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CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**



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Programme



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INVOCATION

Our Father, we bow in humble gratitude, that as a new year dawns we may call on you to guide, strengthen, bless, and forgive, and that through these gifts we may share your love with all who call upon you and us. Amen.



...Fellowship Continues...

PART 1

Call to Order	JOSE MARIE PONCE President
Invocation	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Philippine Anthem	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
The Rotary Hymn	AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary	ATTY. BERN S AMAGO IV Past President
Introduction of Rotarians Spouses, Visiting Rotarians Rotaractors Guest	ENGR. JESSE BARING Past President

PART 2

Introduction of Guest Speaker	JOSE MARIE PONCE President
Guest Speakers	IRENE WATANABE ALVIN JOHN MAGLASANG
Open Forum	

PART 3

Secretary's Report	PATRICK YARED Secretary
Director's Report	CLUB DIRECTORS
President's Time	JOSE MARIE PONCE President
Other matters	
Adjournment	JOSE MARIE PONCE President

Quote for the Week

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." - Brad Paisley

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

Good evening, esteemed RCCF Rotarians,

A warm and joyous new year to each one of you! As we step into 2024, the spirit of Christmas lingers within us, resonating with the upcoming Sto. Niño festivities. I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

I am delighted to share that the beginning of this year brings with it the promise of growth for our Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente. We have two potential new members who have expressed their interest in joining our esteemed club: Alvin John Maglasang, invited by yours truly, and another, invited by Patrick and Anna. Let us extend our warmest welcome to them and embrace them into the Rotary family.

Our commitment to service and community collaboration remains unwavering. I am thrilled to announce our forthcoming project scheduled for January 10, in collaboration with JCI Tycoons, the Sarausad Watanabe Family, USC HS Student Council, and Barangay Captain Amado Igot Manatad, along with their officials. This collaborative effort, known as the #GIFTEDToServe Project, aims to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Under the indefatigable leadership of Ms. Irene Watanabe and three generations of the Watanabe family—grandmother Irene, daughter Bgy Councilor Sarausad, and granddaughter USC HS Student Council Pres. Sarausad—we successfully awarded 25 scholarships, gifted 100 toys to Labogon Elementary School, and educated children on proper handwashing techniques.

The seamless orchestration of this event was made possible by the concerted efforts of Presidents Jomar Ponce, Mark Neumann, Anna Yared, and Sarausad. The success of the #GIFTEDToServe Project exemplifies the power of teamwork and collaboration, reminding us of the incredible impact we can make when we join forces for a common cause.

The smiles captured in our photos from the event speak volumes about the positive change we brought to the lives of those we served. It was truly a day of fulfilling service, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to this success.

As we embark on this new year, let us continue to uphold the principles of Rotary and work together to make a lasting impact on our community. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of our club in the months ahead.

Yours in Rotary Service,

JOSE MARIE "JOMAR" PONCE
President, RY 2023-2024
Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente



From Secretary's Desk



PATRICK L. YARED
Secretary, RY 2023 - 2024

ATTENDANCE

	ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	13th 11/28	14th 12/09	15th 01/08	16th 01/29
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.		Andrino	Atty. Kristine				
8.	3362897	Barba	Richard		✓		
9.	6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito		✓		
10.	10954392	Deiparine	Atty. Sydrick Jose Andrei				
11.	11227514	Elendrino	Glenford	✓			
12.	2036342	Espina	Arch. Joseph Michael		✓		
13.	5983997	Filipino	Rogelio				
14.	11614251	Gratones	Regie		✓		
15.	10411469	Icamen	Francis Edhilson	✓			
16.		Honrada	Archt. Jason	✓	✓		
17.	8944393	Jang	Pouly				
18.	3516557	Karamihan	Dave John		✓		
19.	8599266	Kaufmann	Marina		✓		
20.	9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓	✓		
21.	8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita				
22.	10709899	Ong	Jason		✓		
23.		Papellero	Engr. Lowell	✓			
24.	6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion		✓		
25.	10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓	✓		
26.	8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores				
27.	5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas				
28.	8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain				
29.	11103868	Spaller	Herminia				
30.	3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne				
31.	8543450	Sulay	Kendrick				
32.		Tan	Joshua				
33.	9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel	✓	✓		
34.	5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.		✓		
35.	10410033	Yared	Patrick		RW		
TOTAL ATTENDEES				7	18		

