

# SUGBUANON

CLUB NO. 17102  
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

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Hector Almario

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Charles Vincent Ong

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(*Club Trainer*)

DGSC Stephen Chian  
(*Membership & Vocation*)

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Ken Ngo (*Public Image*)

Javier Sala (*Membership & Vocation*)

Melchor Alejandro (*Fellowship*)



**January 2022**

One of Rotary's founding principles was to use your vocation — whether as a doctor, lawyer, engineer, or another profession — to do good in the world. As we attempt to overcome and recover from the pandemic, this principle is vital in retraining people who have lost their jobs. In response, the Rotary E-Club of Tamar Hong Kong organized seminars for young people, with the aim of preparing them for the changing world of work.

This type of training must happen on a large scale. According to the United Nations, global unemployment is expected to exceed 200 million people in 2022. Women and youths are likely to be disproportionately affected.

This is why I've placed such a strong emphasis this year on projects that empower girls, and I've been delighted to see some of these projects in action. Of course, access to education and the path to employment can be blocked by a lack of water and sanitation infrastructure.

A project in Pune, India, focuses on providing girls and women with an affordable, reusable sanitary pad. The project provides employment for production and distribution of the pads, and it will reduce the pollution caused by the disposal of 12.3 billion sanitary napkins in the country annually, many of which end up in India's landfills.

Others have used vocational service to advance the empowerment of women. The Rotary Club of Poona, India, conducted workshops to teach martial arts to young women, for self-defense

# PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

**Shekhar Mehta**

*President 2021-22*

against the threat of abuse or human trafficking.

I've also been fortunate to use my vocation to do good through Rotary. The Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 devastated the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which are part of my district. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and many areas lost electricity and running water. On my visit to Little Andaman Island, the builder in me immediately wanted to build homes for the homeless islanders there. We decided to construct 500 homes on Little Andaman.

On the last of my seven trips to the island, I could see something glimmering below as my helicopter was about to land. I realized that what I was seeing were the roofs of new homes. I was overjoyed by the sight, and soon a realization dawned upon me. As a builder I had built many beautiful buildings. In comparison, these 500 homes were the most ordinary buildings I had ever built, and they were in a place I likely will never visit again, for people I will never meet again. And yet the satisfaction I had in handing over these houses was greater than from anything I had previously built. Probably because for once I was using my vocation to Serve to Change Lives.

You, too, may have had opportunities to use your vocation to Serve to Change Lives. I welcome your stories of performing vocational service through Rotary. Also, I want to close by congratulating every club that has engaged with the Each One, Bring One initiative, which asks every member to introduce one person to Rotary. Increasing our membership gives people from all walks of life the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills in transformational service.

# TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

**John F. Germ**

*Trustee Chair 2021-22*


## January 2022

We all came into Rotary because we wanted to join with others in service and make a difference. Similarly, when Rotary teams up with like-minded organizations to work toward our shared goals, there is nothing that we can't accomplish. Partnerships amplify our impact.

Leading through partnerships is nothing new for Rotary: We helped spearhead the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Later, when the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined the cause, we gained a long-term fundraising and technical partner in the fight against polio. Through our partnership and the 2-to-1 fundraising match agreement with the Gates Foundation, Rotary generates \$150 million annually to end polio. We are proud that they are a part of the effort to end this disease.

Many people may not know that our work with the Gates Foundation and our other partners doesn't end with polio but includes other disease-prevention efforts. The Rotary Foundation has joined with the Gates Foundation and World Vision U.S. to co-fund a Rotary member-led program to help eliminate malaria in Zambia. Based on past partnership and future collaboration around this effort, each co-funder is contributing \$2 million for the Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program, the first recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Programs of Scale grant.

This level of impact can also be seen in



collaborations across our other areas of focus. Rotary partners with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on major initiatives at a national scale. The Rotary-USAID WASH partnership has helped communities and governments in countries such as Uganda and Ghana provide safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, impacting hundreds of thousands of lives. We are also teaming up with USAID to help fight COVID-19 and its long-term financial and social impact in Italy. Meanwhile, the Hearts of Europe program, which is funded jointly by USAID and Rotary, assists communities in Eastern Europe through global grants.

