

# SUGBUANON

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DISTRICT 3860  
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



## ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU

Chartered on November 28, 1932, Rotary Club of Cebu is the second oldest club in the Philippines. The club currently has 63 members and prides itself in the quality of its members and the excellent fellowship that characterizes its weekly meetings.

The club sponsored the organization of several Rotary clubs in the Visayas and has produced six district governors, including Vicente L. Faelnar, Joaquin Panis, Vicente Lozada, Federico Reyes and Manuel de Veyra. The latest, Edgar Chiongbian, was the District Governor in RY2013-2014 and also the RY2017-2018 Chairman of the Philippine College of Rotary Governors.

Rotary International District 3860 has consistently recognized the club for its role and contribution to the District, winning the Club of the Year and President of the Year awards multiple times over the years. Our members continue to donate generously to The Rotary Foundation and consistently leads the District in TRF Donations and Disaster relief drives. The club has long led the district with the greatest number of Major Donors (15 currently) and in RY2019-2020, three members of the club (one posthumously) were inducted into the Arch Klumph Society, the first AKS members in our District. Likewise, RCC was the first club to establish a TRF Endowment Fund in the District. Lastly, the RCC has been very active in Global Grant projects, leading the country with almost 5% of the total approved Philippine global grant budget over the past six years.



## RY 2021 - 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **PRESIDENT :**

Jacob P.Ong

### **VICE-PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT ELECT:**

Hector Almario

### **SECRETARY :**

Charles Vincent Ong

### **TREASURER :**

Edward Tan Ting

### **PRESIDENT NOMINEE :**

Walter Cang (*Youth Service*)

### **ADVISERS :**

PAG Ibarra Panopio  
(*TRF Chair*)

PP Angel Martinez  
(*Protocol Officer*)

PAG Robin Ong  
(*Club Trainer*)

DGSC Stephen Chian  
(*Membership & Vocation*)

PP Bernard Sia

PP Renato Kintanar

IPP Edward Gaisano  
(*Ex-Officio*)

### **DIRECTORS :**

George Neil Paraoan (*Club Admin*)

Joey Ontanillas (*Service Projects*)

Shigejiro Onda (*International Service*)

Ken Ngo (*Public Image*)

Javier Sala (*Membership & Vocation*)

Melchor Alejandro (*Fellowship*)



# PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

***Shekhar Mehta***

*President 2021-22*

## December 2021

Public health is on everyone's mind due to the global pandemic that still threatens the safety of ourselves and our loved ones. In a sense, COVID-19 has made all of us much more aware of the roles and responsibilities of medical professionals than we were before we had to wear masks and maintain social distance. In addition, while moving through this pandemic, we have also learned about the role we can play in keeping others safe.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary. The pandemic unfortunately has schooled most people on the toll that disease takes on our communities. But fighting disease is something that Rotarians around the world have been doing for decades. In fact, it is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

As Rotarians, we believe that good health and well-being is a human right — even though 400 million people across the globe do not have access to essential health services. The work we do in establishing clinics, eye hospitals, and blood banks, as well as in building infrastructure for medical facilities in underserved communities, all returns to a central belief that access, prevention, and education are the keys to stopping deadly outbreaks that harm the most vulnerable.

My exposure to health work began with my Rotary club, Calcutta-Mahanagar. There, among other things, I helped pioneer a program called Saving Little Hearts that over the years has provided more than 2,500 free heart surgeries for children from

India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Africa. Before the program went international, it started locally with the goal of performing just six surgeries within our community. Today, our goal is to complete another 20,000 surgeries over the next five years.

The world relies on Rotary to tackle challenges like these and to set an example for others. Over the past decade, medical professionals and government workers have provided free health services to 2.5 million people in 10 countries during Family Health Days, which are organized by Rotarians around the world. Similar health camps in India also provide thousands of surgeries to those in need. Medical missions from India to Africa each year are an excellent example of hands-on service in disease prevention and treatment. Rotary members can also get involved at a local level; clubs in the United States and Mexico, for example, fund a free health clinic in Guerrero, a small town in Mexico.

