

Rotary
Club of Cebu



Sugbuanon

CLUB NEWSLETTER



CLUB NO. 17102, DISTRICT 3860
Chartered November 28, 1932
Cebu, Philippines

*Meets every Thursday, 12noon at Café Uno
Waterfront Cebu City Hotel & Casino
Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines*

Issue No. 26 - Apr 30

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



1 - PRES. MIKE TORRES

Dear fellow Rotarians!

It's more than one month now since the ECQ. As they say, you don't know what you got until it's gone...we miss our weekly lunches and get together with friends, we miss our work and the freedom to just go anywhere we want to. Last Apr 16, we started our very successful E-meeting thru the efforts of our own club Admin, Mitch Alforque, and followed by the last week, Apr 23, where most of our members have attended and became our avenue for virtual get together during this pandemic.

On the bright side of things, I'm happy to note that we have so far partnered with City Sports Club Cebu, Country Club, Casino Español, CITE School in Talamban, Big Hotel and Hotel Pier Cuatro (led by our very own youngest director, Ken Ngo). Two more prospects going on in the coming days like Mega-Moms of Banilad Center for Professional Development which is within Brgy. Luz and the other in Labangon. Another club who showed interest is RC Port Center- Toby Florendo. Congratulations to Dir Ed Tan Ting, Rotarian Bobong Castillo, Sec. Walter and Treas. Stanley, PP Bernard for spearheading this Food Bank where we are serving 10K meals per day as of April 29. Assisting them are Proj. Manager Ernie Alix, April and Nicole. Kudos to the Food Bank team! Thank you to all donors, benefactors and partners. Let me share some videos - of our current activities of the club thru our funds.

To other Rotary clubs who may want to raise funds and donate to their preferred beneficiaries, we have Hazmat suits at Php500 per set, which is just break-even cost for materials and labor. Please contact our admin April for details.

Lastly, I'm very grateful to all our club members for actively and continuously serving above self during this pandemic where we reached out to the needy. I am proud of you guys!

Cheers!

MICHAEL P. TORRES

President

RY 2019 - 2020

34TH WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP and 3RD E-MEETING



*TOPIC: **Community Kitchen**, how they were able to successfully feed their neighbors in the barangays on a daily basis.*

- *Both Speakers are from one of the Home-Owner Association of Cebu*
 - *Their homeowners decided it was time to take action and help their surrounding community during the ECQ.*
 - *They have been operating a soup kitchen in cooperation with RCC to provide one meal a day to the residents living outside their community.*
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Host :

Rtn Micth Alforque

Invocation & The Four-way Test :

Rtn Aris Kintanar

INVOCATION

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

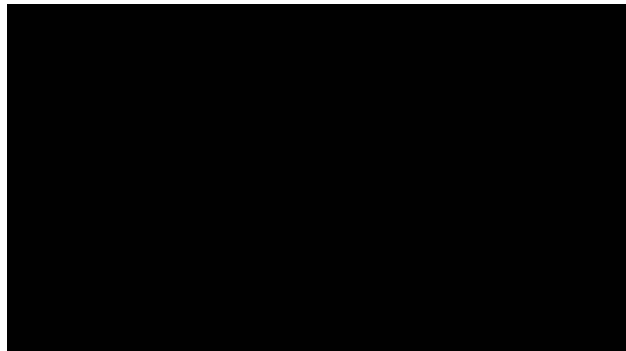
Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord. Amen.



Introduction of Guest Speakers

PP Bernard Sia



RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2 - RI Pres. Mark Daniel Maloney

April 2020

I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to ideas.rotary.org to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karancak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbalı and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength — how Rotary Connects the World — we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

Mark Daniel Maloney

President 2019-20

TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE



3 - Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang

April 2020

Perhaps the most fulfilling of all human endeavors is to give back, and Rotary offers countless opportunities to do it, such as donating to The Rotary Foundation. Each Rotarian and club can choose the level of Foundation giving that is right for them.

When you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund, you can become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Multiply that gift by 10 and you are a Paul Harris Fellow — one of those who donate \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, the PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. Since 1957, there have been more than 1 million Paul Harris Fellows. And when Rotarians give \$1,000 or more to the above annually, they become Paul Harris Society members. The Rotary Club of James River (Richmond), Virginia, is just one club that reached 100 percent membership in the society, and your club can do it, too.

Let's multiply by 10 again. Rotarians who commit to future gifts of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation join the Bequest Society. Major Donors are those who have already given \$10,000 or more to our Foundation. I am still proud of how we added 106 Major Donors in Taiwan during Rotary's centennial, exceeding our goal of 100. Together with the 103 additional Major Donors recruited the following year, they contributed more than \$2 million to the Annual Fund! The gifts these donors make can change entire communities.

The Arch Klumph Society recognizes the highest level of giving at Rotary, at \$250,000 or more, touching hundreds if not thousands of lives for generations to come. This month, I salute the 11 individuals and couples recognized during this year's International Assembly for increasing their giving level within the society. These generous supporters traveled from Japan, Nigeria, Taiwan, and the United States to celebrate their philanthropy.