Proving our value as a trusted partner often spurs multiple mutual projects. Through the Power of Nutrition initiative, we are partnering with our polio eradication partner UNICEF and the Eleanor Crook Foundation to tackle undernutrition during early childhood.

The Rotary Foundation is far too great to keep to ourselves. Let's make sure to let the Foundation's light shine bright. In doing so, we will find new partners, gain new supporters, and increase the good we're all doing in the world.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## September 2021

Greetings from Rotary Club of Cebu!

Three months into this Rotary Year, the "honeymoon" stage of a new Rotary Year is over. We are getting down to brass tacks.

Service projects and global grants are in full swing starting with our Gift of Life Program which had the revision to its scope approved by Rotary International.

Since the approval, a total of 5 children have already been operated on successfully and 2 more are awaiting blood donors. The WASH 7 with 7 beneficiaries has been expanded to 9 schools with the additional two schools starting work in the coming weeks while the WASH 2.0 will have 6 beneficiaries and the grant application will be submitted during the month of

October. The Global Grant for Rotary's Environment Area of

Focus is continuing and coordination with Mandaue

City is ongoing. While a Rotary

Park is very nice, we are

leaning towards the Butuanon

River Eco-fence/Linear Park

that will protect the river while

providing a jogging/cycling

path for the people. The third

grant that we have is for the

Community Scouts Youth

and Guidance

Center and we

are being guided

by Rotary

International on

the application

itself. These

global grants are

all made possible

by the

contributions of

our members to

The Rotary

Foundation and

the International

Rotary Clubs

that have placed their trust in our ability to be good stewards and implementers of these big projects.

The Rotary Foundation has several funds where rotarians can choose where to contribute and one of them is the Endowment Fund. Endowment Fund is a Permanent Fund where the earnings will be returned to the club in the form of District Designated Fund every year in perpetuity. Our club has 3 endowment funds, the PDG Edgar Chiongbian Endowment Fund, The Rotary Club of Cebu Endowment Fund, and the Michael and Ana Lyn Torres Endowment Fund. During the month of September, I am happy to report we had our fourth Endowment Fund, The Stephen and Grace Chian Endowment Fund. We also had 8 members who signed and committed to be Paul Harris Society members and multiple new Paul Harris Fellows. Thank you to all our donors for the Rotary Foundation, and I mean All. From the \$100 to the Endowment and AKS contributions, each and every amount matters in adding up to the total contributions from our club.

We also have our club's vaccination drive held weekly now at Velez Hospital. Not visible is the amount of work put into this program by our members, Sec Charles, Rtn Stanley, PP Bernard, Dir Joey Ontanillas, and all the members who volunteer during inoculation day to ensure that it is safe and orderly. The forthcoming delivery quantities for the vaccines are increasing now and this makes the program more difficult to manage. I would like to thank everyone who have helped make this happen and to our members for your continued cooperation in fulfilling the requirements.

It has been an exciting first quarter of the Rotary Year and it looks like it will be more so in the months to come. We have the End Polio Ride in November and the project implementation and subsequent turnovers to look forward to. We are starting to have more frequent physical / hybrid meetings and that is one of the highlights of being in Rotary, being able to connect and forge lasting friendships.

It is just amazing how the members of our club take the initiative to do Service. I am so humbled by the experience of leading a club that is composed of leaders and I look forward to being able to do more good in this world. Thank you so much.



**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	
06-Jan-22	13-Jan-22
Total Membership: 67 MEETING ATTENDANCE	
30	35
45%	52%
SPEAKER / TOPIC	
RC Cebu Project Chairs & General Membership	“Business Meeting”
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TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY PERCENTAGE : 49%	

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

# ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU PAST PRESIDENTS

# 88 YEARS

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

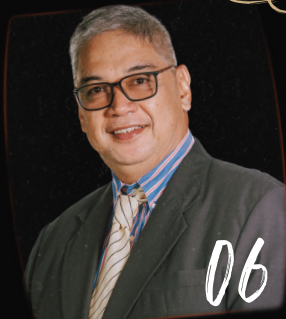
**RC Makati West**

**RC Rizal West**

**RC North Bay East**



# Happy Birthday, January Kings!



06

Dir Mel



08

Dir Ken



11

Rtn Ryan



16

Rtn Stanley



17

PP Roy

Wish you have  
a wonderful day  
full of fun and surprises.

