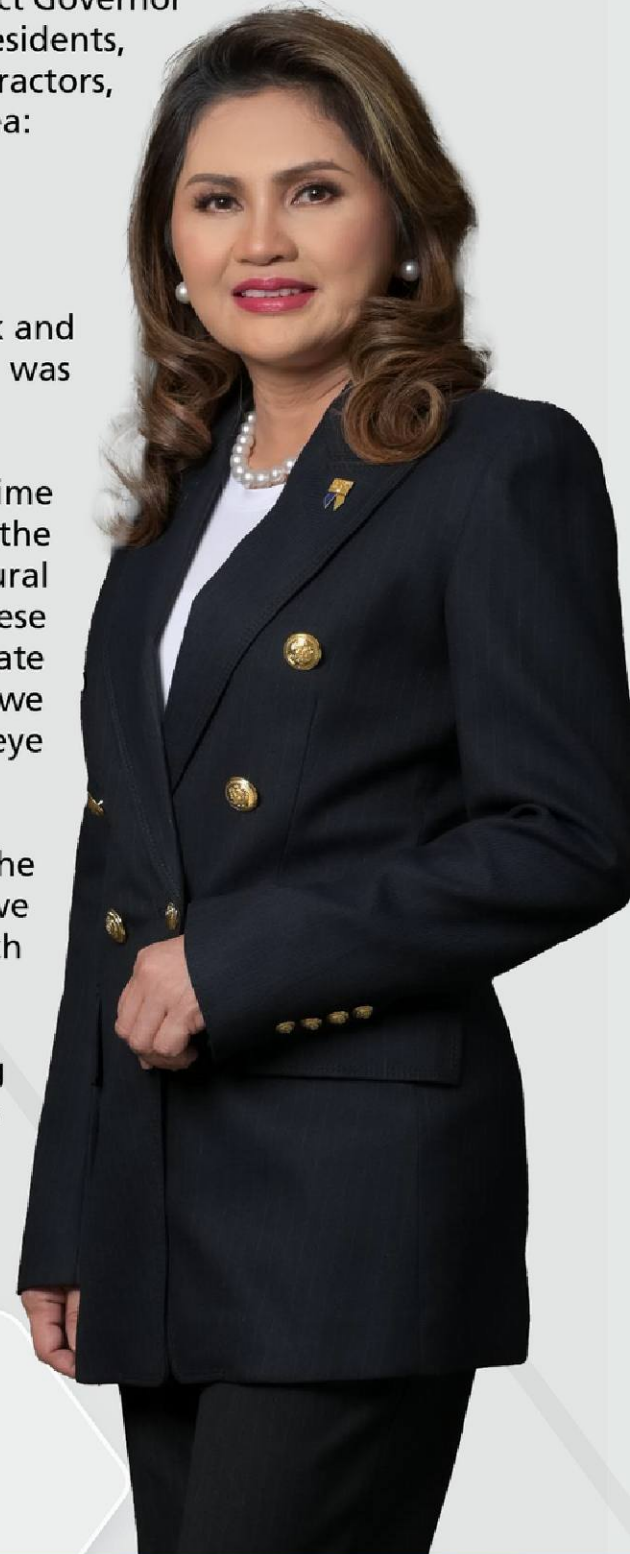
So, People of Action are called to alleviate their plight using the Rotary Way. More than ever, we should bring to light how we serve to change lives. Let's open opportunities to connect with the world and be the inspiration that will make a difference.

To the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente, join me in serving humanity. Let's safeguard the last treasure in Pandora's box...let's create hope in the world.

Thank you and good evening!

Sincerely yours,

**ROZANNE TWINKLE C. GAMBOA**  
District Governor, RY 2023-2024  
Rotary International District 3860





# 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,

For three years, I have carried the thought of how it will be when I finally assume the presidency of RCCF. At times, I feel excited but admittedly, most of the time, I feel anxious. Taking the highest position in RCCF, which has a track record of awards and recognition, is hands-down daunting and intimidating. But I have been told that the position seeks the person and it sought me...to be technically correct...my RCCF Family has chosen me.

So, I stand before you, shorn of ego, and humbly ask for your guidance and support. Never hesitate to call my attention should you find my ways unbecoming and never shy away from sharing your ideas for I consider them all to be valid. I have a lot to teach but I also have a lot to learn.

I truly wish that RCCF will reach milestones for this year and it can only be realized if I have you by my side. Let's continue to imagine the good that we can do and bring them to fruition. What we gain should only be matched with what we give. Join me as we journey towards Creating Hope in the World. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**JOSE MARIE "JOMAR" PONCE**  
President, RY 2023 - 2024

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# Valedictory Address



PEACEBUILDING AND  
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DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
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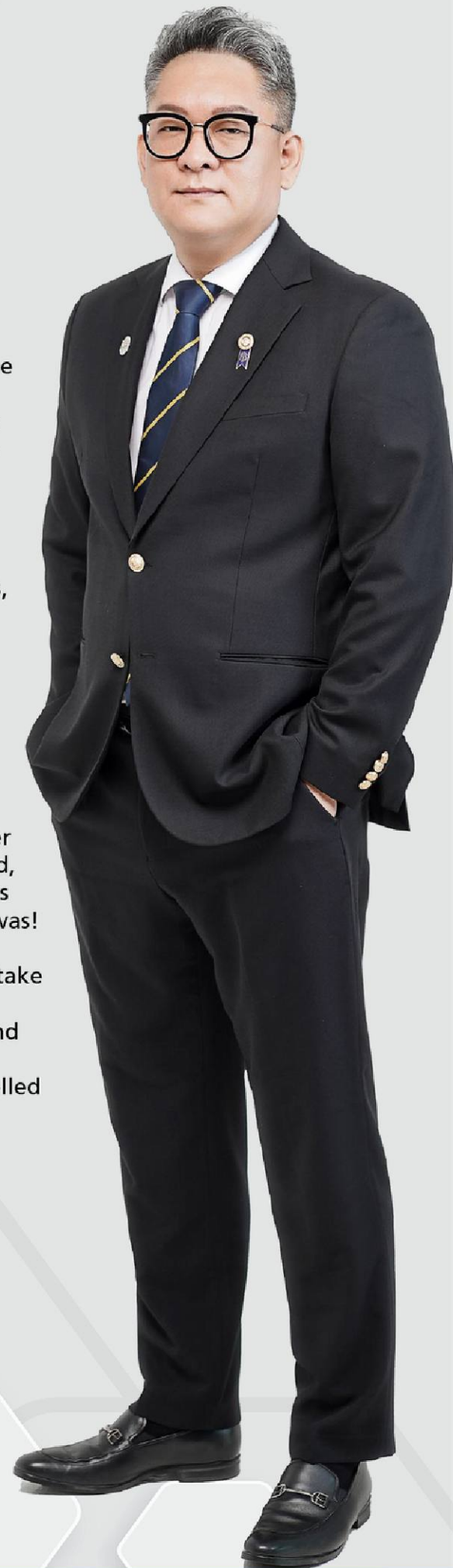
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ENVIRONMENT



Protocol observed, good evening.

From the get-go, all odds were against me...I can barely speak English, the COVID19 pandemic was still ongoing, and there was still some sense of disconnect among most Rotarians. I struggled to keep my business afloat while tending to my personal and family issues. I fought on and kept the faith.

I imagined that I could get past the language barrier and I sure did...I imagined that the health crisis situation will be alleviated and it did...I imagined that Rotarians will once again feel connected and they did. Yes, it happened because I first imagined it.

Indeed, what the mind can conceive, the body can achieve. With RCCF's collective imaginations, each step forward was with a purpose. We foresee the goal and then work together to realize it.

So, I am truly grateful for all the help and support that my fellow RCCF Rotarians have shown throughout my imaginative year.


I may be wanting as a leader in many respects but my heart to serve never faltered. I would like to believe that in the past year, RCCF has done good, if not, great. If my life has been changed, I would like to claim that others have been touched. As proof, I share to you a snapshot of the year that was!