And of course, our effort to eradicate polio is by far the best story in civil-society health care.

This month, think about how your club can focus on preventing and fighting disease. This is the time to take a bigger, better, bolder approach through both club and district projects that can impact more people. Re-evaluate where you are with your goals. Create strategies that can sustain change over years, not months.

Everyone deserves a long, healthy life. When you Serve to Change Lives, your actions today can help extend the lives of others.

# TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

**John F. Germ**

*Trustee Chair 2021-22*



## December 2021

December marks a special time of year. It's a time of holiday gatherings and family reunions (COVID-19 permitting). It's also the halfway point of the Rotary year, when we look back on our goals, reflecting on the what and the why of our work.

First, the what. This year, to stay on course to reach our goal, we need to raise \$50 million for PolioPlus, with a 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation bringing the total to \$150 million. To keep our Rotary Foundation programs running strong, we set a goal to raise \$125 million for the Annual Fund. We also aim to raise \$95 million for the Endowment Fund in outright gifts and new commitments, and a further \$40 million for other outright gifts.

So how do we reach our grand total of \$410 million? We must remember that in all great endeavors, including Rotary, we are part of a TEAM: Together, Everyone Achieves More.

You can't have a great team without great PEOPLE. P stands for pride in our organization, our achievements, and our potential. E is our empathy for others, which we transform into service. O has two parts: the tremendous opportunities to make a difference that Rotary has granted us, and an obligation to pull others up and to increase our ranks. Our second P is for perseverance, helping us stick to our goals, like polio eradication, when the going gets tough. L stands for leadership, and E for enthusiasm — the fuel of Rotary.

While we are revisiting our goals, we also need to remember the why. For me, this needs little explanation. Why wouldn't you help expectant mothers and their children survive and thrive by supporting a Rotary Foundation grant? And why wouldn't you initiate programs to help preserve the environment, our cherished home? The pandemic has only renewed my conviction that life is precious, and we must seize every opportunity to enhance the lives of others.

You are one of the PEOPLE on our TEAM. I encourage you this month to join other leaders who participate in Rotary's strong tradition of philanthropy by making a gift to The Rotary Foundation. It is the season of giving, and every gift counts. Please contribute any amount that feels right by 31 December, and your gift will keep on giving in 2022 and for years to come. There are many ways to give, as a club or an individual — why not set up a giving plan?

The Rotary Foundation offers us countless opportunities to help make a difference in the world. Let us never squander those opportunities, nor take our Foundation for granted.

Judy and I wish you the happiest of holidays.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## December 2021

Good afternoon gentlemen,

Today we will have our election for the new set of officers for Next Rotary Year led by PE Hector. This will be chaired by IPP Edward Gaisano with his nominating committee members, PP Mike Torres and PP Stephen Chian. We will also know who the President Nominee Designate will be today.

Then we will have Dir George give us an update on our Gift of Life program followed by Dir Joey. These guys have been working tirelessly on our various programs. Thank you so much, George, Edward, Joey and all our members for all your selfless efforts to serve our community.



Just a short recap of the week's activities, we had the turnover of the WASH for Bulacao and Basak Community Schools. In Bulacao, the principal, Mr. Rolando Rebusit was really emotional in thanking our club. After so many years even with the Local School Board of Cebu City, they were not able to have a water pump installed in the school and now this is like a dream come true for them.. We were really treated very well there with snacks, lunch, and even lechon. The same at Basak Community School where we had our second lunch. It was very heartwarming to see this project finally be completed. This Global Grant was submitted and approved in the second semester of PP Mike's term and implementation went on through IPP Ed Gai's term. IPP Ed was able to complete the 7 schools during the previous Rotary Year 2020-2021 despite the pandemic. We have PP Bing to thank for writing the application and doing the community assessment with DJ as his apprentice. Then DJ with the help of some rotarians worked hard on it during the implementation. Thank you so much everyone for making this happen!

