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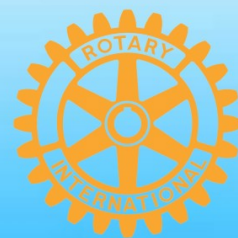
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### Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary  
Club of East Davao







**Club Number: 17115**  
**District: 3860**  
**Charter Date: DECEMBER 1, 1965**  
**Charter President: FERNANDO TECSON**

**Meets every Tuesday at 7:00p.m. via **



# RCED AT WORK

- 1.) TWO (2) BED EYE SURGICAL MOBILE VAN "Dapitan"** of Maharlika Charity Foundation, Inc. A Rotary Foundation Matching Grant/World Community Service project worth PhP6 million. This major project was initiated by RCED with RC Wakayanagi, RC Funabashi West, District 2520 Iwate Miyagi, Japan and District 2790 Chiba, Japan and PAG Atsushi Sasaki, M.D.
- 2.) A FIRETRUCK to Davao Volunteer Fire Brigade, Inc.** a joint project with our sister club — Rotary Club of Funabashi West, Chiba, Japan. Likewise assisting them in the annual maintenance of the unit.
- 3.) RCED-OIKAWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** A college scholarship grant for Education Course funded by philanthropic and kindhearted Japanese Rotarians of the RC Ishinomaki South, Miyagi Prefecture, Iwate, Japan who have been extending financial support since RY 2000. A Rotary way of helping financially disadvantaged but deserving high school students acquire College Degree which could help them be alleviated from poverty.
- 4.) NEURO-URO SURGICAL INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) WARD at Davao Medical Center.** A Rotary WCS Funded project worth \$14,500 with invaluable support of RC Wakayanagi, RC Funabashi West & District 2790 Chiba, Japan.
- 5.) FEEDING PROGRAM BY ROTARY SPOUSES.** Under the "Adopt a School Program" of Department of Education. A WCS supported project with RC Ishinomaki South for J.P. Rizal

Elementary School and Juan Cruz Sr. Elementary School for malnourished children.

- 6.) A "Water System" at Kapatagan, Davao del Sur.** This is a TRF Matching Grant Project with RC Wakayanagi, Japan. The project benefits about 300 residents in both Sitio Terril and Ranu, who used to fetch water from other sources (normally 3 to 5 kms away). A "Highway water station" was also built for travellers and vehicles that visit the area to trade in vegetables and deliver farm implements. We also installed the "Flowing Washing Area" (attached to the water reservoir)... to give easy access to residents doing their daily laundry.
- 7.) OPERATION SAGIP MATA PROJECT.** RCED's Gift of Sight. In commemoration of Rotary's first 100 years of service, RCED turned over a Topcon OMS-90 Operation Microscope and other cataract surgical instruments amounting to PhP670,000.00 to the Davao Medical Center Ophthalmology Department. The eye surgery equipment was acquired by RCED with the invaluable support of its international sponsors, the RC of Wakayanagi, Japan, Dr. Atsushi Sasaki and TRF.
- 8.) TWO-STORY TWO-CLASSROOM SCHOOL BUILDINGS as RCED "Centennial Project"** at Sasa Elementary School worth PhP600,000. A World Community Service Project with international partners: District 2790 Chiba, Japan, RC Wakayanagi, RC Ishinomaki South, RC Funabashi West and Past Asst. Gov. Atsushi Sasaki, M.D. of RC Wakayanagi, Japan and District 2520 Iwate Miyagi, Japan.
- 9.) MOBILE EMERGENCY DISASTER RESCUE EQUIPMENT.** Another Rotary Foundation Matching Grant/ WCS Project with valuable assistance of its partners, PAG Atsushi Sasaki, M.D., RC Wakayanagi, Japan and the District 2520 Iwate Miyagi, Japan, donated a complete set of brand-new top-of-the-line accident rescue equipment amounting to \$16,000 to Philippine National Red Cross - Davao Chapter.
- 10.) COMMUNITY WATER STATION.** A TRF Matching Grant project No. 65912 which provided a water purifier and accessories, reservoir, polyethylene pipes and to install a distribution network to residents of Brgy. Caliclic, Island Garden City of Samal. The project benefited 370 household residents of about 1,857 people who fetch water from a source which is three kilometers within five km radius. Project Cost: US\$21,983.82 with international sponsors RC Wakayanagi, Dr. Atsushi Sasaki and TRF.
- 11.) AMBULANCE PROJECT.** A brand new ambulance, a Kia K2700 truck fitted with first aid and emergency medical facilities unit worth more than PhP1M was turned over to the people of San Isidro, a municipality of Davao Oriental, by leaders of Rotary Club of Wakayanagi, Japan of District 2520 and Rotary Club of East Davao under District 3860. The turnover was the culmination of a number of years of fund-sourcing and paper work by the two Rotary clubs under The Rotary Foundation matching grant No. 71099.
- 12.) MEDICAL AND DENTAL INTEGRATED MISSIONS.** A humanitarian and community addressed project. Giving free medical checkup, tooth extraction, and free medicines in various communities.
- 13.) WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.** Ambulance donation to Brgy. Mintal from Rotary Club Wakayanagi and Dr. Atsushi Sasaki.
- 14.) Global Grant 1640035 DAVAO EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROJECT.** The program goal is to increase access to and improve quality of health and education / training services for the women and children from three disadvantaged communities in Mindanao Southern Philippines by supporting: Basic education and literacy for the children in focus communities, Maternal and child health care via the Community Health Centre's and the specialist regional pediatric health centre. Project Cost: P4.9M.