BIRTHDAYS

January 04 PP Dick Barba
January 04 PP Alain Senerpida
January 12 Sps. Shirley Abarintos

January 23 PP Manny Calalang
January 27 Sps. Gaye Karamihan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 08 Jesse & Flora Baring
January 08 Rady & Shirley Abarintos
January 18 Lulu & Noel San Pedro





Light the path out of dark days

In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction.

Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts.

Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through Rotary.

For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict,

including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace-focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's *Create Hope in the World*.

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY

President, Rotary International

PHOTOGRAPH: MONIKA LOZINSKA



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Make the Foundation yours

The new year ushers in promise and hope, a time to resolve to do things differently. We can do more than just hope for the best. We can take steps — big and small — to make changes in every aspect of our lives, including Rotary.

Here's a New Year's resolution to consider: Remember that The Rotary Foundation belongs to you. The Foundation is a global force, doing our good work in the world. Just like anything that belongs to you, it requires care and attention. How can we do this?

First, get to know your Foundation better this year. Did you know that in 2023, the Foundation achieved a maximum four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 15th consecutive year? This places your Foundation among the world's top charities. Why do we consistently receive this honor? It's because we are financially strong, have a broad reach, and are highly effective with the gifts you give: 91 percent of funds are allocated to program awards and operations.

Another way to engage with your Foundation is to support it through a gift, every year. We've set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$500 million this year, and I'm confident that, with your support, we will achieve it. This year, I'm especially counting on those Rotarians and Rotaractors who have not yet contributed to make their first gift. Because

The Rotary Foundation is an excellent steward, you can be confident that your gift will make a difference, whether it's in polio eradication, literacy initiatives, peace education, or any other area in which we excel.

In 2024, resolve to share the Foundation with others. The Foundation is too great to keep to ourselves. Spread the word during your fundraisers and events. Let the public know that The Rotary Foundation plays a significant role in everything we do, including in our many partnerships. Anyone can support the Foundation, even people who are not in Rotary.

Lastly this year, take action. Your Foundation is waiting for you to roll up your sleeves and make use of its resources to make the world a better place. Seek out global or district grant projects. Consider partnering with a Rotaract club in 2024 to support a grant or collaborate on one. Team up with Rotary and Rotaract clubs in your area to plan your biggest million dollar dinner fundraiser or End Polio Now event.

Whatever you decide to do in 2024, commit to keeping our Foundation in your plans. I can't wait to hear about all the great things we will accomplish this year.

BARRY RASSIN

Foundation trustee chair

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District Governor's October Message

My Dear Rotarians of District 3860,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here's hoping you had a great holiday vacation and enjoyed every moment of it. It is time to settle down and review your accomplishments for the past year.

As we begin another year of service, let us focus on this month of January on vocational service. You joined Rotary as a proud representative of your profession and vocation. In your classification talks, you share your expertise and experiences. This gives you the dual responsibility of representing your vocation and of exemplifying the ideals of Rotary service within your clubs.