I am the first Korean President of RCCF and in District 3860. I will forever take pride that I have added a legacy of service and fellowship to the colorful history of RCCF. I once gain thank my RCCF Family for the vote of trust and confidence. I also thank my beautiful wife Soo, for being my anchor and inspiration...your unconditional love and boundless understanding propelled me to do better and be better each day. Finally, I thank my God for the constant grace and continuing protection.

Let's continue to Imagine Rotary and then Create Hope in the World.

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Gomabseubnida

Very truly yours,

  
**POULY JANG**  
President RY 2022 - 2023



## The RCCF History

### **From a Humble beginning . . . in the service of Mankind**

In 1982, the Rotary Club of Cebu West (RCCW) under the stewardship of President Ted Flores passed a resolution for the creation of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) then the DG was Dr. Quintin Doromal and the RI President was Himojo Mukasa of Japan.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) was chartered on October 29, 1982 with the Rotary Club of Cebu West (RCCW) past President Cesar "Sar" Estalilla as its charter president. The 11th Rotary Club in Cebu was born.

"Fuente" which means Fountain in English, is the symbol for The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) Fountain of service from the A, B, C, D, E's of its programs related to Rotary's areas of Focus.

**A for:** - Autism Awareness and its support for the REACH Center (Responsive Education for Autistic Children)  
- Free Anti-Rabies vaccination with the Dept. of Veterinary services in Cebu City.

**B for:** - Blood Service the Rotary way  
- advocacy for early detection of Breast Cancer

**C for:** - anti Cervical Cancer

**D for:** - anti Domestic Violence

- anti Dengue
- Dental Care
- Disaster Relief

**E for:** - Education through

- donations of computers and books
- maternal literacy reading for new borns
- scholarships
- Environment through
  - trees and mangrove planting
  - livelihood recycling
  - water and sanitation

Other programs include its regular medical and dental missions and turn over of donations from partners and sister clubs to chosen beneficiaries. The Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente (RCCF) is a multi awarded club having received Rotary awards, and among the highest international and district awards are:

**International:** - One of the 4 Most Outstanding Club in the World  
- Public Relation  
- Presidential Citation

**District:** - Most Outstanding Club  
- Most Outstanding Club Projects  
- Most Outstanding Club Presidents, Club Secretaries  
- Most outstanding club bulletin

Cebu City even recognized the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente as one of its city charter awardee:

The club has produced leaders beyond the club level:

#### **District Governors**

1982-1983 Cesar "Sar" Estalilla  
2007-2008 Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina  
2016-2017 Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Solomon

#### **District GSE team leaders**

PDG Cesar "Sar" Estalilla  
PP Julio Gonzalez  
PDG Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina  
DG Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Salomon  
DT Richard "Dick" Barba

#### **Senior District Officers**

DT Richard "Dick" Barba  
PSAG Conrado "Rady" Abarintos  
PAG Virgilio "Nonoy" Espeleta  
PAG Emmanuel "Manny" Calalang  
AG Jesselito "Jesse" V. Baring  
PAG Jose Alfonso "Joal" Abad  
PAG Cristina "Tina" Bacalso

and other district committee chairmen

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF



## 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?

## 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.

## 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.



Our Guest of Honor joined the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao in 2001 which was then an all-female club. As she grew in Rotary, she occupied various key positions in the Club. After 15 years of membership, reluctantly, she became an All-Star president in RY 2016-17.

During her presidency, her Club was awarded the Most Outstanding Club in the district among the 99 clubs in the district. The Club also received three Rotary International Citation Awards. First, was with their service project called "Shelter for Battered Women." Second, its Rotaract Club got an award for its exemplary performance and third, her husband Archie, received an RI Service Award, recognizing him as one the 50 Most

outstanding Spouse in the world.

After her presidency, she started to hold various District positions. She was appointed by Great Team Governor Art Tan as an Assistant Governor of Area 2C handling 5 clubs and at the same time was the Mindanao Chair for Pink October, the breast Cancer Awareness Program. For the Inspiring Team lead by Gov Bing Garcia she retained the position as the Pink October Chair in Mindanao and in that same year she became a member of the gala committee of The One Philippines, an International Humanitarian Award Body chaired by Past RI Director Raffy Garcia. One of the awardees came from our District who was endorsed by Rotary Club of Dadiangas, Dr. Roel Cagape. The spouses are also members of the Board of Trustees in our District 3860 Disaster Management, Inc.





As the DGN then, she had important District responsibilities such as the District Coordinators for the Rotary Presidential Conference 2021 Manila and Empowering Girls Initiative. She also had duties as the District's Endowment and Major Gifts Sub-Committee Chair.

Believing on the advocacy of The Rotary Foundation, DG Twinkle and spouse Archie are members of the newly Chartered Polio Plus Society, are Endowment Benefactors and Bequest Society. Moreover, the spouses are Arch Klumph Society Trustee Circle members.

Born and raised in Butuan City, she is happily married to Immediate Past President and District Learning Facilitator, Archie Francisco F. Gamboa. They have two grown-up children namely Tym, who is 33 years old, married to Dr. Shey Ongchua and has a grandson – Aaron Travis who is now 3 years Old. Her daughter Mariane is 27 years old and recently got married to Alvin Mosquisa last March 3.

All throughout her life as a Rotarian and as a leader, she has always been guided by the Four Way Test and have consistently applied the same even in her personal and professional life. She believes that the values of integrity and dedication are primarily important in any quest one would undertake to build trust and live-up with high moral standards.

She has learned a lot in her Rotary journey and she had consistently, thanked all the Rotarians who have helped and molded her on what she is today.

Fellow Rotarians and Guests, please help me welcome our Hope Creating District Governor, Rozanne "Twinkle" Cocon Gamboa.





**GUIDE IN PAYMENT OF RI AND DISTRICT 3860  
LEVIES AND THE TRF CONTRIBUTIONS**

ITEM	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	BANK ACCOUNTS	CONTACT
RI Club Invoice based on the Semi-Annual Report	\$38.50 Invoice & \$1.00 COL \$38.50 Invoice (per Rotarian)	July 2023 January 2024	BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND (BPI) ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>0011-1828-01</b> (for Philippine Peso) ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>0014-2171-34</b> (for US\$)	risppo.finance@rotary.org
Contribution to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund / Polio Fund and Endowment Fund	Goals to Rotary Club Central	July 2, 2023	BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND (BPI) ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>0011-1829-09</b> (for Philippine Peso) ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>0014-2171-42</b> (for US\$)	catherine.bedona@rotary.org
Subscription to Philippine Rotary Magazine	Digital -P150.00 per semester or P300.00 per year per member Printed – P400.00 per semester or P800.00 per year per member	July 2023 January 2024	BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND (BPI) ACCOUNT NAME: PHILIPPINE ROTARY MAGAZINE FOUNDATION, INC. ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>3371-0064-93</b>	<a href="mailto:office@philrotary.com">office@philrotary.com</a> amn_1309@yahoo.com
District Levy *	P500.00/member	July 2023	ASIA UNITED BANK - TORIL DAVAO ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>318-01-000132-5</b>	<a href="mailto:mbr1223@gmail.com">mbr1223@gmail.com</a> sylvianavarro@gmail.com
Disaster Levy *	P100.00/member	July 2023	ASIA UNITED BANK - TORIL DAVAO ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>318-01-000132-5</b>	<a href="mailto:mbr1223@gmail.com">mbr1223@gmail.com</a> sylvianavarro@gmail.com
Rotaract Levy *	P1,000.00/Rotaract Club	July 2023	ASIA UNITED BANK - TORIL DAVAO ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>318-01-000132-5</b>	<a href="mailto:mbr1223@gmail.com">mbr1223@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:sylvianavarro@gmail.com">sylvianavarro@gmail.com</a> CC- enriqueandres1970@yahoo.com
Club Listing (DISCON 2024)	P4,000.00	April 1, 2024	ASIA UNITED BANK - TORIL DAVAO ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>318-01-000132-5</b>	<a href="mailto:mbr1223@gmail.com">mbr1223@gmail.com</a> sylvianavarro@gmail.com
RI CON (Manila)	P250.00 P250.00	July 2023 January 2024	ASIA UNITED BANK - TORIL DAVAO ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 ACCOUNT NUMBER: <b>318-01-000132-5</b>	<a href="mailto:mbr1223@gmail.com">mbr1223@gmail.com</a> sylvianavarro@gmail.com
			<b>*Indicate the item on deposit slip</b>	