# 25<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY MEETING

2021-09-02

## “Business Meeting”

We will start the meeting in a few minutes



Please rename your zoom names to **CLUB NAME\_POSITION\_NAME**  
(e.g. RC Cebu\_PP\_Juan Dela Cruz)



# ISLAND RELIEF MISSION

## Mocaboc Island

2022.01.15

*DO YOU KNOW WHERE MOCABOC ISLAND IS? If you don't, imagine how little help is reaching the area. It isn't widely known. Remotely located too. It is an island off Tubigon, Bohol with a population of 670. Ravaged by both Odette's severe winds and water surges.*

*It is a sandbar, all underwater as the tropical cyclone raged on, its people waist deep in water.*



*Their ordeal did not end there. 98% of its pumpboats were all damaged. They are receiving little help from the mainland. And they don't have that much means to communicate and secure supply because of how distantly it is situated. The people are hungry, thirsty and in need.*

*15 January 2022, the Rotary Club of Cebu — along with three young visionaries — attempted to get help to the island. We started at 4:30 AM. The bigger boat with the goods, thankfully, was able to brave the waves and distance to bring help just in time before sunset. The smaller boat that carried all five of us volunteers + 3 crew did not make it.*

*We had to make a U turn after more than an hour into the sea. It was unsafe to continue. And if we are to make it to the island, it would take over three hours to be in rough water, in a small pump boat and will have to travel back to Cebu with much bigger waves to surmount in the darkness of the night.*

*But looking at this photo made the whole grueling journey worthwhile. Smiles were delivered. Hope was strengthened. Thirst were quenched and hunger was satiated.*

*Although there were few casualties compared to Yolanda, thank goodness, Odette did much more damage to properties, livelihood and crops. And it happened within a pandemic. Like the moon, almost everything in Cebu, Bohol, Siargao, Southern Leyte, Negros Oriental faded along with the super typhoon into the night. But like the sun, we will rise again.*

*Thank you to Rotary Club of Camp Aguinaldo and Rotary Club of North Edsa for the donation of relief items!*

# REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

Mountain Barangays of  
Dalaguete, Cebu

2022.01.29

*After the Shelterbox operation in Dalaguete in providing Shelter kits, there were still a lot of people with totally damaged homes. Rotary, thru the efforts of D3810 District Governor Robert Koa and D3860 District Governor Anna Bumagat were able to add 323 more Shelter kits consisting of Corrugated GI Sheets and tools. The project was funded by District 3810 Disaster Response Grant # 433.*

*The beneficiaries were from 7 barangays in Dalaguete as assessed by Shelterbox with the help of the Local Government.*

*Our sincerest gratitude to District Governor Robert Koa, District Governor Anna Bumagat, DMI Executive Director Archie Gamboa, and ShelterBox for helping the people of Dalaguete, Cebu.*

*We are awed and inspired by the cooperation between rotary clubs and districts in the Philippines and around the world during this time of need in our community.*



# 7TH BOD MEETING

via ZOOM

2022 . 01 . 11



*The Board of Directors & Officers with the advisers of RY2021-2022 held its Board Meeting last January 11, 2022 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*



# 26<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY MEETING

via ZOOM

2022 . 01 . 13

# “Business Meeting”



# RELIEF OPERATIONS

Barangays of Malabuyoc & Alegria  
2022.01.02

*Rotary Club of Cebu went on a relief mission on January 2 to Alegria and Malabuyoc, two of the many towns severely damaged by Typhoon Odette. These towns were selected from the many towns so badly hurt in the southern part of Cebu, most hard to access by relief groups because of the distance from the City of Cebu and the blockage of roads. It was disheartening to see so many homes completely washed out or blown off by the typhoon. In this relief effort, our second mission to the South of Cebu, RCC distributed 2,000 food packs and 36,000 liters of drinking water, donated by Virginia Foods Inc and many individual donors from Manila and Cebu.*