In our professions and vocation, let us be guided by the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Profession, especially on what is most expected of you on number #1 - "Consider my vocation as an opportunity to serve." and number #3 - "Do all my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation"

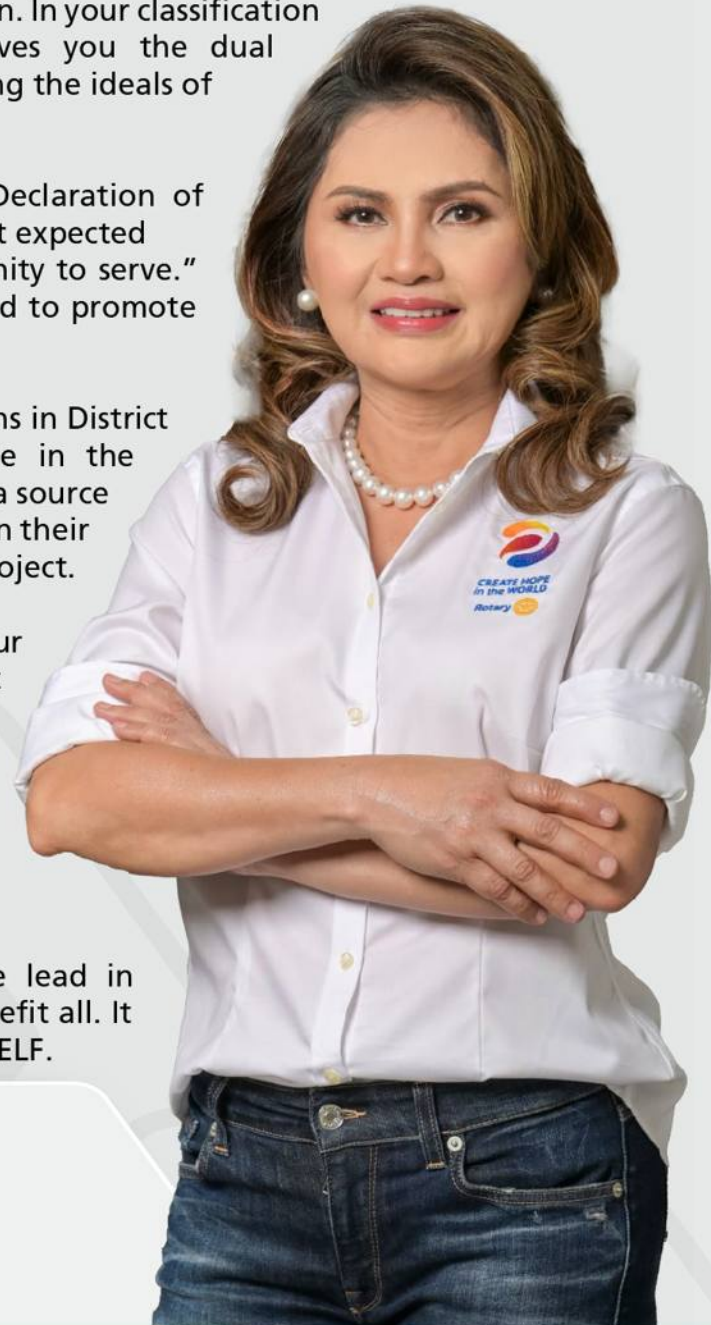
To commemorate Vocational Service Month, I urge all Rotarians in District 3860 to support community programs like training people in the community with livelihood skills that could generate for them a source of income and to help the graduating students or young ones in their choice of profession or vocation through a Career Guidance project.

As Rotarians, you are role models as well as leaders of your vocation. Vocational service can lead to projects that do not only develop vocational skills and the ethical consciousness of Rotarians but also the talents in the community. One the outstanding project would be to present a vocational award to one in the community who have exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. You may consider it an annual vocational project.

Young people are our future, and Rotarians can take the lead in vocational service to gain a better life and foundation to benefit all. It is a beautiful way to fulfill Rotary's motto is SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

With warmest regards,

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



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.



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

When we nurture peace, opportunities,
and one another, we help heal the
world and create lasting change.

Let's create hope by:

- Confronting stigmas, expanding access, and raising awareness about the importance of mental health
- Fostering understanding and strengthening connections through virtual exchanges
- Unlocking the power of girls and women around the world



Learn more at
rotary.org/initiatives23-24

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

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

Piano $\text{♩} = 88$ $\text{B}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)/\text{B}$ *mp*

4 $\text{B}/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$
 serve our land If truth is left behind, will you make a stand? Days will be bright, when the

8 $\text{D}\sharp(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{D}\sharp/\text{F}\times$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}(\text{add}2)$ G $\text{F}\sharp(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{F}\sharp$
 walls between us fall We will brave the darkest night. Hear us sound the call.