# Hope Creating Theme Song

## Where Hope is Planted

Lyrics by: Cathy Azanza-Dy  
 Music by: Joel Balsamo  
 Arrangement by: TJ Ramos  
 Sung by: Poppert Bernadas

**1**

Melody  $\text{♩} = 88$  *mp* **B**  
 Look and you'll find. How you can

Piano  $\text{♩} = 88$  *mp* **B(♯add2)** **E(♯add2)/B**

4 **B/D♯** **E(♯add2)**  
 serve our land If truth is left behind, will you make a stand? Days will be bright when the

8 **D♯(sus4) D♯/F♯** **G♯m(♯add2)** **G** **F♯(sus4)** **F♯**  
 walls between us fall We will brave the darkest night Hear us sound the call

**A**  
 12 **E(♯add2)** **B♯maj7/D♯** **C♯m(♯add2)** **C♯m/F♯ E/F♯** **B B♯maj7 E♯maj7** **Em6**  
 Turn the page, turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our

17 **B♯maj7/D♯** **G♯m7** **B/C♯** **C♯(♯add2)** **F♯(sus4) F♯** **E(♯add2)** **B♯maj7/D♯**  
 hopes fly high to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

22 **C♯m(♯add2)** **C♯m/F♯ E/F♯** **E♭/G E♭** **E♯maj7** **Em6** **B♯maj7/D♯** **G♯m7**  
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

**2**

26 **C♯m7** **B♯maj7/D♯** **E(♯add2)** **E/F♯** **B** **E♭/B**  
 hope is plant-ed, love is sure to grow

**B**  
 30 **B** **B/D♯**  
*mf* **3**  
 Bat-tles may rage, Hiding the voices of the small, We Ro-ta-rians rise as one Giv-ing

33 **E(♯add2)** **D♯(sus4) D♯/F♯** **G♯m(♯add2)**  
 strength and peace to all. Hearts are a-blaze, Spread-ing joy when all seems lost Draw-ing

**C**  
 36 **G** **F♯(sus4)** **F♯** **E(♯add2)**  
 cour-age from each o-ther For what mat-ters is the cause. Turn the page,

40 **B♯maj7/D♯** **C♯m(♯add2)** **C♯m/F♯ E/F♯** **B B♯maj7 E♯maj7** **Em6** **B♯maj7/D♯** **G♯m7**  
 turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our hopes fly high

45 **B♯/C♯** **C♯(♯add2)** **F♯** **F♯** **E(♯add2)** **B♯maj7/D♯**  
 to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

49 **C♯m(♯add2)** **C♯m/F♯ E/F♯** **E♭/G E♭** **E♯maj7** **Em6** **B♯maj7/D♯** **G♯m7**  
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

**3**

53 **C♯m7** **B♯maj7/D♯** **E(♯add2)** **E/F♯** **G** **G(♯sus4)** **Dm/G** **G9** **F(♯add2)** **f**  
 hope is plant-ed, love is sure to grow. Turn the page,

58 **C♯maj7/E** **Dm(♯add2)** **Dm/G F/G** **C C♯maj7 F♯maj7** **Fm6** **C♯maj7/E** **Am7**  
 turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our hopes fly high

63 **C♯/D** **D(♯add2)** **G** **G7** **F(♯add2)** **C♯maj7/E**  
 to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

67 **Dm(♯add2)** **Dm/G F/G** **E/G♯ E** **F♯maj7** **Fm6** **C♯maj7/E** **Am7**  
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

**E**  
 71 **Dm7** **C♯maj7/E** **F(♯add2)** **F/G E♭/G♯** **B♭m B♭m(♯maj7)** **C/D D9** **Dm7** **C♯maj7/E** **F** **F/G**  
 hope is plant-ed, love is sure to grow. Where hope is plant-ed,

78 **rit.**  
 love will al-ways grow.  
**rit.**  
*fp*

*sfz*

Completed on 11 March, 9:45 p.m. in Manila, PHILIPPINES





Good evening!

I have known our incoming president since 2007, we journeyed together in Junior Chamber International Philippines (JCI). We were batchmates during that year serving as Club Presidents of our chapters. I am with JCI Mandaue

and He is with JCI Cebu Sinulog.

We had a lot of fun during those times. He was actually still a baby then. In fact, He was the youngest president of our batch here in Cebu. Since then, we are close friends. Before Daryl, he had girlfriends too hard to count with my fingers.



He married Daryl and now have two daughters of whom he adores and loves. His daughter's names are Sophia Francesca and Ariana Emerald. He is waiting for a Jomar junior which maybe in the future. He was born on October 22, 1978. His zodiac is a horse. His parents are Gabriel and Sonia. He had only one siblings Raymond. He is a top seller of UNO International Corporation and consistent travel qualifier. He is also with Philippine British Assurance Company and Saint Peter Life Plan, Incorporated — Sales Agent 2.



## PROFIT SHARE



Inducted to Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente last 2018. Became New Rotarian of the year last 2019. Serve as Youth Service Director on the year 2020 and garnered a Club Officer award. Serve as Secretary for the club on the year 2021, then Vice President on



the year 2022.

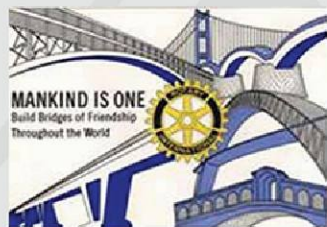
Let me introduce our incoming president for the RY. 2023-2024 with the Rotary Theme "Create Hope in the World"

Narrated by: PP Alain Senerpida





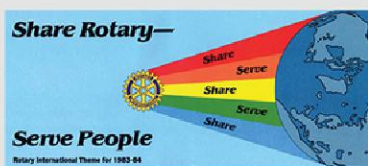
**CESAR "SAR" ESTALILLA**  
 RY 1982-1983  
 District Gov.: Quintin S. Doromal  
 R.I. Pres.: Hiroji Mukasa  
 Theme: "Mankind is One. Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World."



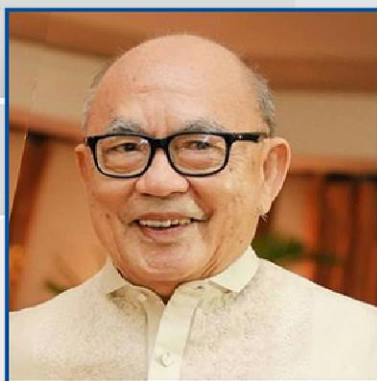
**CRISOSTOMO "CRIS" DY**  
 RY 1986-1987  
 District Gov.: Roque A. Tiu  
 R.I. Pres.: M.A.T. Caparas  
 Theme: "Rotary Brings Hope"



**RODOLFO "RUDY" SAGUN (+)**  
 RY 1983-1984  
 District Gov.: Honesto "Totoy" A. Cabarrugis  
 R.I. Pres.: William E. Skelton  
 Theme: "Share Rotary. Serve People."