# 54 years of Service Above Self

In 1965, then District Governor Alfonso “Poncing” Oboza and Pres. Leon “Leony” Garcia of the Rotary Club of Davao thought of organizing the 2nd Rotary Club in the City of Davao. Thus was born the Rotary Club of East Davao (RCED).

On December 1, 1965, the RCED charter was officially unrolled in a historical ceremony at the Davao Insular Hotel, with twenty-four (24) men signing-up to be charter members, 10 of whom were from the sponsoring club, RC Davao.

From its inception, RCED called Davao Insular Hotel its home, as it was the venue for its weekly Tuesday club meetings. In 2007, the club opted to transfer its meetings to the Marco Polo Hotel.

Through the years, many RCED Past Presidents (and members) were privileged to serve in various District and Rotary International (RI) positions. To name a few:

### 1. As DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Atty. Honesto “Totoy” Cabarroguis	1983-1984
Dr. Herminio “Hermie” Villano	1989-1990
Reynaldo “Boy” Reyes	1995-1996
Raoul Hilario+	1999-2000
Amb. Ramon “Monet” Tirol+	2001-2002

Another member also had the honor to serve as District Governors, but this happened after they transferred to other clubs in the city, namely Salvador “Bading” Angala of RC West Davao in RY 1975-1976.

### 2. As REPRESENTATIVES

PDG Totoy served as DISTRICT 3860’s representative to the Council of Legislation which convened in Anaheim, California in 1992. He was also member of the vital Committee on Extension representing Zone 4 (encompassing 21 districts in Southeast Asia).

PDG Boy Reyes was District 3680’s representative to the Council of Legislation which was held in Chicago in 2007.

### 3. As GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM LEADERS

- a. PDS Ben Panganiban to D591 in Florida
- b. PDG Totoy Cabarroguis to D611 in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma
- c. PDG Hermie Villano to D6296 in North Western Michigan and Sault St. Marie, Canada
- d. PP Rizal Aportadera to D712 in New York
- e. PDG Raoul Hilario to D5670 in Kansas
- f. PP Tino de Jesus to D7640 in New Jersey
- g. PP Edsa Sancho to D5150 in San Francisco
- h. PP Hecky Maniquis to D5020 in Seattle, Washington
- i. PP Nandie Subido to D6400 in Detroit, Michigan and Ontario, Canada and Team Member to District 6630 Cleveland Ohio, 1982
- j. PP Jesse Fortich to D6200 in Louisiana

Through the years, the club has embarked on numerous community projects, (i.e., donated artesian wells, school buildings, books, clothings, scholarships, conducted medical and dental missions, disaster response, etc.) all in pursuit of Rotary’s Theme of “Service Above Self.” (Please see next page, RCED @ WORK, for a list of some of the more recent major projects the club has under taken).

A cornerstone project that the club has been known for is its scholarship program. Here, the club offers the scholarship to deserving and highly motivated high school students, who have graduated and have proven themselves in the academic field. One major condition is that they must come from families who are economically challenged and may not enrol in college without assistance. The student applicant must be willing to take and finish an education course—and be teachers of tomorrow. The objective of this approach is so that they will become agents of change who are skilled to educate the growing populace in our communities—eventually helping fight poverty.