A

12 $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}/\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ B $\text{B}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{m}6$
 Turn the page, turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our

17 $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}7$ $\text{B}^\flat/\text{C}\sharp$ $\text{C}\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $\text{F}\sharp(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$
 hopes fly high to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

22 $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}/\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ E^\flat/G E^\flat $\text{E}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{m}6$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}7$
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

2

26 $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ B E^\flat/B
 hope is plant-ed, love is sure to grow.

B

30 B $\text{B}/\text{D}\sharp$ *mf*
 Battles may rage, Hiding the voices of the small, We Ro-ta-rians rise as one Giv-ing

33 $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{D}\sharp(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{D}\sharp/\text{F}\times$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}(\text{add}2)$
 strength and peace to all. Hearts are a-blaze, Spread-ing joy when all seems lost Draw-ing

C

36 G $\text{F}\sharp(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$
 cour-age from each o-ther For what mat-ters is the cause. Turn the page.

40 $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}/\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ B $\text{B}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{m}6$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}7$
 turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our hopes fly high.

45 $\text{B}^\flat/\text{C}\sharp$ $\text{C}\sharp(\text{add}2)$ $\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$
 to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

49 $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}/\text{F}\sharp$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ E^\flat/G E^\flat $\text{E}\text{maj}7$ $\text{E}\text{m}6$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{G}\sharp\text{m}7$
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

3

53 $\text{C}\sharp\text{m}7$ $\text{B}\text{maj}7/\text{D}\sharp$ $\text{E}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{E}/\text{F}\sharp$ G $\text{G}(\text{sus}4)$ $\text{D}\text{m}/\text{G}$ G^\flat $\text{F}(\text{add}2)$ *f*
 hope is plant-ed, love is sure to grow. Turn the page.

58 $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$ $\text{D}\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{D}\text{m}/\text{G}$ F/G C $\text{C}\text{maj}7$ $\text{F}\text{maj}7$ $\text{F}\text{m}6$ $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$ $\text{A}\text{m}7$
 turn the tide, turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, our hopes fly high.

63 C^\flat/D $\text{D}^\flat(\text{add}2)$ G G^\flat $\text{F}(\text{add}2)$ $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$
 to where dreams touch the sky. Turn the page, turn the tide,

67 $\text{D}\text{m}7(\text{add}2)$ $\text{D}\text{m}/\text{G}$ F/G $\text{E}/\text{G}\sharp$ E $\text{F}\text{maj}7$ $\text{F}\text{m}6$ $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$ $\text{A}\text{m}7$
 turn the world to face the light Through Ro-ta-ry, we all will show. Where

E

71 $\text{D}\text{m}7$ $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$ $\text{F}(\text{add}2)$ F/G $\text{E}^\flat/\text{G}\sharp$ B^\flatm $\text{B}^\flat\text{m}(\text{maj}7)$ C/D D^\flat $\text{D}\text{m}7$ $\text{C}\text{maj}7/\text{E}$ 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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

May the next 365 days be filled with joy, success, and the courage to face any challenges that come our way. Here's to writing another beautiful chapter in our lives. Cheers!

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CALENDAR

January events

A GEM OF AN EVENING

Event: OPAL Awards Gala
Host: Rotary Club of Boca Raton, Florida
What it benefits: Local scholarships
Date: 13 January
 The annual red carpet gala honors Boca Raton’s “outstanding people and leaders” — those who have demonstrated a commitment to improve the community through philanthropy, professional leadership, and volunteer service. Attendees will enjoy a reception with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by an elegant dinner and awards presentation. This year’s honorees include club member Patricia McCarthy, a longtime donor to The Rotary Foundation.