Now last Saturday we had a fellowship at Pedro Hills which was also a Thanksgiving for our volunteers for the End Polio Ride and a tree planting activity at Pedro Hills. Thank you very much to PP Pete Delantar for hosting us in his place in Balamban. Awesome place for a fellowship. It was so cold and windy on Saturday night and we had a great time. Thank you PP Bernard, Bobong, Edward, and Walter for organizing this activity. Thank you to all who attended.

We planted 6 Narra trees in different locations and PP Pete named them as the following:

- # 1 = GOL Tree - Jacob and EdTT
- # 2 = End Polio Tree - Bernard and Cooper
- # 3 = TRF Tree - Bobong and Pete
- # 4 = RC Cebu Tree - Walter & Rox
- # 5 = New Generation - Matthew & Cooper
- # 6 = Great Tree - Group of Rotarians for the Environment and Tourism

We will be able to see them grow in the coming years.

I will finish this message with a video we took at Pedro Hills.

Thank you and good afternoon.

**Jacob P. Ong**  
*Rotary Club of Cebu*  
*President 2021-22*

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ROTARY

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST



# CLUB ATTENDANCE HEALTH CHECK



DATE OF MEETING	
02-Dec-21	09-Dec-21
Total Membership: 67 MEETING ATTENDANCE	
40	45
62%	68%
SPEAKER / TOPIC	
<b>Engr. Allan Alfon</b> President & General Manager Cebu Cordova Link Expressway Corporation	“Updates & Future Plans on the CCLEX”
<b>RC Cebu</b> Project Chairs & General Membership	“Business Meeting and Election of Officers”
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY PERCENTAGE : 65%</b>	

