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Rotary
Club of East Davao

Rotary Opens
Opportunities

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 PhPIM 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 unveiled 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.

Rotary  **Rotary Opens Opportunities**
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



Frederick A. Pelayo
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 - District 3860



HONESTO A. CABARROGUIS
1983-1984



HERMINIO A. VILLANO
1989-1990



REYNALDO REYES
1995-1996



RAOUL HILARIO
1999-2000



RAMON TIROL
2001-2002



RODEL RIEZL S. REYES
2020-2021

Club Presidents (1965-2020)



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 Uybeco
1976-1977



Jose Campo
1977-1978



Hector Maniquiz
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



Jess Fortich
2001-2002



Amador Macatangay
2002-2003



Hikaru Miyake
2003-2004



Apollo Alquiza
2004-2005



Rodel Riezl Reyes
2005-2006



Virgilio Sojor
2006-2007



Efren Elbanuena
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 Banzali
2014-2015



Oscar Escudero
2015-2016



Fred Yelinek
2016-2017



Alvin Orteza
2017-2018



Prudencio Tan
2018-2019



Patrick Capili
2019-2020

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST DAVAO
 Club No. 17115 District 3860, Davao City, Philippines
17TH REGULAR ZOOM WEEKLY MEETING

PROGRAMME

Call to Order

PRES. ROSSANO LUGA
 President, Rotary Club of East Davao

PRES. BERNARD P. BENEDICTO
 President, Rotary Club of West Davao

PRES. JEROME B. CAMINA
 President, Rotary Club of Central Davao

Turnover of Proceedings to the Master of Ceremonies
RTN. ALVIN PINPIN

Invocation

Honorary Member ESTHER DE JESUS

National Anthem / Rotary Hymn
AVP

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests
PP EUGENIO VIRGILIO A. MAGNO II, RC West Davao

Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker
PP RONALD C. GO

Message / Talk
HON. RONALD M. DELA ROSA
 Senator of the Philippines

Open Forum Moderator
PP RONALD RELLOSA, RC Central Davao

Response
PDG REYNALDO I. REYES

Giving of Token of Appreciation and Adjournment
PRES. ROSSANO LUGA

Attire: Dark Suit/ White Shirt (no tie)



Together, we Transform Lives

Together, we Open Doors of Opportunities

Lets us all Welcome Rotary Year 2020-2021.



INVOCATION

Dear Heavenly Father and creator of the heavens, the earth and the entire universe, we come humbly before You, acknowledging your supremacy and sovereignty over all creations. We acknowledge that we have sinned in so many ways and have taken You for granted. Let Your compassion flow in our direction again, just like when You sent Jesus to die for us. Remember the blood that was shed to cleanse us from our sins and let that blood flow once again all over every single one of us to wash the world and heal us from this Plague.

Father, in the face of what is happening in the rest of the world, it is indeed best to act as if Covid-19 is as dangerous as ever. We have been battered by storms and earthquakes but the greatest threat in our lives is still Covid-19 and we must continue to keep our guard up against it.

Father, last Saturday was the start of Run for a Cause Campaign to End Polio, where many of our members participated headed by Pres. Ross Luga. There are so many commendable activities in our country also, one is the Basket of Hope, spearheaded by UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador Gary Valenciano, a contribution of three hundred pesos can help Filipino Children access to Vaccine, Education and Nutrition. And the latest is our country's aid to the Rohingya refugees victims of violence and discrimination.

We pray Father to keep our members healthy always so no let up in our Service to Humanity. All these we pray. Amen

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President's Corner



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

This October 27 weekly meeting is a special one for The Rotary Club of East Davao several reasons:

First, it is a joint meeting with Area 2C Rotary Clubs of West Davao and Central Davao headed by Presidents Bernard P. Benedicto and Jerome B. Camina respectively.

Second, we have as our Guest of Honor & Speaker a Senator who hails from Davao, none other than former PNP Chief General Ronald "Bato" Deal Rosa. We are indeed super proud of him.

Recently, we participated in two RI District 3860 events.

These are the Bloodletting Activity at the Davao City Red Cross Building and the Kickoff activity for the World Polio Day with the slogan "End Polio Now" at the Crocodile Park, Ma-a.

Rotary's Bloodletting mission is to donate to the blood bank of the Philippine National Red Cross.

The theme for World Polio Day 2020 is Stories of Progress: Past and Present. World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio.