Now, imagine what your club can do, what contribution you would like to make, what legacy you would like to leave, and find a giving level that works for you. Whatever you choose to give, whatever goal your club sets, remember that the gifts we give today will help Rotary and the communities we serve this year, next year, and beyond, in ways we may never know.

Gary C.K. Huang

Trustee Chair 2019-20

WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TWO WEEKS...

RCC during ECQ

By: Walter Cang

As a Rotary club that's been around for over 87 years, it has recorded many historical milestones in its books. The last time our club stopped meeting was almost 80 years ago when the second world war came to our shores. On March 19, our luncheon meeting was called off due to the corona virus and the

rest is history. After a month's hiatus, RCC's luncheon meeting reemerged in a virtual environment via an online service called Zoom.

We initially tested the service by holding our first ever Board e-meeting and knew it presented a novel and effective way for the club members to once again hold meetings. So on April 16, 2020, RCC held its first ever e-meeting with over 40 members in attendance. It was a grand reunion of sorts as I don't think many of us have ever not seen each other for such a long time. It was punctuated by laughter and banter as members showed up in their favored home attire ranging from wife beaters to a business shirt paired with a pair of shorts. From shaved heads to weeks-long growth of facial hair. Indeed, our club has never met under such circumstances and decorum.

We had to make slight changes to our program to accommodate technology limitations. Since Zoom is designed to allow only 1 source for audio, our much loved fellowship signing never took off as we could only hear the music or one person singing, but not both. So we knew early that went out the window. But other than that, we did all that we used to do. All apart in this world, yet all together in our virtual meeting room.

Pres. Mike brought us all up to speed with the 2 major programs that kicked off to fight Covid 19. It all began with an inspiring message from Rtn. Bobong Castillo that touched our very core. One that appealed to our members and funds were pledged from within our club, alongside donations from our friends. How over ₱2 million was going into purchase of materials, importation of goods, and funding for labor to produce PPEs and sanitation stalls. He acknowledged our Service Project Chair, Dir. Edward Tan Ting for quarterbacking the endeavors and members who went out of their way to help in the distribution of supplies, attending planning meetings and shared how we partnered with AMRO to fund the production of impermeable gowns and distributed them to hospitals around Cebu and outlying island cities.

Pres. Mike also reported on another project, also a brainchild of Rtn. Bobong Castillo. Our food bank and soup kitchen had taken off in partnership with SimplyShare Foundation, Inc. and the Phil. Navy Reservists. This operation was launched in a lot behind the St. Joseph Patriarch Parish in Mabolo. Initially funded by RCC members to the tune of over ₱1 million, and generous donations from Sunpride Foods, Inc. and Virginia Food Inc., this project snowballed as other firms like Cebu Orient Noodles and Kings Quality Foods got word and began donating their products. Even private citizens showed up with rice and other supplies. By then it was preparing and serving over 1000 meals each day.

Our guest speaker that day was Rtn. Bobong Castillo. He shared with us his views on what the ECQ is doing to the poor. How hunger will become pervasive and spawn misery. How the mind of one driven by hunger can change the person so drastically. Hence, it is important to give them hope, even if it comes only in the form of a single full meal each day. Yes, a meal a day can make a difference!

He encouraged us all to pitch in because there can never be a better time to make a difference. He talked at length about how this seed was sown and his optimism that many businesses out there will want to take part. That we are in a good position to become this conduit and share the blessing to some of the city's most blighted communities.

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Bobong shared his vision of jumpstarting other soup kitchens in the city. He shared how business establishments like Cebu City Sports Club, Casino Español, and hotels that have all closed already house an important component of our project – industrial kitchens and staff. He announced that talks are already on the way to get them to start their own program, feeding targets communities near their vicinity. He shared his dream of seeing this grow and sprout on both end of our city. It’s good to note that PP Joe Soberano, who sits in the Cebu Country Club board, also announced that they will get on board the RCC feeding program.

Cebu Food Bank & Soup Kitchen
 An Initiative by:
 SimplyShare Foundation Inc.
 Rotary Club of Cebu
 Rev. Fr. Pat Orsogosa of Mabolo Parish Church
 (Operated in the compound of the Mabolo Parish Church)
 Philippine NAVY Reservists
 Rise Against Hunger Philippines
 For donations (cash or kind) you may call
 Flor Tan 0905 991 3485
 Donations may also be delivered at
 Mabolo Parish Office. Look for Father Pat
 or Elmer from 8am - 5pm
 We can also pick up donations.

RTN BOBONG CASTILLO
 WHAT YOU DO TODAY MATTERS



No doubt Rtn. Bobong is very eloquent and tells a very compelling story, made more inspiring by the way it has spurred our club into stepping out of our “safe” zones so that we can continue to work around our circumstance; rather than having this circumstance hem us in.