This is made possible because of the numerous RCED Members’ contribution and/or joint “ventures” that the club tries to build. One very successful example of this is the college-scholarship at the Holy Cross of Davao College—a joint project with the Oikawa Scholarship Program and by the San Josue Scholarship. Through the efforts of PDG Boy Reyes, PDG Raoul Hilario, and PP Mickey Miyake, Matching club arrangements with Japanese Clubs RC

Wakayanagi, RC Funabashi West and RC Ishinomaki South were arranged—resulting to the annual exchange of goodwill visits and the flow of donations from Japan for the projects.

At RCED we take the word “INTERNATIONAL” seriously. This is clearly seen in the different nationalities of its member (Filipinos, Americans, Europeans, Australians, Japanese, and many others). For some time now, the honorable consuls of Japan, Indonesia, and Malaysia are/were honorary members. In the Avenue of International Service, the club organized the Rotary Club of Manado, Indonesia. A team led by PDG Boy Reyes and PP Hecky Maniquis made sure they started on the right direction.

The strength of the club lies in its membership mix and the members’ passion for service. To date, RCED is still considered as club of the biggest of D3860.

RCED is an ardent supporter of The Rotary Foundation having in its roster several Major Donors, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, PHFs and PHSMS.

To the club members, being able to BE OF SERVICE to others is more than enough reward. This philosophy has made the club stronger, more effective, and somehow “stand-out”... eventually it helped the club earn numerous awards and recognition from the District and from RI. To name a few:

- a. RI Asia Pacific Presidential plaque given by RI Pres. Frank Devlyn
- b. Global Quest award for membership growth in Zone 7 District
- c. PP Mickey Miyake - RI the highest award to a Rotarian, the “RI Service Above Self”
- d. Our Presidents and Club Secretaries have also been consistent awardees.
- e. Most Outstanding Club Bulletin for a number of years.

To RCED, these awards and recognitions are reminders, if not challenges, to do more for the community and mankind.

The succeeding decades will surely find Rotary Club of East Davao (RCED) in the forefront of Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” and the Implementation of the District Governor’s and RI President’s Challenges.