The Rotary Foundation  Rotary Opens Opportunities 

Club Members Donated to TRF this Rotary Year 2020-2021:

1. Ross Luga	\$500
2. Ruben Bangayan	\$500
3. Hiro Kawashima	\$200
4. Manny Nierra	\$200
5. Dave Evans	\$100
6. Val Dionisio	\$100
7. Brian Toh	\$100
Total Donations	\$1,700

Pledges:

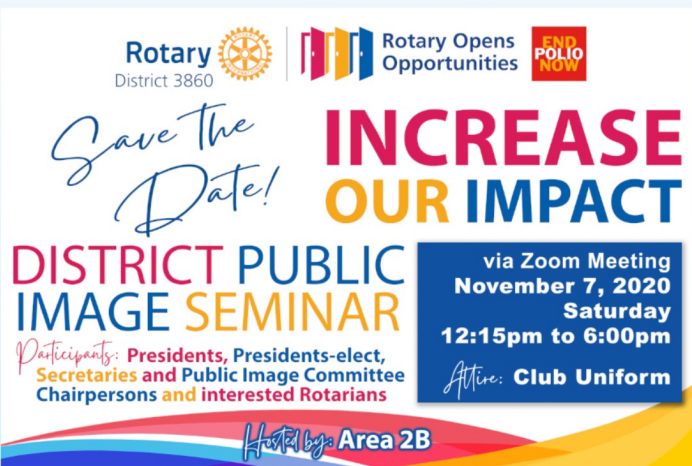
1. Fred Yelinek	\$100
2. AG Val Dionisio	\$100
3. Sec. Fred Pelayo	\$100
4. PDG Boy Reyes	\$100
5. VP Ranz Apolinario	\$100
6. PAG Alvin Orteza	\$500
7. PE Don Canes	\$100
8. PN Jim Sabino	\$100
Total Pledges	\$1,200



*Dear fellow Rotarians,
We are immensely grateful for your help to The Rotary Foundation of The Rotary International in its mission of making lives better around the globe.*

Furthermore, thank you for believing that your gifts would go a long way into supporting life-changing and sustainable projects.

With your assistance, Rotary can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Pres. Ross Luga



Rotary District 3860  Rotary Opens Opportunities  **END POLIO NOW**

Save The Date!

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR

via Zoom Meeting
November 7, 2020
Saturday
12:15pm to 6:00pm

Participants: Presidents, Presidents-elect, Secretaries and Public Image Committee Chairpersons and interested Rotarians

Hosted by: Area 2B

Active: Club Uniform



SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

**HON. RONALD "BATO"
M. DELA ROSA**

Senator of the Philippines

Personal Information

Complete Name: Ronald Marapon dela Rosa
Nickname: Bato
Birthdate: January 21, 1962
Birthplace: Barangay Bato, Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur, Philippines
Spouse: Nancy Comandante married 1989
Children: 3

Educational Attainment

Elementary: Bato Elementary School
High School: Sta. Cruz Nat'l. High School
College: Mindanao State University Philippine Military Academy, Class of 1986
Course: BS Public Administration; Military Training

Graduate School: USEP
Course: Master of Public Admin., PhD in Development Administration

Work Experiences

2018 – Chief, Bureau of Corrections
2016-2018 – Chief, Philippine National Police
2012-2013 – Director, Davao City Police Office

1999-2001 – Assistant, Office of the Police Director, Camp Crame in Quezon City
1997-1999 – Police Provincial Director, Compostela Valley Province
1992-1997 – Chief-Inspector, Police Regional Office (PRO)-Davao
1986 – Lieutenant, Philippine Constabulary

Advocacy/Platform

- * War on Drugs
- * Death Penalty
- * Peace and Order

As Chief of the Philippine National Police, Bato was at the forefront in the implementation of the war on drugs specifically "Oplan Tokhang" where police officers knock on the door of suspected drug addicts and do what is necessary accordingly.

A centerpiece policy of the Duterte Administration, the war on drugs has claimed the lives of thousands of Filipinos.



Infopage

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



ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Attendance for October 20, 2020

Present	28 (including 3 Senior Active Exempt)
Make Up	05 (attended other Zoom Meetings)
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	02
Rotary Spouses	01
Absent	13
Percentage	71%



NOVEMBER Celebrants



Nov. 5 Spouse Marnie Ng



Nov. 11 PP Ed Sancho



Nov. 12 PP Anton Banzali



Nov. 26 Spouse Imelda Pelayo



Nov. 28 Rtn. Alvin Pinpin



Nov. 21 Spouse Yan Yan Sy

*Count your life by smiles,
not tears. Count your
age by friends,
not years...
Happy birthday!*



Rotary Club of East Davao UPCOMING SPEAKERS



November 3, 2020
FR. EDMUNDO M. MARTINEZ, S.J.
former President, Ateneo de Davao University



November 10, 2020
MR. FLORIAN GOTTEIN
Executive Director, European Chamber of Commerce of the Phil.