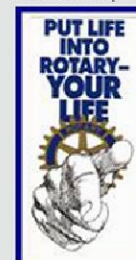
**RODOLFO ROMAN "ROMY" BIGORNIA**  
 RY 1987-1988  
 District Gov.: Antonio "Tony" M. Garcia  
 R.I. Pres.: Charles C. Keller  
 Theme: "United In Service-Dedicated To Peace"



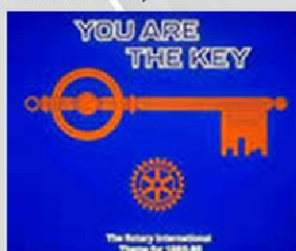
**FELIPE "PEPE" CASING**  
 RY 1984-1985  
 District Gov.: Jose P. Lardizabal (+)  
 R.I. Pres.: Carlos Canseco  
 Theme: "Discover a New World Of Service"



**CHING HAI "CHING HAI" GO (+)**  
 RY 1988-1989  
 District Gov.: Cesar "Sar" G. Estalilla  
 R.I. Pres.: Royce Abbey  
 Theme: "Put Life into Rotary - Your Life"



**JOSEPH "DODONG" BADEL**  
 RY 1985-1986  
 District Gov.: Armin C. Cucueco  
 R.I. Pres.: Edward F. Cadman  
 Theme: "You Are the Key"



**LAUREANO "LAU" ROGERO**  
 RY 1989-1990  
 District Gov.: Herminio "Hermie" A. Villano  
 R.I. Pres.: Hugh M. Archer  
 Theme: "Enjoy Rotary"

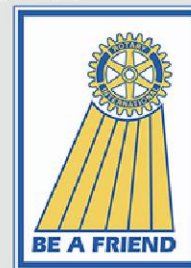




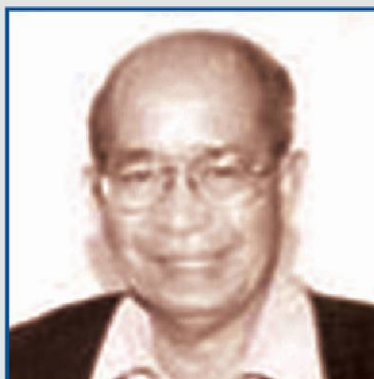
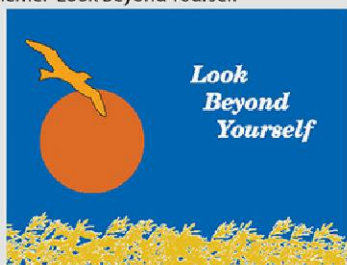
**KENICHI "KEN" YONAHA (+)**  
RY 1990-1991  
District Gov.: Margarito "Tito" M. Redoña  
R.I. Pres.: Paulo V.C. Costa  
Theme: "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"



**CORNELIO "SONNY" MERCADO**  
RY 1994-1995  
District Gov.: Arcadio "Dodong" C. Alegrado  
R.I. Pres.: Bill Huntley  
Theme: "Be A Friend"



**EDILBERTO "EDDIE" BALLESTEROS (+)**  
RY 1991-1992  
District Gov.: Juanito N. Asencio  
R.I. Pres.: Rajendra K. Saboo  
Theme: "Look Beyond Yourself"



**MELANIO "BOY" SANCHEZ (+)**  
RY 1995-1996  
District Gov.: Revnaldo "Bov" I. Reyes  
R.I. Pres.: Herbert G. Brown  
Theme: "Act with Integrity. Serve With Love. Work For Peace."



**JULIO "JOJO" L. GONZALEZ**  
RY 1992-1993  
District Gov.: Xavier C. Ledesma (+)  
R.I. Pres.: Clifford L. Dochterman  
Theme: "Real Happiness Is Helping Others"



**ARMANDO "ARMAN" SERAFIN**  
RY 1996-1997  
District Gov.: Vicente "Toting" N. Solis Jr.  
R.I. Pres.: Luis Vicente Giav  
Theme: "Build the Future with Action and Vision"



**EMMANUEL "MANNY" CALALANG**  
RY 1993-1994  
District Gov.: Nicanor "Nic" R. Del Rosario  
R.I. Pres.: Robert Barth  
Theme: "Believe in What You Do - Do What you Believe In"



**VIRGILIO "NONOY" ESPELETA**  
RY 1997-1998  
District Gov.: Jesus "Jess" C. Veneracion  
R.I. Pres.: Glen W. Kinross  
Theme: "Show Rotary Cares"



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Rotary International



**JOSEPH MICHAEL "YUMI" ESPINA**  
RY 1998-1999  
District Gov.: Antonio "Anton" B. Florendo  
R.I. Pres.: James L. Lacy  
Theme: "Follow Your Rotary Dream"



**RICHARD "DICK" G. BARBA**  
RY 2002-2003  
District Gov.: Pablo "Pabs" Ouanzon  
R.I. Pres.: Bhichai Rattakul  
Theme: "Sow the Seeds of Love"



**VICTORIANO "JOJO" DEL FIERRO JR.**  
RY 1999-2000  
District Gov.: Raoul E. Hilario  
R.I. Pres.: Carlo Ravizza  
Theme: "Act With Consistency, Credibility and Continuity"



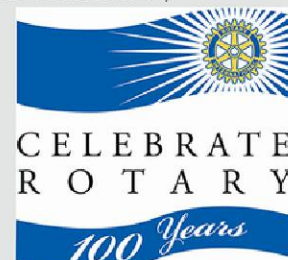
**MANUEL "JUN" TORRES**  
RY 2003-2004  
District Gov.: Roberto "Bert" A. Dormendo  
R.I. Pres.: Jonathan B. Majivagbe  
Theme: "Lend A Hand"



**JESSE LORENZO "JESSE" SAGUN**  
RY 2000-2001  
District Gov.: Jose Ma. Luis "Toto" N. Cupin  
R.I. Pres.: Frank J. Devlyn  
Theme: "Create Awareness, Take Action"



**DAVE JOHN "DAVE" KARAMIHAN**  
RY 2004-2005  
District Gov.: Raymond "Ray" G. Patuasi  
R.I. Pres.: Glenn e. Estess Sr.  
Theme: "Celebrate Rotary"



**MARY ANNE "ME'ANNE" A. SOLOMON**  
RY 2001-2002  
District Gov.: Ramon "Monet" A. Tirol  
R.I. Pres.: Richard D. Kina  
Theme: "Mankind is our Business"



**MICHAEL "MIKE" J. VELOSO**  
RY 2005-2006  
District Gov.: Evelvn "Len" Magno  
R.I. Pres.: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
Theme: "Service Above Self"





**MARCELO "MAR" B. INDINO**  
 RY 2006-2007  
 District Gov.: Fernando "Jun" Almada Jr.  
 R.I. Pres.: William "Bill" B. Boyd  
 Theme: "Lead the Way"



**JESSELITO "JESSE" BARING**  
 RY 2010-2011  
 District Gov.: Teodoro "Ted" Locson  
 R.I. Pres.: Ray Klingensmith  
 Theme: "Building Communities, Bridging Continents"



**WILLIAM MARTIN "TITONG" RAFOLS**  
 RY 2007-2008  
 District Gov.: Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina  
 R.I. Pres.: Carlo Ravizza  
 Theme: "Rotary Shares"



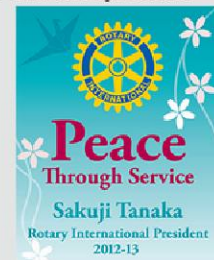
**GERLADINE "DINNA" RAMOS**  
 RY 2011-2012  
 District Gov.: Leoncio "Nonoy" Villa-Abrille (+)  
 R.I. Pres.: Kalyan Banerjee  
 Theme: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"



**ROGELIO "ROLLIE" FILIPINO**  
 RY 2008-2009  
 District Gov.: Pablito "Billy" Parilla  
 R.I. Pres.: Dong Kurn Lee  
 Theme: "Make Dreams Real"



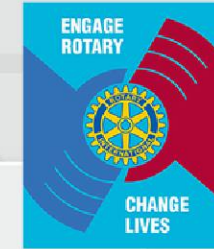
**CRISTINA "TINA" BACALSO (+)**  
 RY 2012-2013  
 District Gov.: Peter "Perok" Rodriguez  
 R.I. Pres.: Sakuji Tanaka  
 Theme: "Peace Through Service"



**CONRADO "RADY" M. ABARINTOS**  
 RY 2009-2010  
 District Gov.: Antonio "Tony" Veneracion  
 R.I. Pres.: John Kenny  
 Theme: "The Future of Rotary is in your hands"



**MA. CONSOLACION "SOL" PASION**  
 RY 2013-2014  
 District Gov.: Edgar "Ed" Choingbian (+)  
 R.I. Pres.: Ron Burton  
 Theme: "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"





**POULY JANG**

RY 2022-2023

District Gov.: Lilo I. Aliño

R.I. Pres.: Jennifer Jones

Theme: "Imagine Rotary"



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**



**JOSE MARIE PONCE**

RY 2023-2024

District Gov.: Rozanne *Twinkle* Gamboa

R.I. Pres.: Gordon R. McNally

Theme: "Created Hope in the World"



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

# Regional Leaders

Foundation

Membership

Public Image

Major Gifts

Polio



**Rotary's Regional Leaders** — regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs), Rotary coordinators (RCs), Rotary public image coordinators (RPICs), endowment/major gifts advisers (E/MGAs), and End Polio Now coordinators (EPNCs) — use their knowledge and skills to support and strengthen clubs and districts, to focus and increase Rotary's humanitarian service, and to enhance our public image and awareness.