EASY DOES IT

Event: The Race for the Rest of Us 0.5K
Host: Rotary Club of Fairhope Sunset, Alabama
What it benefits: Local projects and charities
Date: 13 January
 Those intimidated by 5Ks need not fear this race, which is designed for all ages and abilities. It’s only a half-kilometer (0.3-mile) long, costumes are encouraged, and a station at the route’s midpoint sustains runners and walkers with sausage-topped doughnuts. All participants receive a commemorative shirt and medal, with trophies for the best costumes. A post-race celebration includes refreshments and live music.

A PLEASANT PATH

Event: Peachtree City Half Marathon & 5K
Host: Rotary Club of Peachtree City, Georgia
What it benefits: Local charities
Date: 13 January



RIGHT ON CUE

Event: Slab-O-Rama
Host: Rotary Club of Bullhead City, Arizona
What it benefits: Local projects
Dates: 12-13 January

Grilling teams from across the country flock to Bullhead City for this barbecue competition, which awards \$20,000 in prizes across eight categories, including pork, chicken, brisket, and ribs. A separate Kids-Q contest on Friday is open to budding pitmasters ages 7 to 16. The event, which takes place in a club-supported park along the Colorado River, includes a beer garden, a cornhole tournament, and live music.

In its inaugural year, this race winds through Peachtree City, a leafy suburb south of Atlanta. The scenic, moderately flat route includes a portion of the city’s 100-mile network of paved paths, which are typically trafficked by golf carts. (Residents have registered more than 9,000 of the vehicles.) Each participant receives a tech shirt and a commemorative medal, and refreshments await runners crossing the finish line.

ART WITH HEART

Event: Cape Coral Art Festival & Market Place
Host: Rotary Club of Cape Coral, Florida
What it benefits: Local projects
Dates: 13-14 January
 A staple in southwest Florida for nearly 40 years, the two-day festival welcomes more than 100,000 people annually to admire the creations of hundreds of artists and artisans from around the world.

Juried works, including paintings, photographs, sculptures, crafts, and jewelry, are displayed along Cape Coral Parkway, with an additional exhibit of local students’ art. The event offers live music, food vendors, and booths showcasing area businesses.

PICTURE THIS

Event: Fine Arts & Crafts Festival
Host: Rotary Club of Venice-Nokomis, Florida
What it benefits: Local youth programs
Dates: 20-21 January
 About 100 artists will exhibit their work at the Venice Airport Festival Grounds for this show, established in 1991 by club members inspired by the Cape Coral art festival. In addition to the art, the event includes live music, food trucks, family activities, and an antique and classic car show. Thousands of people are expected to attend, and children under 10 get in free.

People of action around the globe

By Brad Webber



United States

The Rotary Club of the Lower Keys, Florida, is known for the Independence Day festival and fireworks display it sponsors in Big Pine Key. At last year's event, the night had a sweet send-off: the creation of a massive Key lime pie in celebration of Monroe County's bicentennial. Rotarians joined local chefs Kermit Carpenter and Paul Menta as they scooped free samples of the pie, which spanned a precise 13.14 feet in diameter. The dimension, harking back to the mathematical constant pi, squeezed past a 12.25-foot creation made in 2018 by a Florida business; its producers were awaiting certification of the grand concoction — made of Key lime juice and condensed milk spread atop a graham cracker crust — as the world's largest. The precise tally of servings was unclear, but club member Keara McGraw says it's safe to say it was "a lot."

Rotary
Club of the Lower Keys, Florida

\$6 billion

Value of the global
market for used
cooking oil in 2022

Brazil

Improper disposal of household cooking oil is not only an ecological hazard, it's also a missed opportunity to recycle the waste into new products. Oil poured down drains also increases water treatment costs. Members of the Rotaract Club of Penápolis in São Paulo state distributed 400 funnels to help residents collect oil in bottles, along with pamphlets explaining the benefits of recycling and how to do it. Members of a recycling cooperative in Penápolis gather the bottled oil and sell it to be turned into biodiesel, homemade soap, paints, resin, and animal feed. "It's essential to reduce and prevent pollution in all its forms," says club member Lucas Silveira de Campos.