The following week, **April 23**, we once again held our meeting online. Unlike the previous week, however, we were unable to live stream our meeting on Facebook due to a technical glitch with Zoom. I felt sorry for those who had hoped to attend our meeting via Facebook and I hope we can get this resolved this week.

Pres. Mike updated us on how our various programs were doing. He informed us that Big Hotel and Cebu City Sports Club will now start their soup kitchen following our roadmap. Our kitchen in Mabolo was also relocated to the Phil. Navy compound in Barangay Tinago. A meeting was also scheduled to get Casino Español start their own kitchen. PP Bernard Sia, our club’s one-man team handling delivery and solicitation took on another role when he galvanized his fellow homeowners to start their own soup kitchen to service a community right outside of theirs. Talk about snowballing! Such inspiring stories of ordinary Cebuanos standing shoulder to shoulder with the movers and shakers of our city, and together being able to give something back to our fellow Cebuanos. Truly the sum of our efforts allows us to attain more than the results of one act.

Having worked closely with Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in providing some of their PPE needs, we had the privilege of inviting one of their Medical Officer Level 4 Physicians as our guest speaker. Dr. Moneen Sarabosing was kind enough to join us for an hour of her time to talk about her experiences and share her knowledge as a medical health working fighting in the front line. Her wide ranging talk covered topics like definition of a virus, symptoms of the illness and how they are coping with the pandemic using the medical protocols of the DoH.

Much of what she shared we have learned to some degree or the other from the media and online resources. But hearing it from one who faces this threat makes a difference and she answered many questions raised by our members after her presentation.

Being a doctor, she was able to answer issues related to medical aspects of the illness. But she was careful to point out that some of our questions were outside of her knowledge base. This I found amusing since it reflected how many of us over the last few weeks have been exposed to online material, chainmail, videos, opinions and what have you; to become armchair policymakers, Covid 19 experts and epidemiologists! All in jest of course but such is the world we find ourselves in.



What lies ahead is still very uncertain. We don't really know when this quarantine will be finally lifted but at least we know that every Thursdays, Rotary Club of Cebu is once again meeting, having fellowship, enjoying each other's wit and wisdom and most of all, learning what we can do to make a difference in this time and place we call home.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WEEKLY MESSAGE (By Rotarians for Rotarians)

YOU CAN YOU BE PART OF THE GRANTS CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Supporting Humanitarian Grants Program, Global Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors is a registry of Rotarians who provide technical expertise to The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians who develop and implement large-scale projects. Cadre members serve in countries other than their own, and they conduct on-site project visits for two to three days with written reports upon their return. The Rotary Foundation pays for a per diem and roundtrip airfare. The cadre is in need of Rotarians qualified in the following fields: Health, Education/Literacy, Small Business/Revolving Loans (micro credit), and Financial Auditing (chartered accountants and certified public accountants), and more. Additionally, it is really helpful for those that can speak French, Spanish, Portuguese and other language skills.

ARE YOU READY TO SIGN UP? THE NEED TO DO GOOD WORK IN THE WORLD IS REAL!

ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU COVID-19 RESPONSE



Rotary Club of Cebu Covid-19 Response

One of our club members posted this in our club's private chatroom:

"How can we help?"

Well frankly, this is a fight for our lives, the future of our children and loved ones, the survival of our country, our lifestyle, as we know it.

Pull all stops. Let's realign our priorities, materials things we can buy later, money, we can earn back; but individual lives, and the life of our country, these can never be recovered."

And with that rallying cry, the Rotary Club of Cebu has launched several projects to combat the effects of the crisis that we are facing and these are to buying and producing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N95 masks and sanitizing solutions, establishing a Food bank and partnering with various organizations to set up soup kitchens in strategic locations around Cebu City and Cebu Province.

Let our rallying cry be yours! Rotarians or not, we are all living in this country, in this world; therefore this is OUR battle. Reach out to your community organizations and offer help in whatever way

possible. For a change, let's not wait for them to come to help us. Our city, our country, and our people need us now.

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#EndCovidNow

#EndCovid19

#ServiceAboveSelf

ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU FOOD BANK AND SOUP KITCHEN PROJECT



The Food Bank and Soup Kitchen Project

Food Bank - administered by RCC

1. Collects and stores surplus food or ingredients from: •Grocery retailers •Food manufacturers & distributors •Produce markets •Farms •Fisheries •Consumers •Restaurants & Hospitality establishments
2. Surplus food or ingredients are given to Soup Kitchens.

Soup Kitchens - operated by RCC partners (NGOs, hotels, restaurants, clubs, homeowners, volunteers, etc.)

1. Provide nourishment to hungry people . •At least one meal a day for pick-up by or deliveries to communities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR APRIL CELEBRANTS





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RC Tawau Sabah, Malaysia
RC Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
RC Daegu - Taebaek
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BROTHER CLUB - LOCAL (Philippines)

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RC Makati
RC North Bay
RC Manila (Mother Club)

FRIENDSHIP PACT - INTERNATIONAL

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Rotary



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:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 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;
- 3 The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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