Regional leaders work through districts to connect Rotary members with resources that support Rotary's goals and deepen its impact in communities around the world. They also serve as trainers and facilitators at Rotary institutes, governors-elect training seminars, regional and zone seminars, district training, and other events when asked.

Regional leaders are appointed by the Rotary International president or The Rotary Foundation trustee chair and serve three-year terms subject to annual review. There are 39 teams of regional leaders worldwide; each team is led by a director with support from an assigned trustee.

## Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators

RRFCs help members fully participate in their Foundation to meet their service and fundraising goals. They:

- Encourage members to support PolioPlus, Rotary's highest-priority program
- Support clubs and districts in their fundraising, especially for Rotary's Annual Fund
- Educate clubs and districts about Rotary grants

## Rotary Coordinators

RCs assist members in engaging current members and attracting new members to develop vibrant clubs and meet their membership goals. They:

- Encourage innovative strategies for attracting and engaging members
- Support districts in new club development
- Help clubs and districts develop and implement strategic plans to reach their membership goals



# Regional Leaders

## Rotary Public Image Coordinators

RPICs help members tell Rotary's story in a compelling way and guide them in their marketing, media outreach, and social media campaigns. They:

- Share Rotary's story and regional impact with the media in their communities, and encourage district leaders to do the same
- Promote the use of Rotary's online public image resources to club and districts to increase brand awareness

Advise clubs and districts on how to implement and regionalize Rotary's public image campaigns

- Publicize the role of Rotary and its members in polio eradication

## Endowment/Major Gifts Advisers

E/MGAs increase members' participation in major gifts fundraising and the Endowment. They:

- Develop personalized plans for identifying, cultivating, and soliciting major gifts in their regions

Promote major giving opportunities with members and other prospects

- Facilitate events that recognize and encourage current and new donors
- Work with district leaders to identify major gift strategies and prospective donors in the district

## End Polio Now Coordinators

EPNCs foster awareness of polio, advocate for its eradication, and raise funds at the district and club levels to achieve the certification of polio eradication. They:

- Help Rotary raise a minimum of \$50 million in contributions each year, District Designated Funds (DDF), and World Fund matches
- Advocate for government support for polio eradication through appropriate advocacy strategies
- Build awareness of polio eradication and fundraising for PolioPlus in their regions

2024 CONVENTION

## See you soon, Singapore



**Singapore and Rotary have some things in common.** For one, the Southeast Asian island nation hosting the 2024 Rotary International Convention is known for bringing cultures together and celebrating business connections and innovation.

When Rotary chose the site, then-RI President Ian H.S. Riseley said Singapore was an excellent venue as a global business and knowledge hub. "Given our international scope and commitment to cultural diversity, our conventions are often described as a 'mini-United Nations' where our global network of volunteers connect to address lasting solutions to local and global humanitarian challenges," he said.

Here's a taste of what makes tropical, sunny Singapore special: It has four official languages — English, Malay, Mandarin Chinese, and Tamil, reflecting a

population with heritages rooted in many countries. Singapore is committed to environmental sustainability, and its main island — smaller than Rhode Island — is, quite simply, a beauty. Nearly half is covered in green space, including lush plantings in public areas and tidy parks tucked among modern skyscrapers.

Nature and technology converge in breathtaking fashion in attractions such as several giant human-made waterfalls, including one in the main airport. Gardens by the Bay next to the convention site mixes plants and artistic fantasy, featuring steel "supertrees" and an artificial indoor mountain with piped-in clouds.

The convention is 25-29 May at Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre with general sessions at National Stadium. Join us in *Sharing Hope with the World.* ■

Learn more and register at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org).



## 2023-24 ROTARY CALENDAR

### July 2023

**Maternal and Child Health Month**

1 July — Beginning of the Rotary year

### August 2023

**Membership and New Club Development Month**

### September 2023

**Basic Education and Literacy Month**

### October 2023

**Community Economic and Development Month**

2-8 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October — World Polio Day

### November 2023

**Rotary Foundation Month**

30 October - 5 November — World Interact Week

### December 2023

**Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

15 December — Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

### January 2024

**Vocational Service Month**

7-11 January — Rotary International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

### February 2024

**Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

### March 2024

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month**

11-17 March — World Rotaract Week

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

### April 2024

**Environmental Month**

30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

### May 2024

**Youth Service Month**

25-29 May — Rotary International Convention, Singapore

### June 2024

**Rotary Fellowships Month**

30 June — Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

### 2025

9-13 February — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

21-25 June — Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada

GOAL	GOAL DETAIL
1. Club membership	How many total members does your club want by the end of the Rotary year?
2. Service participation	How many members will participate in club service activities during the Rotary year?
3. New member sponsorship	How many members will sponsor a new club member during the Rotary year?
4. Rotary Action Group participation	How many club members will be members of at least one Rotarian Action Group (RAG) during the Rotary year?
5. Leadership development participation	How many members will participate in leadership development programs or activities during the Rotary year?
6. District conference attendance	How many members will attend your district conference?
7. Rotary Fellowship participation	How many club members will be members of a Rotary Fellowship during the Rotary year?
8. District training participation	How many of your club's committee chairs will attend the district training assembly?
9. Annual Fund contributions	How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?
10. PolioPlus Fund contributions	How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?
11. Major gifts	How many single outright donations of US\$10,000 or more will be made by individuals associated with your club during the Rotary year?
12. Bequest Society members	How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their plans to leave US\$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through their estate?
13. Benefactors	How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their estate plans to include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary or will make an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund?
14. Service projects	How many service projects will your club complete during the Rotary year?
15. Rotaract clubs	How many new and existing Rotaract clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?
16. Interact clubs	How many new and existing Interact clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?
17. Inbound Youth Exchange students	How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club host virtually during the Rotary year?
18. Outbound Youth Exchange students	How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club sponsor virtually during the Rotary year?
19. RYLA participation	How many individuals will your club sponsor to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events during the Rotary year either in person or virtual?
20. Strategic plan	Does your club have an up-to-date strategic plan?
21. Constitution and By-laws	Does your club have an up-to-date Constitution and By-laws?
22. Online presence	Does your club's online presence accurately reflect its current activities?
23. Social activities	How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings during the Rotary year?
24. Update website and social media	During the Rotary year, how many times per month will your club's website or social media accounts be updated?
25. Media stories about club projects	How many media stories will cover your club's projects during the Rotary year?
26. Use of official Rotary promotional materials	Did your club use Rotary International's advertising and public service materials, such as broadcast videos, print ads, and other official materials available in the Brand Center, to promote Rotary in your community during the Rotary year?

A scenic view of a coastal town. In the foreground, a rocky beach meets the water. A large, white, three-story building with multiple windows is the central focus. To its left is a stone building, and to its right is another white building with a blue roof. The background shows a hillside with trees.

# ETHOS INTO ACTION

Scotland's Gordon McNally stands ready to bring his presidential priorities to fruition



Gordon and  
Heather  
McInally  
in South  
Queensferry,  
Scotland



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A young bagpiper parades out of a hotel banquet room playing the familiar refrain of “Scotland the Brave.” Behind him, carrying a plated ceremonial haggis and wearing blue, green, black, and yellow Gordon Modern tartan, is 2023-24 Rotary International President Gordon McNally.

It's Burns Night, celebrated every January with folk music, drams of Scotch whisky, enthusiastic renditions of the songs and poems of Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns, and, of course, haggis with neeps and tatties (turnips and potatoes). It is quintessentially Scottish, and McNally is in his element with friends as he marks the occasion in Galashiels, a town in Scottish Borders close to his home in Yetholm.