November 17, 2020
MR. EBB HINCHLIFFE
Executive Director
The American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines





POINT OF VIEW

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

The Prodigy and the Teacher...

I read this true story and felt like sharing...At the prodding of my friends I am writing this story. My name is Mildred Honor. I am a former elementary school Music Teacher from Des Moines, Iowa.

I have always supplemented my income by Teaching Piano Lessons...Something I have done for over 30 years. During those years, I found that Children have many levels of musical ability, and even though I have never had the prodigy, I have taught some very talented students. However, I have also had my share of what I call 'Musically Challenged Pupils.

One such Pupil being Robby. Robby was 11 years old when his Mother (a Single Mom) dropped him off for his first Piano Lesson.

I prefer that Students (especially Boys) begin at an earlier age, which I explained to Robby. But Robby said that it had always been his Mother's Dream to hear him play the Piano, so I took him as a Student. At the end of each weekly Lesson he would always say 'My Mom's going to hear me Play someday.' But to me, it seemed hopeless, he just did not have any Inborn Ability. I only knew his Mother from a distance as she dropped Robby off or waited in her aged Car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled, but never dropped in.

Then one day Robby stopped coming for his Lessons. I thought about calling him, but Assumed that because of his lack of Ability he had decided to pursue something else. I was also glad that he had stopped coming. He was a Bad Advertisement for my Teaching!

Several Weeks later I mailed a flyer recital to the Students' homes. To my surprise, Robby (who had received a flyer) asked if he could be in the Recital. I told him that the Recital was for current Pupils and that because he had dropped out, he really did not Qualify.

He told me that his Mother had been Sick and Unable to take him to his piano lessons, but that he had been practicing. 'Please Miss Honor, I've just got to Play,' he insisted. I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the Recital - perhaps it was his insistence or maybe something inside of me saying that it would be all right.

The night of the Recital came and the high school gymnasium was packed with Parents, Relatives and Friends. I put Robby last in the Program, just before I was to come up and thank all the Students and Play a finishing piece. I thought that any damage he might do would come at the end of the Program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my 'Curtain Closer'.

Well, the Recital went off without a Hitch, the Students had been Practicing and it Showed. Then Robby came up on the stage. His Clothes were Wrinkled and his Hair looked as though he had run an egg beater through it. 'Why wasn't he dressed up like the other Students?' I thought.



'Why didn't his Mother at least make him Comb his Hair for this Special Night?'

Robby pulled out the Piano bench, and I was Surprised when he announced that he had chosen to play Mozart's Concerto No.21 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next. His fingers were light on the keys, they even danced nimbly on the Ivories. He went from Pianissimo to Fortissimo, from Allegro to Virtuoso; his Suspended Chords that Mozart demands were Magnificent! Never had I heard Mozart played so well by anyone his age.

After six and a half minutes, he ended in a Grand Crescendo, and everyone was on their feet in Wild Applause!!! Overcome and in Tears, I ran up on stage and put my arms around Robby in Joy.

'I have never heard you Play like that Robby, how did you do it? Through the Microphone Robby explained: 'Well, Miss Honor, Remember I told you that my Mom was sick? Well, she actually had Cancer and Passed Away this Morning. And well... she was Born Deaf, so tonight was the first time she had ever heard me Play, and I wanted to make it Special.'

There wasn't a Dry Eye in the house that evening. As People from Social Services led Robby from the stage to be placed into Foster Care, I noticed that even their Eyes were red and Puffy. I thought to myself then how much Richer my Life had been for taking Robby as my Pupil.

No, I have never had a Prodigy, but that night I became a Prodigy... of Robby. He was the Teacher and I was the Pupil, for he had taught me the meaning of Perseverance and Love and Believing in Yourself, and may be even taking a chance on someone and you didn't know why.

A Footnote to the story. If you are thinking about Forwarding this Message, you are probably wondering which People on your address list aren't the 'appropriate' Ones to receive this type of Message. The Person who sent this to you believes that we can all make a Difference!!!

So many seemingly Trivial Interactions between two People present us with a Choice. Do we Act with Compassion or do we Pass up that Opportunity.

NEW

NORMAL



Bits & Pieces

Found this article and wanted to share it.

Ireland's oldest citizen, Nancy Stewart, aged 107, has written an amazing letter to encourage everyone in these difficult and anxious times

To Anyone Who Needs a Reason to Keep Going:

My name is Nancy Stewart and I was born on the 16th of October 1913. This weekend I turn 107 years of age. Imagine turning 107 in a world pandemic. This definitely is something very unusual even for me and all I have been through. I live in Clonard in County Meath and have lived in my home for over 83 years.