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Club of East Davao 

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST DAVAO**

*“Transforming Team”*

Rotary Year 2020-2021



**Rossano C. Luga**  
President  
RY 2020-2021



**Cheldone I. Canes**  
President Elect  
RY 2021-2022



**Jaime S. Sabino**  
President Nominee  
RY 2022-2023  
Director, Membership



**Patrick S. Capili**  
Imm. Past President  
RY 2019-2020



**Darwin T. Santos**  
Vice President Internal



**Raphael E. Apolinario**  
Vice President External



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Secretary



**Francis Rene L. Real**  
Treasurer



**Ariel L. Cantil**  
Director - Club Administration



**Karl Michael G. Reta**  
Director - New Generations



**Hiroyuki Kawashima**  
Director - The Rotary Foundation



**Paul Peter R. Digal**  
Director - Public Image



**Brian U. Toh**  
Director - Community Service



**Pres. Holger Knaack**  
President, Rotary Int'l. 2020-21



**DG Rodel Riezl S. Reyes**  
District Governor, D3860



**AG Valentino L. Dionisio**  
Assistant Governor Area 2C



# PILLARS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF EAST DAVAO

## DISTRICT GOVERNORS OF R.I. DISTRICT 3860



**HONESTO A. CABARROGUIS**  
RY 1983-84



**HERMINIO A. VILLANO**  
RY 1989-90



**REYNALDO I. REYES**  
RY 1995-96



**RAOUL E. HILARIO**  
RY 1999-2000



**RAMON A. TIROL**  
RY 2001-02



**RODEL RIEZL S. REYES**  
2020-2021

## CLUB PRESIDENTS (1965 -2019)



**Fernando Tecson (+)**  
1965-1966



**Tiburcio Cervantes (+)**  
1966-1967, 1968-1969



**Juan Carriedo (+)**  
1967-1968



**Augusto Demafeliz (+)**  
1969-1970



**Salvador Angala**  
1970-1971



**Roman Solitaria (+)**  
1971-1972



**Cesar Nuñez (+)**  
1972-1973



**Francisco Reyes (+)**  
1973-1974



**Benjamin Panganiban (+)**  
1974-1975



**Honesto Cabarroguis**  
1975-1976



**Asterio Uybo (+)**  
1976-1977



**Jose Campo (+)**  
1977-1978



**Hector Maniquis (+)**  
1978-1979



**Herminio Villano**  
1979-1980



**Jose Custodio**  
1980-1981



**Edgardo Ereneta (+)**  
1981-1982



**Benigno Magpantay (+)**  
1982-1983



**Reynaldo Reyes**  
1983-1984



**Rizal Aportadera**  
1984-1985



**Dominador Cabrera**  
1985-1986



**Isidro Lahora**  
1988-1989



**Benjamin Geli**  
1987-1988



**Eufrazio De Jesus (+)**  
1988-1989



**Raoul Hilario (+)**  
1989-1990



**Feliciano Salvador**  
1990-1991



**Esteban Gumban (+)**  
1991-1992



**Edgar Benedicto**  
1992-1993



**Bartolome Hernandez**  
1993-1994



**Vito Oscar Paras**  
1994-1995



**Ferdinand Subido**  
1995-1996



**Roselo Toledo**  
1996-1997



**Guillermo Arendain (+)**  
1997-1998



**Edgardo Sancho**  
1998-1999



**Carlos Alovera (+)**  
1999-2000



**Leonardo Chee**  
2000-2001



**Jesse Fortich**  
2001-2002



**Amador Macatangay**  
2002-2003



**Hikaru Miyake**  
2003-2004



**Apollo Alquiza**  
2004-2005



**Rodel Riezl Reyes**  
2005-2006



**Virgilio Sojo**  
2006-2007



**Efrén Elbanbuena (+)**  
2007-2008



**Leo Edwin Zantua**  
2008-2009



**Ronald Go**  
2009-2010



**Antonio Ajero**  
2010-2011



**Valentino Dionisio**  
2011-2012



**Florante Santiago**  
2012-2013



**Paul John Yuste**  
2013-2014



**Anthony P. Banzali**  
2014-2015



**Oscar M. Escudero, Jr.**  
2015-2016



**Fred Yelinek**  
2016-2017



**Alvin B. Orteza**  
2017-2018



**Prudencio C. Tan, Jr.**  
2018-2019



**Patrick S. Capili**  
2019-2020



# Rotary

## Club of East Davao

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST DAVAO**  
 Club No. 17115 District 3860, Davao City, Philippines  
**5<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR ZOOM WEEKLY MEETING**  
 August 4, 2020, 6:30p.m. via Zoom

**PROGRAMME**

**Call to Order**  
**PRES. ROSSANO LUGA**

**Turnover of Proceedings to the Master of Ceremonies**  
**RTN. JET VILLAMOR**

**Invocation and National Anthem**  
**Honorary Member ESTHER DE JESUS**

**Secretary's Time**  
**SEC. FRED PELAYO**

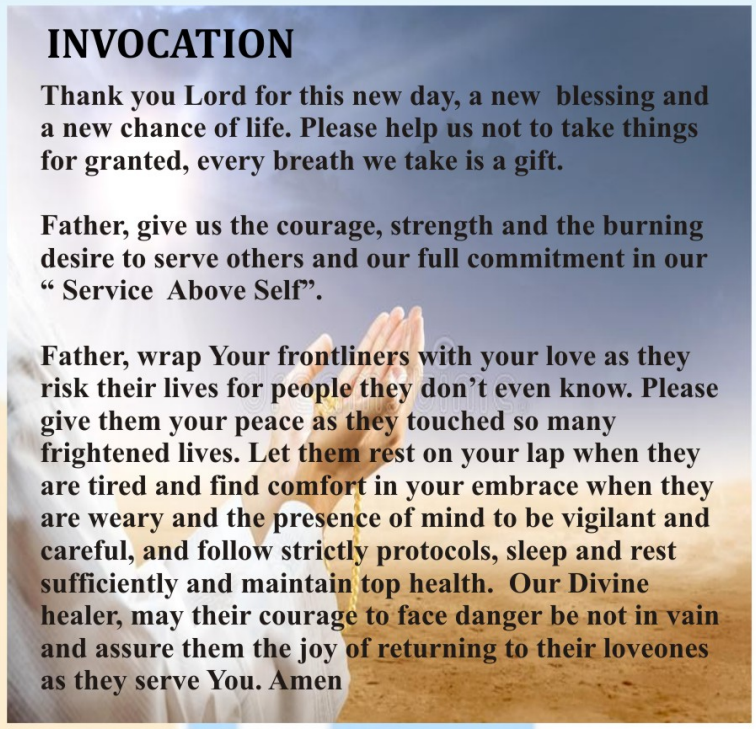
**Welcome Remarks/PRESIDENT'S TIME**  
**PRES. ROSSANO LUGA**

**Introduction of Speaker**  
**PP VAL DIONISIO**

**Speaker**  
**Dr. Maria Ines C. Asuncion**  
 Regional Office XI Assistants Regional Director,  
 Department Of Education  
*Topic: DepEd Updates and Education Under The New Normal*

**Open Forum**  
**Closing Remarks**  
**PP RONALD GO**

**Giving of Certificate of Appreciation  
 and Club Bannerette and Adjournment**  
**PRES. ROSSANO LUGA**



### INVOCATION

Thank you Lord for this new day, a new blessing and a new chance of life. Please help us not to take things for granted, every breath we take is a gift.