**Charles Vincent Ong**  
*Rotary Club of Cebu  
Secretary 2021-22*

# ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU PAST PRESIDENTS

# 88 YEARS

<b>CJ MARTIN</b> RY 1932-1933	<b>MANUEL DE VEYRA</b> RY 1965-1966	<b>JOHN DOMINGO</b> RY 1994-1995
<b>HM POWER</b> RY 1933-1934	<b>JOSE ESCANO</b> RY 1966-1967	<b>JOSE TAN YAOTIN</b> RY 1995-1996
<b>ROBERT LANDON</b> RY 1934-1935	<b>NESTOR CANOY</b> RY 1968-1969	<b>JOSE SUACO</b> RY 1996-1997
<b>HENRY GASSER</b> RY 1935-1936	<b>PRISCILIANO BORROMEIO</b> RY 1969-1970	<b>GUNTHER HALLER</b> RY 1997-1998
<b>VELOSO BUENAVENTURA</b> RY 1936-1937	<b>SILVIO SANTOS</b> RY 1970-1971	<b>JOSE GAPAS</b> RY 1998-1999
<b>LEO SCHMIDT</b> RY 1937-1938	<b>CLARO CINCO</b> RY 1971-1972	<b>MANUEL DE VEYRA, JR.</b> RY 1999-2000
<b>ISABELO BINAMIRA</b> RY 1938-1939	<b>CANUTO BORROMEIO</b> RY 1972-1974	<b>ANGEL OCUBILLO, JR.</b> RY 2000-2001
<b>JOSE CASTILLO</b> RY 1940-1941	<b>FERNANDO JAKOSALEM</b> RY 1974-1975	<b>RONALD DUTERTE</b> RY 2001-2002
<b>FITZ REED</b> RY 1941-1942	<b>ANTONIO CUI</b> RY 1975-1976	<b>SERGIO E. ROMERO</b> RY 2002-2003
<b>HENRY GASSER</b> RY 1945	<b>MARIANO PADILLA</b> RY 1976-1977	<b>ANTONIO J P. LOZADA</b> RY 2003-2004
<b>ALFREDO DEEN</b> RY 1945-1946	<b>LOUIE BATONGMALAQUE</b> RY 1977-1978	<b>PERICLES P. DAKAY</b> RY 2004-2005
<b>DART WILLIAM</b> RY 1946	<b>VICENTE PELAEZ, JR.</b> RY 1978-1979	<b>EDGAR R. CHIONGBIAN</b> RY 2005-2006
<b>SIMEON MIRANDA</b> RY 1946-1947	<b>IBARRA PANOPIO</b> RY 1979-1980	<b>OSCAR P. JEREZA, JR.</b> RY 2006-2007
<b>VICENTE FAELNAR</b> RY 1947-1950	<b>FRANCISCO BENEDICTO</b> RY 1980-1981	<b>JOHN F. DOMINGO</b> RY 2007-2008
<b>JOAQUIN PANIS</b> RY 1950-1952	<b>CATALINO CHAN, JR.</b> RY 1981-1982	<b>TEODORO K. GONZALES</b> RY 2008-2009
<b>ANTONIO SUACO</b> RY 1952-1953	<b>MICHEL LHUILLIER</b> RY 1982-1983	<b>BONIFACIO BELEN</b> RY 2009-2010
<b>SALVADOR SALA</b> RY 1953-1955	<b>RAMON CENIZA</b> RY 1983-1984	<b>JOSE SOBERANO, III</b> RY 2010-2011
<b>JOSE MORAN</b> RY 1954, 1955-1956	<b>DOMINGO ANTIGUA</b> RY 1984-1985	<b>ROY LOTZOF</b> RY 2011-2012
<b>EUGENIO ALONSO</b> R1956-1957	<b>JOSE HO</b> RY 1985-1986	<b>JONATHAN GSALEM</b> RY 2012-2013
<b>FEDERICO REYES</b> RY 1957-1958	<b>TERESO BALANKIG</b> RY 1986-1987	<b>ROBIN S. ONG</b> RY 2013-2014
<b>JAMES JACOBI</b> RY 1958-1959	<b>ANTONIO MIRA</b> RY 1987-1988	<b>PEDRO H. DELANTAR</b> RY 2014-2015
<b>VICENTE LOZADA</b> RY 1959-1960	<b>JOSE SALA</b> RY 1988-1989	<b>BERNARD VONN SIA</b> RY 2015-2016
<b>DOMINGO VELOSO</b> RY 1960-1961	<b>RENATO KINTANAR</b> RY 1989-1990	<b>WILLIAM CHAVEZ</b> RY 2016-2017
<b>RAMON DUTERTE</b> RY 1961-1962	<b>MARIO ORTIZ</b> RY 1990-1991	<b>A. RUBEN MARTINEZ</b> RY 2017-2018
<b>BENJAMIN ALEJANDRE</b> RY 1962-1963	<b>ORLANDO ISRAEL</b> RY 1991-1992	<b>STEPHEN P. CHIAN</b> RY 2018-2019
<b>OSCAR JEREZA</b> RY 1963-1964	<b>GLENN LOOP</b> RY 1992-1993	<b>MICHAEL P. TORRES</b> RY 2019-2020
<b>JOSE RODRIGUEZ</b> RY 1964-1965	<b>SHEWAKRAM MANGHARAM</b> RY 1993-1994	<b>EDWARD S. GAISANO</b> RY 2020-2021



# SISTER CLUBS – INTERNATIONAL

**RC Yokosuka**

**RC Yotsukaido**

**RC Kasugai**

**RC Osaka Urban**

**RC Tawau**

**RC Singapore East**

**RC Daegu-Taebaek**

**RC Kota Kinabalu**

**RC New Territories (Hongkong)**

**RC Taipei Seven Star**

# BROTHER CLUBS – LOCAL (PHILS.)

**RC Manila**

**RC Bagumbayan -Manila**

**RC Manuel A. Roxas Boulevard**

**RC Makati**

**RC Makati West**

**RC Rizal West**

**RC North Bay East**



AG MIKE

**10**



PP RENE

**18**



PE HECTOR

**21**



RTN TOM

**23**



RTN DON

**24**



RTN CHRIS

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*December*  
**WARRIORS**  
**BIRTHDAY**