I lost my husband in a car crash in 1989, and lost my twin daughters Margaret in 2007 to motor neurone and Anne in 2010 to utter heartbreak of losing her sister. I've lost all my friends throughout the years which comes with living so long on this earth.

I'm very lucky to still have three daughters Kathleen, Mary and Olive and one son Finian and I have 84 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

I have faced many heart-breaking moments and also have seen many hard times in our country witnessing world wars, division in our people and numerous sad times for our nation.

I write to you today to send you my love and to offer you my prayers. We are in a very difficult time at the moment in our country, in our lives and in our world. But I reach out to you in this letter to offer you hope, faith and belief that everything will be ok in the end.

We are in another stage of this battle against the virus but we will get through this. Like everything I've been through since the day I was born in 1913, no matter how bad things have got, I'm the living proof that we can survive and in years to come, this will just be a distant memory.

I have a great faith and it has helped me keep positive throughout the struggles I've met. I thank you for keeping your faith and for keeping your resilience strong, through this hard time. Sadly for the moment, we can no longer stretch

out to a friend and embrace them nor can we call to each other's houses.

But I'm here to share my story. I have been in lockdown in my house since March, alongside my granddaughter Louise and even though it has been a tough time, we have got through it together.

We drink tea. We say prayers. We bake. We laugh. We make phone calls. I can even video call lots of my family and friends and am making new friends everyday that God gives me on this earth.

And that's a very important thing to say. If you are feeling low, make sure to try call someone or even go for a walk. I also ask God to help me if I'm feeling low. This is a hard time for everyone but please make sure you keep yourself well and wear your mask. If you keep healthy, your mind will stay healthy too.

Keep talking to one another. All my life I have always believed in chatting and drinking tea and saying a prayer or a decade of the rosary and it has got me through. This is our moment to keep our faith and to keep believing that everything will turn out ok.

We must try to make sure we leave nobody behind and also that we don't lose sight of each other. This is a moment for humanity to step forward to take care of the other. We must mind ourselves but we must also mind all those around us. Look up and smile even if you have your mask on.

Your eyes will smile and that might be all someone needs to keep going. No good deed ever goes unnoticed so try your best to keep being good. We are not here to live for ourselves but to live for each other.

I can't believe I've made it to this age, I only feel like I'm 50 but now that I'm here, all I can say is please God I'll be here for my next birthday. We must always look forward. I can't believe I'm the oldest person in Ireland living in my own home, I don't feel that old.

When God wants me, he will come take me but for now I will keep enjoying my life, I'll keep loving my family and I'll keep saying my prayers day by day.....oh and not to forget eating lots of good wholesome food is my tip. Good food and lots of tea is my secret to a long life as well as keeping positive as best we can. We must always look forward and hope for the best.

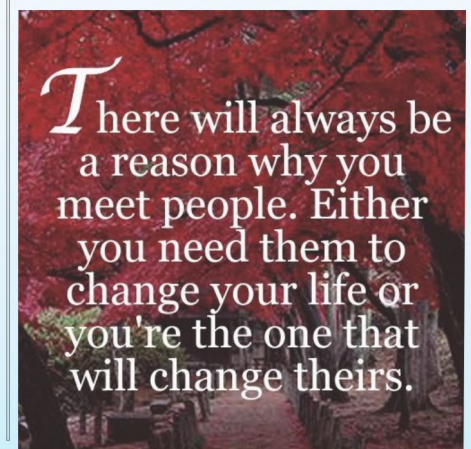
Thank you for thinking of me in your prayers and your thoughts and I promise I will think of you in my many rosaries I say everyday.

Thank you so much for reading my letter also and I hope I have, in even a little way, helped you feel less alone in this moment. There is always hope and once we keep talking to one another, no day will seem empty and we can get through this together. It only takes a small candle to take away the dark and in each of us, we can be that light in the world.

This hard time will indeed pass like all the rest and all that matters is that we helped each other through.

Many blessings and much love,
Granny Nancy x
Clonard Co Meath.

(Clonard is a small village in County Meath, Ireland.)people and numerous sad times for our nation.





October 20, 2020 16th Regular Weekly Zoom Meeting, Guest of Honor and Speaker : DG RODEL RIEZL S. REYES, District 3860 District Governor.....Governor's Visit / Club Assembly / Induction of Two New Members - Rtn. Dante Simangan and Rtn. Giovanni Mata...





Rotary Club of East Davao Rotarians joins in the celebration of World Polio Day last October 24 together with other Rotarians from Rotary Clubs in Area 2...Also participated in the launching of End Polio Now Virtual Run which is initiated by RC Dadiangas...



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