

RCDB celebrates Rotary Year 2021 with the Indigenous Peoples of Mt. Mayapay

The Rotary Club of Downtown Butuan (RCDB) celebrated Rotary Year 2021 with full of vigor and enthusiasm with a community service on the first day of July dubbed as “Share a Meal to Change Lives”.

President Maricel E. Cosme led the club in going to Mt. Mayapay in Butuan City to share love with the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) living in the area.

The residents received a sumptuous meal, food packs and protective kits against COVID-19.

The RCDB ladies were unmindful of the dangers along the way as they traversed through the rough roads riding a ‘habal-habal’ to reach the indigenous peoples community and celebrate with them the Rotary New year.

After spending time with the IPs and enjoying the view from atop the maountain, the RCDB ladies proceeded to continue the share a meal to the Philippine National Police checkpoint frontliners in Barangay Bonbon, mall frontliners in Robinsons Butuan Mall and health workers frontliners at FSUU Vaccnation Area in Barangay Libertad.

This is only the beginning of “Service Above Self” from the dynamic rotary club of Downtown Butuan.



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.

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 committee April 1913, June as fiscal year. allowed for schedule club and Even The changed numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).



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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. (Source:rotary.org)

"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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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