# HANDOVER OF COMPLETED WASH PROJECT AT BASAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Basak Community School

2021-12-01

*Part of Rotary Club of Cebu's Global Grant Project "WASH 7", Basak Community School is one of 9 schools who were given access to running water and washing facilities.*

*This project was made possible by a grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International with contributions from Rotary Club of Cebu, Rotary Club of Pohang (South Korea), Sacred Heart Alumni Association of 1969 and 1994, and Rotary International Districts 3860 and 3630.*



# HANDOVER OF COMPLETED WASH PROJECT AT BULACAO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Bulacao Community School

2021-12-01

*Part of Rotary Club of Cebu's Global Grant Project "WASH 7", Bulacao Community School is one of 9 schools who were given access to running water and washing facilities.*

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ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU

# 23RD WEEKLY MEETING

2021.12.02 | 1PM | THURSDAY



*Engr. Allan Alfon*

PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER  
CEBU CORDOVA LINK EXPRESSWAY CORPORATION



## UPDATES & FUTURE PLANS ON THE CCLEX

JOIN US VIA ZOOM

MEETING ID: 983 198 8332 \* PASSCODE: RCCEBU2021

*The construction of the project, also known as the Cebu-Cordova Bridge, began in April 2018 and scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2022, is a prominent landmark between Cebu and Mactan Island. With a promise of traffic alleviation and faster logistical avenue, the whole province is looking forward to its opening. And who better to*

*give us an update than the President and General Manager of the Cebu Cordova Link Expressway Corporation, Engr. Allan Alfon, today in our Lunch meeting in Casino Español.*



Rotary Club Cebu



Edward Tan Ting



Christopher Racaza



Mitchell Alforque

# ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU RIDE TO END POLIO THANKSGIVING AND TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY



## Pedro Hills in Balamban, Cebu

2021-12-04 & 05

*Members of the Rotary Club of Cebu and Rotaract Club of Cebu, the volunteers of the Ride to End Polio, and End Polio Now Ambassadors spent the day at Pedro Hills in Balamban, Cebu.*

*As part of the fellowship, the following Narra trees were planted:*

- 1. Gift of Life Tree*
- 2. End Polio Now Tree*
- 3. The Rotary Foundation Tree*
- 4. Rotary Club of Cebu Tree*
- 5. New Rotary Generation Tree*
- 6. GREAT Tree - Group of Rotarians for the Environment and Tourism*



# ST ODETTE RESPONSE COORDINATION MEETING

Casino Espanol

2021 . 12 . 23



## DRINKING WATER FROM DMI



# RC MANILA RELIEF

2021 . 12 . 24

*Relief goods from our mother club, Rotary Club of Manila, shipped via BRP Tarlac of the Philippines Navy. Indeed a wonderful Christmas gift for our people in Cebu.*







Rotary  
Club of Cebu

24<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY MEETING

"Business Meeting  
and Election of Officers"



via ZOOM

2021-12-09



# 6TH BOD MEETING

Casino Espanol  
2021 . 12 . 14



*The Board of Directors & Officers with the advisers of RY2021-2022 held its Board Meeting last December 14, 2021 at Casino Espanol and via Zoom. President Jacob Ong presided the meeting . Among the officers and members that were present were VP Hector Almario, Sec Charles Ong, Treas Edward Tan Ting, President Nominee / Youth Service Walter Cang, Director / Club Admin George Paraoan, Director / Service Projects Joey Ontanillas, Director / Public Image Ken Ngo, Director / Fellowship Melchor Alejandro, Director / International Service Shige Onda, Adviser / TRF Chair PP Ibarra Panopio, Adviser / Sugbuanon Editor PP Renato Kintanar, Adviser / Protocol Officer PP Bing Martinez, Adviser DGSC Stephen Chian, Adviser PP Bernard Sia, Adviser / Immediate Past President, IPP Edward Gaisano and Adviser AG Mike Torres*