Rotaract
Club of Penápolis

1493

Year Christopher
Columbus introduced
citrus seeds to the
West Indies





Finland

Rotary members are working with the Finnish Environment Institute to collect, categorize, and measure trash in the Baltic Sea. “Scientists have little time for this kind of work,” explains Liisa Stjernberg, a past governor of District 1420 and a member of the Rotary Club of Helsinki City West. Stjernberg, the Finland country coordinator for the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, leads a group of volunteer members from her district who monitor blue algae blooms, raise funds for research, and promote marine conservation. In September the group enlisted 22 Rotary Youth Exchange students to join a measurement outing off the islands of Suomenlinna. They fished out trash including polymer fibers and shock tube detonators used in construction, Stjernberg says. Afterward they took up their oars for another cause: the Rotary-led “Rowing for Herring” longboat regatta, which drew 300 participants.



Rotary 
District 1420

242

Recorded fish species
in the Baltic Sea



Nepal

Dr. Anand Jha, a pediatrician and past president of the Rotary Club of Birganj, noticed that many children in his region of Nepal, about 50 miles south of Kathmandu, were underweight. “Most parents would feed only [cow’s] milk to their children,” says Jha. “As a result, the children were mostly iron-deficient,” a condition easily addressed with an improved diet. Since 2018, Jha has conducted 11 conferences on child nutrition, attracting as many as 80 parents at each session. The events include discussions of problems parents face, including, he says, the challenge of steering children from junk food. “I try to give them practical solutions. The biggest mistake that parents make is that they do not plan the diet” and fail to consider the nutritional value of foodstuffs, he says. Members of the Birganj club assist with the logistics and the management of the sessions.



19%

Share of
Nepalese
children under
age 5 who are
underweight

Rotary 
Club of Birganj



South Africa

The Rotary Club of Polokwane, northeast of Johannesburg, has given new meaning to the expression “waste not, want not.” The club has helped train more than 550 preschool teachers and caregivers to turn common household waste items — cardboard tubes, plastic sticks, egg cartons, newsprint, and more — into craft projects for children. In 2017, the club teamed up with Shayne Moodie, founder of an initiative called Empty Toy Box Education, to train rural educators to engage children with such projects. Club members collect recyclables and supplies such as glue and scissors, assist with the training, and provide the certificates for teachers. “The early childhood development program has been the most successful, sustainable program offered by our club in recent years,” says club member Ursula Moodie, who is Shayne’s mother. The program has reached as many as 17,000 preschoolers, the club estimates.



4 in 10

Children ages 3-4
worldwide enrolled
in early childhood
education

Rotary 
Club of Polokwane

Preventing cervical cancer through vaccinations

*By Dr. Amal El-Sisi, Technical Coordinator for Maternal and Child Health,
The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers and honorary program director of
"United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt"*

Three years ago, I was talking to a mother in my clinic confused by the contradictory messages she was hearing about the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. On the one hand, she had heard about the effectiveness of the vaccine to guard against cervical cancer. On the other hand, she had also heard about the stigma surrounding the vaccine – a stigma related to sexual promiscuity.



Dr. Amal El-Sisi

Cervical cancer, the fourth most common cancer among women, is caused by HPV, a sexually transmitted infection. Cervical cancer is preventable through vaccination, screening, and treatment, but faces stigma, even among medical professionals, due to religious and cultural norms.

I am not a community (i.e., preventive) pediatrician; my practice is mainly in hospitals with acutely ill children. However, I was intrigued by this mother's story. It brought back memories for me of when I was living in another country and my daughter had received the HPV vaccine. If we had lived in Egypt at the time, she might not have received it. It is unfair that circumstances control the health status of many people around the globe. Health equity is a must.

As a Rotarian and health professional, I feel it is my duty to spread awareness and do good in the world. I surveyed fellow pediatricians at a pediatric conference I regularly attend. Only 5% of respondents said they prescribed and recommended the vaccine to their patients. The situation was no better among obstetricians.