Heather McNally, his wife of 42 years, is wearing a sash of tartan — checks of green, light blue, and dark red — created for the 1997 Rotary International Convention in Glasgow. A classically trained former professional opera singer and music teacher, she belts out songs by Burns learned from childhood.

*Contented wi' liddle, and cantie wi' mair,  
Whene'er I forgather wi' Sorrow and Care,  
I gie them a skelp as they're creeping along,  
Wi' a cog o' gude swats and an auld Scottish sang.*

**NOW THE HAGGIS IS SOMETHING ELSE.** It is made of a sheep's pluck — the heart, liver, and lungs — minced with onions, oatmeal, suet, salt, pepper, and other spices, mixed with stock and then, originally, boiled in the animal's cleaned stomach. It sounds like a culinary nightmare, but on their travels the McNallys have been spreading word of haggis's appeal throughout the Rotary community.

Heather McNally explains how, on their visits to the States, they have sourced local supplies of haggis and even warmed up the Scottish delicacy in their hotel room microwave. “The smell of haggis lingered in the room the entire week,” she recalls. “We served it to other RI Board members while in Chicago. Everyone seems to love it, even though they were not quite sure what they were eating.”

Gordon McNally grew up in Portobello, a picturesque seaside area of Edinburgh, notable for its beautiful beach with light-colored sand and wooden groynes (barriers to protect the shoreline) jutting out into the water of the Firth of Forth. His mother

owned and operated a private nursery, and his father worked for Macdonald & Muir, which makes Glenmorangie whiskies. His late brother, Ian, was three years younger, and the two spent much of their childhood playing and watching rugby.

Gordon and Heather met in their late teens, and their relationship blossomed on a trip to Florence, Italy, with a combined choir from their separate schools in Edinburgh. “We're not in each other's pockets; we do our own thing,” Heather McNally

says. “Even with Rotary, I belong to the Borderlands passport club [a satellite club of the Rotary Club of Selkirk], and Gordon is a member of South Queensferry. Our lives have always worked like that, largely due to work commitments, where we go off in different directions. We're both independent people, but we always come home at night and tell each other what we've been doing.”

Her husband agrees. The couple have two daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, and two grandchildren, Ivy and Florence. He describes Heather as “a very, very tolerant lady who has been a great support to me over the years.”

He adds: “She's always a good sounding board. I can rely on Heather to tell me it as it is. If I give a presentation, everyone's going to tell me it was great, but Heather will always tell me the truth! I know I couldn't do this job without her support.”

When they married at Craigsbank Parish Church in Edinburgh, Gordon McNally became a member of the Church of Scotland, having previously been a member of the Methodist Church. Now an elder and trustee in the church, he has also served as a presbytery elder, chairman of his parish congregational board, and a commissioner to the church's general assembly.

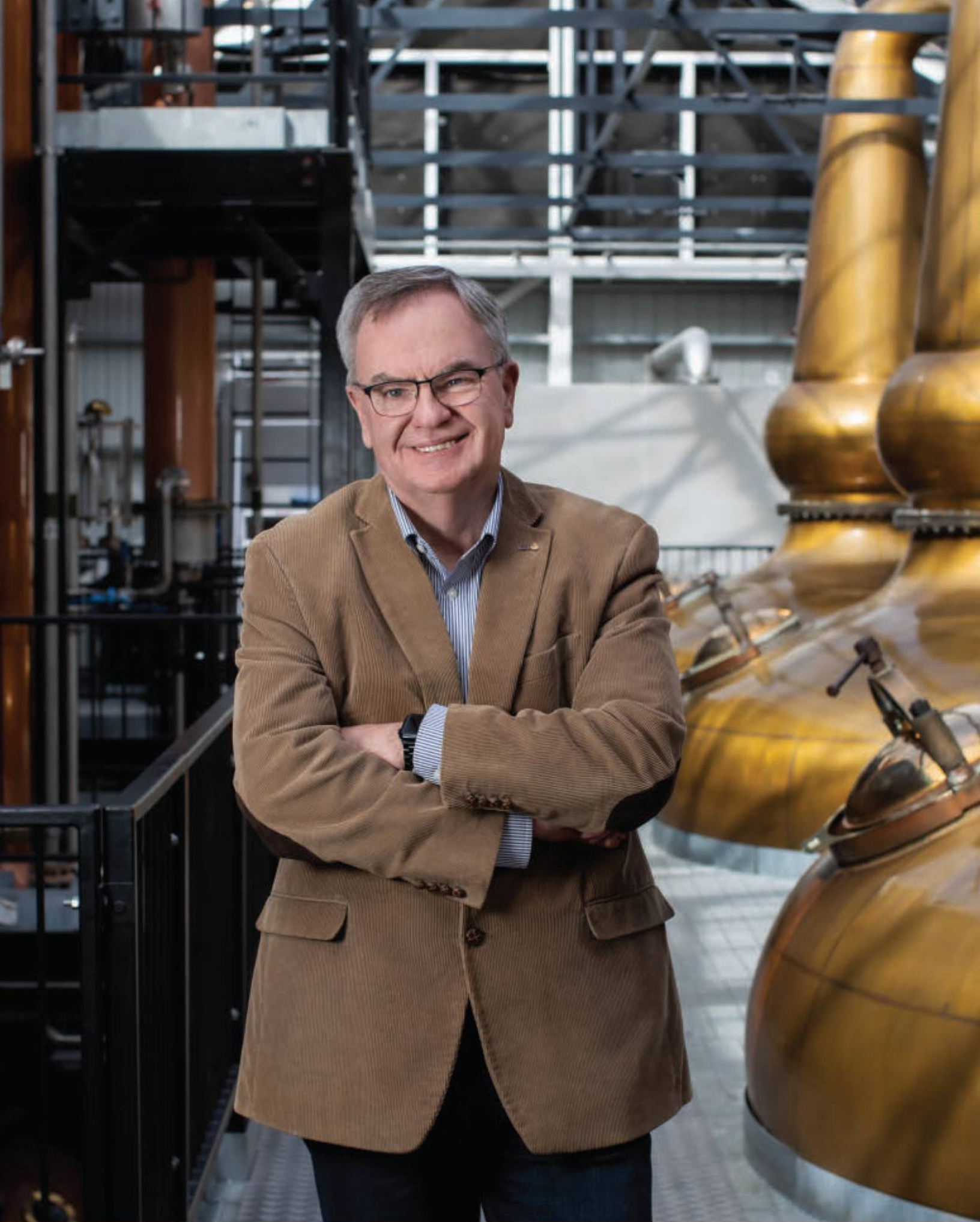
“My parents instilled in me and my late brother a sense of helping and caring for others that has remained with me for life,” he says. “My personal faith, and my upbringing within a family with a similarly strong faith, has definitely impacted my life choices and career.”

McNally owned and ran a busy dental practice in Scotland's capital for more than three decades, retiring in 2016. He held teaching and examining posts and served as a branch chairman of the British Paedodontic Society (now the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry). After living for many years in South Queensferry, the McNallys relocated to Scottish Borders when he stepped back from day-to-day practice. The move was over 30 years in the planning.

“All the time I was working as a dentist, we said it would be nice to ultimately make our home in the

Opposite: McNally at The Borders Distillery in Hawick, Scotland





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Borders, because it's where my forebears came from," he says. "My mother's family were farmers, and my mother was born on a farm about 15 miles from here. I've said to people since we came here that I feel as if my DNA has come home."

For McNally, this is a night off, listening to youngsters from Galashiels' schools deliver dramatic recitations of Burns' works, including the "Address to a Haggis" read by young Poppy Lunn, who then theatrically cuts it open. There's more pipe music and fiddle playing, plus community singing, until the evening rounds off with a hearty rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

and counted Queen Victoria among his fans. Abbotsford's architectural style inspired many buildings in Scotland, including Balmoral Castle, Queen Elizabeth II's summer home. Now, Scott's works such as *Ivanhoe* and *Rob Roy* have been adapted for the screen.

On this day, the 19th century Scots Baronial building with its crow-stepped gables, "pepper-pot" bartizans, and elements taken from medieval structures in Scotland, is shut to the public for the winter. Dust sheets hang over the furniture, and one poor soul is in the middle of cleaning the 9,000 books that line the library's shelves.