Father, give us the courage, strength and the burning desire to serve others and our full commitment in our "Service Above Self".

Father, wrap Your frontliners with your love as they risk their lives for people they don't even know. Please give them your peace as they touched so many frightened lives. Let them rest on your lap when they are tired and find comfort in your embrace when they are weary and the presence of mind to be vigilant and careful, and follow strictly protocols, sleep and rest sufficiently and maintain top health. Our Divine healer, may their courage to face danger be not in vain and assure them the joy of returning to their loveones as they serve You. Amen

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Together, we Transform Lives

Together, we Open Doors of Opportunities

Lets us all Welcome  
 Rotary Year 2020-2021.







# President's Corner

**PRES. ROSSANO C. LUGA**  
Club President, RY 2020-2021

**R**otary International (RI) has declared August as Membership Month.

RI says that it is time to celebrate our Rotary club, our members, and the good that we do in our community and around the world.

As mandated, Governor's Challenge is to attain a net gain of at least one (1) new member.

However, Rotary Club of East Davao targets a net growth of two members. We kicked off with 46 registered members for the Rotary Year 2020 – 2021, hence, 48 by the end of the fiscal year.

But, what would stop us from setting our sights at hitting a net gain of five (5) members to achieve the “Club Distinction Recognition”. The other more relevant Governor's Challenge related to membership is the attainment of

100% membership retention. Hence, the membership base on July 1, 2020 should be the same number of members until June 30, 2021 plus a net gain of one (1).

Part of the Governor's Challenge is supporting Rotaractors.

This coming August 7-9, 2020, we are sponsoring the Rotaract Club of East Davao – Scholars Chapter to attend this year's Rotaract District Assembly (DISTAS 2020) cum Presidents and Secretaries' Training Seminar (PSTS) via Zoom. Hosting this event is the Rotaract Club of Metro Surigao.

This annual Assembly of Rotaractors in District 3860 aims to continually strengthen their leadership and social skills toward effective service to humanity under this new normal.

AUGUST IS

## MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members."  
Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention

**Rotary**  **EACH ROTARIAN: REACH ONE, KEEP ONE**

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**Infopage**  
**SEC. FREDERICK A. PELAYO**  
 Club Secretary, RY 2020-2021

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Attendance for July 25, 2020**

Present	17
Make Up	10 (attended Zoom Meetings)
Absent	19
Percentage	59%



**Dr. Maria Ines C. Asuncion**  
 Regional Office XI Assistants Regional Director,  
 Department Of Education  
*Topic: DepEd Updates and Education Under The New Normal*  
**Guest of Honor and Speaker**



**Spouse Cris Villamor**  
 Aug. 2



**Spouse Cathy Bangayan**  
 Aug. 12



**DG Riz Reyes**  
 Aug. 4



**IPP Patrick Capili**  
 Aug. 17



**PP Oca Escudero**  
 Aug. 7



**Pres. Ross Luga**  
 Aug. 19



**Dir. Karl Reta**  
 Aug. 9



**Spouse Doly Yuste**  
 Aug. 22

Still accepting orders...







# POV

POINT OF VIEW

**VP RAPHAEL E. APOLINARIO VI**  
*Editor in Chief, RED Chronicle*

## THE BLACK TELEPHONE

When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the Wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer, the pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear.

"Information, please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head.

A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience. "Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked.

I said I could. "Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice..

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my maths. She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please," and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in."

Somehow I felt better. Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please." "Information," said in the now familiar voice.

"How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me.

Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please." Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well. "Information." I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now." I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your call meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally." (Sunday 7/28 Black Phone continued. Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "Information." I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" she said. "Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," She said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago." Before I could hang up, she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne?" "Yes." I answered.

Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. "Let me read it to you." The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others.

Whose life have you touched today?