I learned that 145 countries are vaccinating girls, protecting them from cervical cancer. Furthermore 80 of these countries are vaccinating gender neutral – both boys and girls – to protect from different cancers. On further exploration of the problem, we found out that there are many challenges. The HPV vaccine is not part of recommended vaccination by pediatricians and obstetricians in Egypt. In addition, ignorance, stigma, and the fact that they are often not endorsed by health care providers keeps many people in Egypt from getting the vaccination.

I am but one person and I have a mission. As Rotary members, we are a village, and we are more powerful.



We started to include HPV and cervical cancer awareness in all our medical convoys – teams of medical professionals led by Rotary clubs who travel to remote areas to provide consultations and prescribe medications. We urged other Rotary clubs to do the same and have since led 20 convoys to different parts of Egypt. We started awareness campaigns among Egyptian Rotarians (2,900 members) and Rotaractors (600 members) and conducted 40 Rotary awareness events. Most Rotarians in Egypt are now well informed. Furthermore, we now have a group of 80 advocates made up of health professionals and dedicated Rotarians who we call the “Cervical Cancer Champions.”

We have also partnered with societies of cancer survivors and held two awareness events. One was a recreative trip to Hurghada. Hoda Galal, a Rotarian and survivor of cervical cancer, shared her story. “My personal goal is to share my story and become a ‘Pillar’ of hope to someone else, knowing that I have the power to help eradicate cervical cancer mortality rates and make a difference,” she said.

The events aren’t just about letting people know about early cancer screening tests, they are also about dispelling the stigma attached to this kind of cancer. As conservative as our society is, we carry provincial attitudes and mores regarding the female reproductive system. We as advocates are adamant to break down barriers. These stigmas can lend a hand in the disproportionate amount of needless suffering due to this cancer.



We applied for and were awarded a US\$2 million Programs of Scale grant by The Rotary Foundation and other funding agencies. We will use the award to reach 4 million people with awareness campaigns, distribute 32,000 vaccines to girls ages 12-15, and screen 10,000 women for cervical cancer. We are determined to pave the way for the government to implement a national immunization program.

I have spent so much time advocating for the HPV vaccine because I believe we can eradicate HPV-related cancers through vaccination.

I love that the Rotary community aligns with my passion to reach as many people as possible and that members around the world are advocating for the elimination of cervical cancer.

I am but one person and I have a mission. As Rotary members, we are a village, and we are more powerful.



12-09-2023 14th RCCF GMM RY 2023 - 2024 Christmas Fellowship



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12-13-2023 Turn-over Foam Beds

Special thanks to Robert Favelle from Australia



12-16-2023 Humanitarian Assistance to the Fire victims of Pusok, Lapu-lapu City





RI president-elect Stephanie Urchick announces 2024-25 presidential theme

By **Etelka Lehoczky**

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Prioritizing peace

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

Rotary has a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centers, Urchick noted. Located at top universities around the globe, the centers have trained nearly 1,800 peace fellows who are now working in more than 140 countries. The newest center, located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025.

"The Rotary Peace Fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflict," Urchick said. "This conference will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together."

In addition to emphasizing peacebuilding, Urchick reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio. She urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help end the disease.

"Contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication," she said. "Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."



Balancing continuity and change

Urchick also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan.

"The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are."

She asked the governors to do whatever is needed to make the club experience irresistible to members.

"That might mean changing how things are done in your district," she said. "If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it's probably time to reassess. If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, maybe it's time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change."

One way to make positive change, she said, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs.

"I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."



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DECLARATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR-NOMINEE DESIGNATE

December 20, 2023

Dear Hope-Creating Presidents and Fellow Rotarians,

Greetings!

On December 1, 2023, the District Nominating Committee (DNC) chaired by IPDG Lilo Aliño unanimously endorsed **PP Arlene J. Adlawan** of the **Rotary Club of Tagum Golden LACES** to be the District Governor for Rotary Year 2026-2027. This was announced on December 1, 2023 for wide dissemination.