Scott's connection to the Borders began when he contracted polio at 18 months old. He was paralyzed in the right leg, and so his parents sent him to recover at his grandfather's farm outside Kelso. "It was because of polio that Sir Walter was brought to the Borders where he heard the stories and songs which would inspire his writing," explains Mary Kenny, Abbotsford's heritage engagement officer. McNally and Kenny agree that Scott would have made a great Rotary member.

McNally's own Rotary journey began at 26. He joined the South Queensferry club after being invited by a farmer friend who was a member of the family's

**A FEW DAYS LATER**, McNally is at Abbotsford House, which towers over the gently flowing River Tweed in the heart of Scottish Borders country. The countryside is a tapestry of greens, and in the distance loom the three conical peaks of the Eildon Hills, steeped in Roman history. It's a beautiful spot and one of McNally's favorite places to take visitors, as he has done today.

Abbotsford House was the home of Sir Walter Scott, the novelist, poet, and historian, who popularized the wearing of tartan, created the historical novel,

Below: The McNallys talk with Anna Hinnigan, senior operations manager at Lochcarron of Scotland, a manufacturer of tartan cloth in Selkirk. Opposite: McNally introduces the 2023-24 presidential theme at the International Assembly in Florida in January.





church. “Initially I saw the Rotary club as a great way to make friends in the town and to do things in the area that would benefit the wider community,” he says. “As time went by and I realized the work done by Rotary all around the world, I was hooked.”

Except for a three-year period when McInally was a member of the sadly now-closed Rotary Club of Kelso, he has remained a member of the South Queensferry club. He served as district governor in 1997-98 and marked Rotary’s centenary year in 2004-05 by serving as president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

Shortly before becoming RIBI president, McInally visited Rwanda and South Africa to work with children orphaned by the 1994 Rwandan genocide and by HIV/AIDS. He subsequently helped set up an RIBI partnership project with Hope and Homes for Children, which had been operating in both countries, to support orphans there with food, shelter, medicine, and education toward a sustainable future. McInally is a proud patron of Hope and Homes for Children, which is now supporting the Rwandan government to develop a national child protection system that minimizes family separation and provides family-based alternatives.

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McInally’s work in Africa has spread to Kenya. Just before the COVID-19 pandemic, he traveled to the country to volunteer as part of an initiative led by Scottish Rotary members. There he carried out dental screenings in Nyumbani Village, a self-sustaining, purpose-built eco-village that provides homes and support for orphaned children and grandparents who serve as their guardians. He also helped renovate residents’ accommodations.

“I have found Rotary to be a great vehicle for being able to care for and help others,” he says. “Rotary has also given me friends all over the world and, as





Heather and  
Gordon McNally  
on the banks of  
the Firth of Forth



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a consequence, a better understanding of the world in which I live. All that, together with the personal development, is what makes it continue to appeal to me and what makes me want to share it with others.”

**WHILE MCINALLY STAYED CLOSE TO HOME,** his brother, Ian, after graduating from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, lived outside of London, where he was a member of Rotaract and met his wife while working in the computer industry. The two brothers and their families would visit one another over the years, but little did McNally suspect that his brother was suffering from the “black dog” of depression, as Winston Churchill called it. Ian McNally took his life on 8 February 2014.

That moment forever changed the lives of those who loved Ian, and they continue to ask themselves questions: Why? What signs did we miss? What more could we have done?

McNally recalled all of this in a speech at the International Assembly in Florida in January, the first

time he spoke on a public stage about his brother's suicide. He had gotten emotional when he practiced the address. “I might tell you, it was not an easy presentation to give,” he says. “That day was the first time I had ever been able to get through it without breaking down.”

His goal in telling the story was not to seek sympathy but rather to let people know mental health issues can touch anyone, to illustrate why he feels so strongly about this subject. “A number of people came up to me afterwards and said, ‘Your story is very similar to mine,’” he says.

Last year, McNally became an ambassador for the charity Bipolar UK, which then launched a partnership with RIBI. After his brother's experience, he shares a deep resonance with the organization and has supported it by hosting a webinar about suicide prevention and producing a video about the condition.

And one of his presidential initiatives is prioritizing mental health. “My call to action in this new initiative for Rotary,” he says, “is that we advocate for removal of the stigma of talking about mental health, help people to find better quality care, and also support them through their journey to recovery.”

It's another opportunity for McNally, through Rotary, to put his personal ethos into action.

**AFTER ABBOTSFORD HOUSE,** McNally's next stop is the grounds of the Kelso Rugby Football Club for its local derby against Gala in the Tennent's National League Division 1. If there is one passion that unites Border folk, it's rugby. The region has produced some of the best rugby players to come out of Scotland, many of whom have gone on to play for the revered British & Irish Lions.

Joining the McNallys at the clubhouse for a pre-match meal of lentil soup followed by steak pie are six friends from their Rotary clubs. The conversation is rich and the laughter frequent with friends catching up on the latest news.

A former police officer, Doug Forsyth has good instincts and takes the opportunity to approach Kelso RFC President Neil Hastie to talk about joining the new Borderlands passport club.

“Neil is someone who knows what Rotary is about in the community, but he likes the flexible approach of the passport club,” says Forsyth. “We don't have weekly meetings, we don't have meals. We meet maybe once a month for a coffee and a scone, and we do projects. ... We're here to do Rotary, not talk Rotary. We're all about making Rotary active and attractive.”

McNally looks on approvingly. “This is flexible Rotary, and this is the future,” he adds.

Around the table, there's widespread admiration for the man who will become president of Rotary International — the second Scot and the sixth person

Below: McNally skips around a maypole with his granddaughters, Florence (center) and Ivy, in East Lothian. Opposite: the McNallys with daughters Sarah Wardell (left) and Rebecca McNally in Yetholm, and with Rotarian Andy Ireland (left) and friend Eric Williamson at Murrayfield rugby stadium in Edinburgh



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from the UK. Out of earshot, Sandy McKenzie, president of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, insists everyone is very proud of the achievement. “We are absolutely delighted,” McKenzie says. “Gordon is a down-to-earth, coalface Rotarian. He is a man with his feet on the ground.”

Club colleague Kate Gibb reveals how she always knew her good friend of almost 30 years would reach the pinnacle of Rotary International. “I remember telling our [Queensferry Parish Church] minister, David Cameron — not the former British prime minister — that he would be Rotary International president one day,” she says. “Call it instinct. Gordon is self-effacing, humble, and hardworking.”

McInally was a second row forward and a number 8 in his rugby playing days — “a promising career cut short by a severe lack of talent,” he concedes. After the meal, at the Kelso rugby match with his friends, he watches from the stands wedged in the front row between boisterous fans of both teams. It’s a fast and flowing match with plenty of tries and plenty of good-humored advice being dished out by the spectators.

Rugby is a big part of the family’s life. McInally’s former dental practice is just a drop kick from the Murrayfield rugby stadium. When he sold the practice

in 2016, one condition was that he had permission to park there for Scotland internationals.

Heather McInally recalls one occasion when the television cameras were at Kelso and they homed in on daughter Sarah, then a toddler, who was with Gordon watching a match. “Aye, they start them young in the Borders,” sang the lyrical tones of legendary BBC rugby commentator Bill McLaren.

Gala steal victory over Kelso 36-31 with two late penalty goals. As we’re getting ready to leave the ground, Heather notes: “Gordon jokes in his speeches how he is waiting for someone from the nominating committee for RI president to come along and say, ‘Sorry, we called the wrong person with the invitation to be president. We meant to call the next person on the list!’”

“It is such an honor. We’re meeting heads of state, visiting glamorous places, and I’m pinching myself thinking, ‘I am just Heather. What on earth are we doing here?’” she says. “We’re from a small village in Scotland of 500 people, and here we are representing Rotary International.”

Before we part, she acknowledges being immensely proud of what he’s achieved: “Of course,” she says, “but please don’t tell him that!” ■



## 2023-24 PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

### Prioritizing mental health

Talking about mental illness and emotional health may feel uncomfortable, but it's vital to the well-being of Rotary's global community. RI President Gordon McInally encourages clubs and districts to work toward creating a space where it's safe to address these issues to help provide a welcoming and equitable environment for all.