# REPACKING OF 4200 RELIEF GOODS

2021 . 12 . 24



*Repacking of 4,200 relief goods at Virginia Food facility for distribution to the Southern municipalities of Cebu that were hardest hit by Typhoon Odette.*

*The relief goods are donated by the Filipino Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Inc., Philippine Chinese Charitable Association Inc., Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center, and Virginia Food, Inc.*





# DONATION OF WATER TANKS

**Community Scouts Youth Guidance Center**

2021 . 12 . 24

*Donation of additional 200 pcs PPE suits to ERUF (Emergency Rescue Unit Foundation Inc.) ERUF transports COVID patients to and from the hospital daily.*



# ARGAO & DALAGUETE RELIEF OPERATIONS

## Barangays of Argao and Dalaguete

2021 . 12 . 26

*Days before typhoon Odette hit, we already knew it was going to be a strong one. As Rotarians, we also knew we needed to get ready to help many who were going to be impacted. Discussions were held and we had a basic plan in place.*

*But the tempest had a surprise of its own for us. Not only did it hit us hours ahead of schedule, it also hit us beyond what our expectations were for a “strong” typhoon. In less than 4 hours, our city, and the southern part of our province was transformed and as fast as it came, it traversed our island and left a wide swath of debris-strewn field, ripped open roofs and leaning structures. Anything that wasn’t tied down was gone and much of what remained standing were damaged or mangled. And in one fell swoop, typhoon Odette made Rotarians themselves part of the statistics of people whose homes, businesses, and lives were upended.*



*Within 24 hours after the wind died down, messages of support and assurances of aid began to trickle in from the District, our mother club, Rotary Club of Manila, and other Rotary dignitaries. Within days, humanitarian supplies consisting of rice, sleeping mat, blankets, bottled water, sandals and solar powered inverters collected and donated by our mother club were loaded on to the Philippine navy's first strategic sealift vessel, BRP Tarlac (LD601), and departed Manila for Cebu. As the ship sailed, members of RCC began working with the Cebu Contractor's Association to discuss distribution plans, logistics and destinations. Upon docking, on Dec. 24, the supplies were unloaded and transported to the head office of Virginia Food, Inc. where they were repacked with other supplies and canned goods for easy distribution.*

*On Sunday, December 26, a little over a week after the typhoon, a convoy of cargo trucks, delivery panels and over 10 other vehicles departed for the southern towns of Argao and Dalaguete. Headed by RCC President Jacob Ong, members and their children, along with friends of RCC, members of the Rotaract Club of Cebu and the Cebu Contractor's Association. Also in our midst were volunteer staff from Virginia Food, Inc. who did a marvellous job repacking goods and getting them ready.*

*At the outskirts of the city, endless scenes of damage and misery abounded. Long lines of people and vehicles queueing for water and fuel. An endless line-up of damaged infrastructure, homes and businesses waiting to be cleared away.*

*Further out, one could see mountains stripped of large*

*vegetation, rows of coconut palm with their tops gone. Banana plants never stood a chance as they fell in one direction, a testament to the strength of the wind. Centuries old acacia trees were stripped of every leaf and sadly, some lay on the ground, never to recover.*

