

RCDB kicks-off AgSur MEDOP for RY 2019-2020

The Rotary Club of Downtown Butuan (RCDB), in partnership with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office 13, kicked-off with a Community Outreach Program to jumpstart the Rotary Year 2019-2020.

The Community Outreach Program called MEDOP, or the Medical Dental Outreach Program, provided Free Medical-Dental Examination and free medicines; Operation Tuli (Circumcision); Free Haircut; Mass Feeding and Giving of School Supplies, Slippers, Reading Glasses and Food Packs to 1000 residents of high insurgency area of the municipality of Barobo, province of Surigao del Sur on July 3, 2019.

President Rona Mima B. Rafal led the RCDB ladies in their travel from Butuan City to the municipality of Barobo early in the morning and returned home in the evening.

The RCDB has been doing this for many years now, a service project with the PNP.

“It is so heartwarming to see children and adults with happy faces and big smiles after receiving the free services, goods and food for the day. It is times like this that we want to continuously serve and give back to the community,” Pres. Rona said.



Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June. (<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-why-rotary-year-begins-1-july>)

"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.

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