*The RC Cebu convoy travelled 250 km round trip to deliver these desperately needed relief goods. A section of the coastal highway to Alegria was completely destroyed, requiring the convoy of 6 SUVs, 2 closed vans and 2 wing vans to detour on a mountainous route obstructed by toppled trees and low hanging wires. RCC will undertake a third mission to this area this weekend. Many thanks to the donors of food and water. The southern recipients of these essentials will never forget what they received.*





# RELIEF OPERATIONS WITH CEBU WISH

Cebu WISH in Mactan

2022.01.03

*Rotary Club of Cebu delivers 150 containers of drinking water to Cebu WISH, an NPO in Mactan. These will be distributed to those who still have no access to drinking water in their area.*



# ISLAND RELIEF OPERATIONS

Caubian Island in Lapulapu

2022.01.07

*Like most humanitarian relief missions mounted by an all-volunteer organization, there is an inordinate amount of planning, work and coordination done to make things happen. Yet we also know they rarely unfold in ways that we foresee. Rotary Club of Cebu led by Pres. Jacob and PP Jonie worked tirelessly with other organization to round up supplies and donations. There was no shortage of materials as they came by the truckloads, augmented by supplies sent by District 3810, D3860 Disaster Management Inc. and our sister club, Rotary Club of Bagumbayan Manila. As the supplies arrived, teams immediately started repacking to ensure distribution will run smoothly. And they continued long after we went to bed the night before our trip.*

*We knew timing was of essence as we were headed to a small shoal called Caubian Island. Said to be only 800 square meters, it is home to a church, a high school and 700 homes shoehorned into the sandy shoal or on stilts. It sits now more than a few meters above sea level and takes anywhere from 1 to 1.5 hours to reach from Mactan, depending on the tide. Go at the wrong time and you may find yourself stranded by low tide. Yet it is home to over 800 families who eke out a living off the sea. The LGU Disaster Committee did all they can to get the islanders ready, building a cache of supplies and evacuating the young and old. 300 stayed behind to face the elements and to their joint credit, there were no casualties. But the island itself was battered badly. No sooner had the winds died when residents returned to claim their belongings and repair whatever was left. This presented a humanitarian crisis, as the island had no natural source of drinking water and food. Supplies left by the LGU was quickly used up.*

*It was for this reason many groups galvanized to bring needed supplies to the island in the days after the typhoon. Due to the distance and tidal constraints, each group could only bring so much to sustain the islander's needs. To tide them over for more than just a few days, we had to look into a one-time, big-time supply drop.*

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*Never one to decline a chance to collaborate with other groups, we worked closely with the Yap Association and partners such as Virginia Food Inc and Dunkin Donuts to assemble a household pack consisting of 10kgs. of rice, 20 liters of water, and a large bag of instant noodles and canned good. For this effort, 7 large pumpboats were loaded to the brim with supplies and 2 more with volunteers and LGU representatives led by the Mayor of Lapu Lapu, Hon. Mayor Ahong Chan.*

*Allowances to the timetable and volume were put in place during planning because delays and capacity issues will be par for the course for such an undertaking. So even if loading supplies to the boats and our planned departure was delayed by 3 and 2 hours respectively due to the tide, even if not all assembled cargoes could not be loaded due to weight and space, our objective was never compromised and we were still on track.*

*From afar, one does not see an island in Caubian. Only houses and structures that stick out of the water like a mirage. And as we approached the shore, it was clear they had no such thing as an open space. Signs of damage was everywhere. Houses missing roofs, entire walls, and debris and fishing nets lined the shore. Here and there, a submerged banca can be seen. It was interesting to see the shoreline was quiet, with few people milling around. It lulls one into thinking there's not that many people in the island.*