Please be informed that there is **NO** challenging candidate and club concurrences received by the Office of the District Governor within the fourteen-day period as prescribed by the RI Manual of Procedure.

It is hereby officially declared that **PP ARLENE J. ADLAWAN** as the **District Governor-Nominee Designate**.

Her nomination will be certified to the General Secretary of Rotary International for appropriate action.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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District Governor



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RY 2023-2024 Search for the Most Outstanding Environmental Projects Awards

Eligibility

- ❑ Award is open to all solely Rotary Club-initiated Projects or projects implemented with significant partnership/engagement with NGOs/GOs.
- ❑ Any nominated project from the 10 districts must be operational for at least one (1) year at the time of the granting of the award in June 2024.

Deadline (District Level): February 28, 2024

Deadline (National Level): March 2024

Awarding of Winners: June 29, 2024

Prizes: PhP 50,000	- District Level
PhP 300,000	- Champion (National)
PhP 200,000	- 1 st Runner-up (National)
PhP 150,000	- 2 nd Runner-up (National)

Download the nomination form and guidelines at
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Stephanie Urchick *invites you to* Help Rotary Strike Out Polio

Stephanie A. Urchick, 2024-25 RI president, invites 25 PolioPlus supporters to her hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, to *Help Rotary Strike Out Polio at the \$1 Million Baseball Game.*

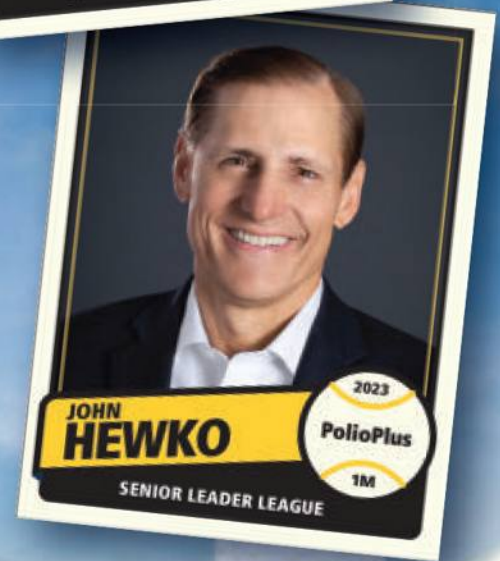
Starting 1 December 2023, the first 25 Rotary Foundation supporters who donate US\$10,000 or more to the PolioPlus Fund will be invited to join RI President Stephanie Urchick and General Secretary John Hewko to cheer on Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates from a private suite at PNC Park on 23 July 2024.

Attendees' transportation and accommodation expenses are not included.

When matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, these gifts will result in an additional \$1 million in funding to support Rotary's work to eradicate polio worldwide.

Space is limited, so interested donors are encouraged to register right away. Contact Kevin Kelly, Rotary Foundation major gifts officer, at kevin.kelly@rotary.org or +1-847-866-3205.

The Rotary Foundation thanks Bob Brooks, 2023-24 president of the Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem, Pennsylvania, for hosting this special event.



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Saan inabot ang P120 hygiene kits nyo?

BuKIDSpiration was able to bring hygiene kits to the mountains of Carmen specifically in Upper Nitamao-an last December 16, 2023. We were able to hand out hygiene kits to the 40 daycare students and 60 kids and we're able to share the importance of hygiene and sanitation especially before meal.

The hygiene kits were composed of a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, alcohol, hand towel, and soap. Since it was the pupils' Christmas party celebration, it became extra special as we were able to give them the gift of hygiene kits. The kids on the other hand, we were able to provide them with snacks to eat while handling the kits. Special thanks to Kuya Ryan and his family for gathering the kids and providing us their place to hand out the kits and the food.


We would also like to thank those who donated, your P120.00 surely did inspire the children to take care of themselves and to those who were able to sponsor.



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