*Our first stop was in the sitio of Langtad, Argao. Word went out fast and it didn't take much time for long lines of humanity to form, waiting for their turn to receive their allocation. People from nearby communities could also be seen coming in motorcycles, bicycles and on foot to join the never-ending queue. With local community leaders qualifying the recipients, controlled chaos would best describe the distribution process. The din of voices filled with excitement, joy, giving out instructions, and chatter was almost overwhelming. But in this chaotic scene, order was maintained. Que jumpers were quickly led to the back of the line and "double dippers" were politely asked to give way for others. Recipients entered on one side and came out laded with goods on the other.*

*From time to time, we reminded everyone to share their largesse with neighbors and friends. Young children of members took turns standing shoulder to shoulder with adults to distribute supplies. As each recipient left their line, children wished them a Merry Christmas. At one time, I stood there and asked myself if anyone realized the irony of the greeting. For how can one be merry in this situation? In fact, I would say it ranks as one of the worst Christmas in my life!*

*But no sooner did the thought crossed my mind then it dawn on me that the happy faces and profuse words of thanks from the*

*recipients meant that in the eyes of these less fortunate, what we were doing gave true meaning to the greeting! For while we may look at others and pine for what they have, there are many more who look up to us and wish they were in our place. What a wonderful lesson in life, happiness and kindness.*

*This scene was repeated in four different locations, serving over 2000 victims of the typhoon. When we ran out of one item, we replaced it with another. And when we ran out of that, we gave them double of what was available. And while we could not give everyone everything they hoped for, there was nary a whimper of disappointment. Instead, they thanked us for helping them. Many left with nothing but a few bottles of water and that was more than enough as they left cradling this precious liquid beaming with happiness.*

*Driving back, I was briefly filled with sadness. Sad for the loss of lives, the destruction of property, and the overwhelming darkness with only the road to follow my way home. We passed by towns that appeared deserted as people stayed indoors. With no familiar landmarks and illumination to guide us, I wasn't even sure where we were at times. But I told myself that in spite of it all, the sun would rise the following day. And while the surroundings may look different now, the leaves on the remaining trees will return and the saplings around the mountains will grow. Recovery will happen and life will turn back to normal. And even if our effort does not make it happen sooner, I know that on their long road to recovery, there was one day when we made them happy. And that is worth all our effort.*





*Our heartfelt gratitude to the following:*  
*Rotary Club of Manila*  
*Filipino Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Inc.*  
*Philippine Chinese Charitable Association Inc.*  
*Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center*  
*Virginia Food Inc.*  
*Cebu Contractors Association*  
*Dakay Construction*  
*Dunkin Donuts*  
*Rotaract Club of Cebu Volunteers*  
*Rotary Club of Cebu Volunteers*  
*Virginia Food Inc. Team of Volunteers*



# ARRIVAL OF DMI WATER

Archiglobal Office of AG Mike

2021 . 12 . 29



# SHELTERBOX OPERATION

**Sibonga Argao**

2021 . 12 . 30



*Shelterbox brought shelter kits to give to people whose houses were totally damaged in 6 barangays in of Sibonga and members of Rotary Club of Cebu provided support for their operation. The relief operation was very well organized and structured, something we all can learn from. Thank you to Shelterbox for helping the people of Sibonga!*

*We were also able to bring 63 containers of potable water that were shipped from Cagayan De Oro by District 3860 Disaster Management Inc. Thank you to D3860 District Governor Anna Bumagat and DMI Executive Director Archie Gamboa for the aid that you sent for the people of Cebu. Thank you to all the Rotary Clubs in District 3860 and around the world for all the donations and aid!*



# PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



1. Dir Mel T. Alejandro - PHF +4
2. Rtn Mitch V. Alforque - PHF +3
- 3. VP/PE Hector C. Almario - MD1**
4. Rtn Roberto Atienza, Jr. - PHF
- 5. Rtn David B. Barnes - MD1**
6. Rtn Mark Glenn G. Besañes - PHF +1
7. Rtn Noel Peter F. Cañete - PHF +2
8. PN Walter Y. Cang - PHF +4
9. Rtn Jose Francis R. Canizares - PHF +1
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