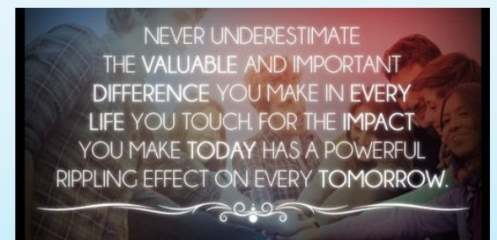
Why not pass this on?

I just did.... Lifting you on eagle's wings.

May you find the joy and peace you long for.

Life is a journey...

### Service Above Self!





# Bits & Pieces

NEW

NORMAL



## 19 Ways to Encourage Others...

Written by Stacy Wiebe

**L**earn how to develop an encouraging heart

✍ Encouragement goes straight to the heart. In fact, the word itself comes from a combination of the prefix “en” which means “to put into” and the Latin word “cor” which means heart.

✍ Become aware of what encourages you, and do those same things for others.

✍ Learn individuals' “love language”-the special way in which they feel most valued. In his book, *The Five Languages of Love*, Gary Chapman explains that not everyone's emotional needs are met in the same way, and that it's important to learn to speak others' love language. The five love languages are: words of affirmation, spending quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch.

✍ If an encouraging thought comes to mind, share it! It may not have the same effect if you wait. Don't let shyness hold you back. Instead, form a new habit: “Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today...” (Hebrews 3:13).

✍ When you introduce someone, add a few words of praise for the person's abilities, accomplishments, about how they've helped you or about the nature of your relationship. It's encouraging to be praised in front of others.\*

✍ When someone is discouraged or hurting, offer specific, practical help. If you ask, “How can I help?” the person might be at a loss to answer. It's better to ask, “Would it help if I...(specific action) or say, “I would like to...(specific action)?”

✍ Remind fellow Christians of the specific promises of God and characteristics of God. We may know something with our mind, but need to be reminded in our heart. The Apostle Peter

wrote, “I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have” (2 Peter 1:12).

✍ Write someone a note to tell them that you're praying for them. Tell them what you're praying. You can pray specific Scriptures for individuals such as Romans 15:13, “[I pray that] the God of hope [will] fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

✍ Make celebration a more regular part of your relationships. Celebrate others' victories, large and small-with a note, with coffee together, with a special meal, a congratulatory phone call or just a high-five!

✍ Be specific when you offer words of praise; it makes your encouragement more credible and concrete “You did a great job at...” “I really appreciate that you...” “I was really impressed that you...”

✍ Encourage other believers with a reminder of Christ's coming. It redirects our thinking to an eternal perspective and ultimate deliverance from the sin and death. “We who are still alive and are left will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words” (1 Thessalonians 5:17b-18).

✍ Realize the power of presence. Just being there is encouraging! When you're with others, you're telling them that they're important. The Apostle Paul closed his letter to the church at Colosse promising to send his friend Tychius “that he may encourage your hearts” (Colossians 4:8b).

✍ If you're part of a church, Bible study or fellowship, be committed to showing up. Your simple presence encourages others that they are part of a community of faith and that they are not alone. That's why the writer of Hebrews says, “Let us not give up

the habit of meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as we see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

✍ If someone you know is working on a large project, send her a single flower to encourage her at the beginning of the project, and a full bouquet when it's done.\*

✍ Use encouragement as an outreach. If anyone should be known for being an encourager, it should be the Christian. Write a letter of appreciation to people at work, your apartment manager, your child's teacher or your doctor. Often when we interact with these people, we are asking for their services. Take time just to say thank you!\*

✍ If you really want to encourage someone who gives you excellent service, write a letter of commendation to the person's boss.\*

✍ We could learn something from the way team athletes freely pat, touch and high-five each other in competition. Touch is a powerful encouragement. Be sure to be sensitive in this area, though. Ask someone if you can hug her first. And be careful to be above reproach with persons of the opposite sex.

✍ When you see someone making positive changes in their lives, affirm them. “You seem to have a really great attitude about...” “It may be that I'm just starting to take notice, but I see that you're...” “Do you think that you are becoming more...?”

✍ Tell people how they've encouraged you!





# ROTARY IN ACTION



**July 29, 2020. 4th Regular Zoom Meeting, 10am -12noon with Davao City Councilor Mary Joselle Villafuerte as our Guest of Honor and Speaker. Topic: Short Talk on Covid 19 & Davao City**

**Sec. Fred Pelayo's staff turnover to Councilor Villafuerte our simple token of appreciation...**



*Our Deepest Sympathy*

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