To do that, think about ways that you can:

- Erase any stigma associated with discussions of emotional well-being
- Raise awareness of mental health needs
- Improve access to mental health services

### Building peace through virtual exchanges

Rotary has a long history of working for peace through personal connections, but the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult to do that face to face. Inspired by what we've learned during this time, McInally encourages districts to incorporate virtual components into more of their programs, events, and activities. By using innovative technologies to make connections, we give more people the opportunity to experience Rotary's global community while laying the foundation for peacebuilding through improved intercultural

dialogue, awareness, and understanding.

Adding or maintaining these components in our exchange programs like Rotary Youth Exchanges and Rotary Friendship Exchanges will:

- Give members and participants new ways to experience other cultures, make new friends, and broaden their global awareness
- Make membership more accessible to people with time, health, or financial considerations
- Build stronger intercultural communication and understanding, and ultimately foster more stable and peaceful communities

### Empowering girls

McInally will continue the initiative launched by 2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta and maintained by 2022-23 RI President Jennifer Jones that focused on elevating the voices and unlocking the power of girls and women around the world. Rotary encourages members to keep finding ways to improve the health, well-being, education, economic security, and agency of girls.

For more information, please visit [rotary.org/initiatives23-24](https://rotary.org/initiatives23-24).

Opposite: Sheep graze in Yetholm.  
Below: The McInallys take a walk in Roxburghshire.





# ROTARY'S SCOTTISH

As Gordon McInally assumes the RI presidency, we look back at Rotary's

**SCOTLAND HAS IMPORTANT TIES** to the history of Rotary International. The British Association of Rotary Clubs, which eventually became Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, set up its original headquarters in Edinburgh in 1914. Seven years later, Edinburgh became the first city outside the United States to host a Rotary Convention. The city was also the birthplace of Jean Thomson Harris, the wife of Rotary founder Paul Harris, and the couple witnessed the organization's growth in Scotland over several visits.

The enthusiasm and missionary zeal of Irish American Rotarian William Stuart Morrow set the course for Rotary's development in Scotland. Morrow helped form numerous clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, including the first two in Scotland, the Rotary clubs of Glasgow (chartered April 1913) and Edinburgh (May 1913).

Another pioneer was Scottish pharmacist Tom Stephenson. As charter secretary of the Edinburgh club, Stephenson emphatically directed Rotarians to forget the "business-boosting" aspect of club membership and instead focus their efforts on useful civic service. After the club's charter president, R.W. Pentland, was elected to the RI Board of Directors at the 1913 Rotary Convention in Buffalo, New York, he and Stephenson encouraged other clubs in Great Britain and Ireland to form the British Association of Rotary Clubs.

The association officially came into being in May 1914. Stephenson became its honorary secretary and set up its headquarters in Edinburgh. Even after the headquarters moved to London in 1921, Stephenson remained involved. He was 1927-28 president of the group, which by then had changed its name to Rotary International — Association for Great Brit-

ain and Ireland, before he served on the RI Board of Directors in 1928-29.

In June 1921, Edinburgh welcomed 2,500 attendees to the 12th annual Rotary International Convention, the first held away from the country where the organization was founded. The ocean liners *Cameronia* and *Caronia*, full of Rotarians and their wives, crossed the Atlantic from North America. It was at this convention that Rotary amended its constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service." Summing up the event's success, 1920-21 RI President Estes Snedecor told delegates: "This convention is Rotary's greatest opportunity. It gives promise of being Rotary's greatest achievement."

Although serious business was accomplished, fun and friendship were also on





# PAST

## early history in Scotland

order. Convention festivities culminated with a grand parade through Edinburgh's streets. Participants included Rotarians and their wives, as well as Edinburgh's lord provost, magistrates, and councilors, resplendent in their robes of office. One highlight for many of the American visitors was sailing down the River Clyde with the Rotary Club of Glasgow, led by its most famous member, entertainer Sir Harry Lauder. Another was the offer of "home hospitality" by Stephenson and members of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh to visiting Rotarians, a tradition that remains a popular feature of the conventions.

Following World War I, Rotary expanded gradually in Scotland despite an economic depression. The visits of Paul and Jean Harris to Scotland in the 1920s and 1930s were reported in the national press, and the couple were given civic receptions during their visits to Edinburgh.

Many Scottish Rotarians regarded Paul Harris as a close friend, especially those in the coastal town of Ayr, near the birthplace of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. On 2 April 1934, members of the Rotary Club of Ayr presented Harris with a copy of the complete works of their world-famous poet, which is now part of Rotary's archives.

After her husband's death, Jean Harris returned to her native land, where she lived the rest of her life. Although her expressed desire was to remain essentially a private person, Rotarians paid her regular visits. She also attended a small reception in honor of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh's 50th anniversary. A commemorative plaque is now displayed outside her birthplace in central Edinburgh. ■

*Adapted from an article by James McKelvie in the February 1997 issue of this magazine*

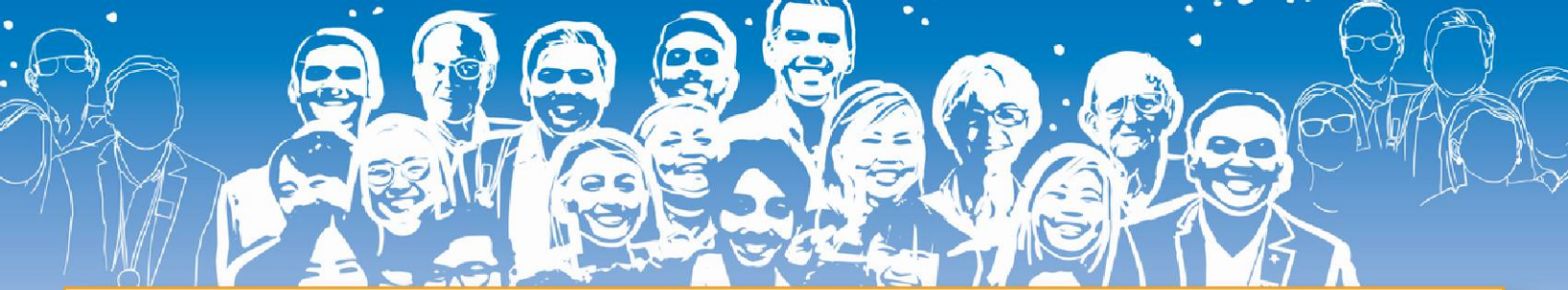
1. Rotarians parade through the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland, during the 1921 Rotary Convention.
2. Edinburgh Rotarians and spouses and 1920-21 RI President Estes Snedecor (center) are flanked by men in traditional Scottish attire at the convention.
3. Poster welcoming attendees from the U.S. and Canada to the convention
4. Luggage tag used by convention goers traveling to Edinburgh

## 110 years of making history

Rotary in Scotland has come a long way from its formative years. Today Scotland has 181 Rotary clubs, seven Rotaract clubs, and more than 4,300 members across two districts (1010 and 1320).

At the same time, Scottish Rotarians continue to make Rotary history. Gordon McInally is the second RI president from Scotland; the first was John Kenny of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth in 2009-10. Kenny had been the first member of a Scottish club to be elected to the RI Board of Directors since Tom Stephenson in 1928. More recently, Tony Black of the Rotary Club of Dunoon served on the Board in 2019-21.

More than 75 years after Edinburgh hosted the first Rotary Convention outside the United States, Glasgow hosted the 1997 convention, with the theme *Welcome Home to Scotland*. With more than 23,000 attendees, the event was touted at the time as the largest meeting ever held in Scotland.



## ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
**PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.

To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the next five years.

## ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

### INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

### EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

### ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

### INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making



## ROTARY'S CORE VALUES

The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary was founded in 1905. Demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What hasn't changed is a need for the values that define Rotary:

**FELLOWSHIP**  
**INTEGRITY**  
**DIVERSITY**  
**SERVICE**  
**LEADERSHIP**

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