*But as we disembarked, one can hear the din of humanity just behind the structures where the island's thousands had assembled under a gym with a half torn roof. Community leaders had organized them according to families and formed lines to receive the donations. Words of assurance and continuing support was made by the Mayor for his constituents in this difficult time. He duly acknowledged the convergence of groups like RCC and our partners who made this trip possible. With every pronouncement, the crowd cheered louder. The Hon. Mayor worked the crowd and took time to banter with them, a welcome break after all the difficulties they had faced.*



*Despite the loud public address system competing to be heard above the noise of the gathered crowd, there was order in the distribution as the community had organized the process. In a small space by the front, supplies were grouped for each family. No sooner were they done when corresponding number of families went forward and stood by their allocation. And with confirmation from their leader, each one took their supplies and walked away. In a separate area, oversized trays containing donuts were lifted up, surrounded by eager hands of children and adults hoping to get what may have been their first taste of a Dunkin Donuts. For the next hour and a half, this went on until it was time to leave.*

*I took the opportunity to speak with the islanders that afternoon. They talked of the misery of scavenging for materials to rebuild their structures. For in such a small island much was blown off into the sea. It was not easy to go fishing as all their bancas were destroyed and their "payaw" or artificial floating reef had been ripped off their moorings. During low tide, they were unable to scavenge around their expansive shoreline as the waves and wind had scoured the seabed. They talked of the hot and windless days that followed parched their lips when water was scarce. And while the cool winds and 3 continuous days of rain that came the following week brought respite from the heat, it soaked them and chilled them to the core.*

*Hearing their stories made me realize my own inconveniences in the aftermath was no comparison. It made me welcome the noise of the jostling crowd and their chatter and laughter. It made me understand why they were not socially distanced and some had no masks. They all deserved a break from the misery the typhoon had inflicted upon their already difficult life in Caubian Island.*

*Thank you so much to all the donors:*

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# ACTIVATION OF ARGAO REFILLING STATION

Argao Cebu  
2022.01.08

*Rotary Club of Makati through Rotary Club of Cebu and in coordination with Cebu Contractors Association, Inc. provided a diesel generator to a private water refilling station of EG&I Construction at Barangay Talaytay, Argao (60 Kms South of Cebu) one of the towns hardest hit by typhoon Odette*

*This private refilling station provides clean drinking water totally free for the community.*

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# REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

Barangays of Argao Cebu  
2022.01.15

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# RELIEF OPERATIONS

Barangays of Dumanjug & Ronda  
2022.01.16

*Last January 16, 2022, We had a successful relief operations in the areas of Dumanjug and Ronda. Our food packs contained:*



- 1 tin of Sardines 155g
- 1 tin of Beef Loaf 100g
- 2 tins of Karne Norte 150g
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- 2 tins of Vienna Sausage 70g
- 3 tins of Karne Norte 100g
- 2kg of Rice.

*We also had 1800 boxes of 2 x 10 liter water from nature spring.*

*We coordinated with the Mayors of these municipalities to match the number of food packs allocated for these areas. We distributed 1200 Food packs and 1800 10 liter bottles of water in Barangay Tangil, Dumanjug and the same for 5 barangays in Ronda, consolidated into one area, Barangay Cansalonoy, Canabuhon, Vive, Malalay, Langin.*

*Thanks to Mayor Gun Gun Gica and Mayor Terence Blanco and their corresponding teams, the distribution was well organized and swift allowing us to be right on the dot with the*





*schedule and finished accordingly by 12 noon as planned.*

*Despite the hunger and the thirst, they were all very cooperative, It was so fulfilling to see all the faces of the people being thankful for the gifts they have received. It was also very inspiring to see all the members and their family pitching in to help. Despite having to drive about 98km to reach the last Barangay and the same distance back Cebu, it was all worth it. It is good to note that this was also the birthday of Rtn. Stanley Go, who by the way took care of all the preparation of the food packs and transportation of these goods. A true blessing to the group and to the recipients. We ended the day with a small lunch to celebrate the success of the relief operation and the birthday of Stanley together with the Mayors of both towns.*

*Our sincerest gratitude to Virginia Food, Inc and so many individual donors for the providing the relief goods.*



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