

ABOUT THE COVER

Last July 1, 2024 Rotary Club of Kandaya, participated in the New Rotary Year Celebration with the children at A.P. Banez Memorial Elementary School. Besides games and other fun activities for the children, schools supplies were also given during the said event.

Every September, Rotary International dedicates a month to the celebration of Basic Education and Literacy, a key area of focus that lies at the heart of Rotary's mission to improve lives and communities worldwide. This observance is more than a commemoration; it's a call to action for Rotarians to reaffirm their commitment to fostering education and literacy as vital tools for social and economic development.

Rotary clubs around the world recognize that education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and building sustainable communities. Throughout September, clubs engage in various activities and projects aimed at improving access to quality education and promoting literacy. These initiatives range from building schools and providing educational materials to training teachers and implementing adult literacy programs.

One of the central tenets of Rotary's approach to education is sustainability. Rotary projects are designed not just to provide immediate assistance but to create lasting change. For example, by training local teachers and providing them with the resources they need, Rotary ensures that educational improvements are maintained long after the initial project has been completed.

During Basic Education and Literacy Month, Rotary clubs celebrate their achievements in promoting education and literacy while also raising awareness about the ongoing challenges in this field.

These celebrations serve a dual purpose: they acknowledge the progress that has been made and inspire continued action. By sharing success stories and best practices, clubs motivate each other to innovate and expand their educational initiatives. The month also provides an opportunity to recognize and thank the volunteers, educators, and partners who make these projects possible.



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.



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?

Rotary

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION CODE OF CONDUCT

Rotary Core Values:

- Fellowship
- Integrity
- Diversity
- Service
- Leadership





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Caroline L. Andrade District Governor District 3860



Jonathan Tse
District Executive
Secretary



Ralph Martel Assistant Governor, Area 3B-2

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DIRECTOR

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3RD REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024; 12 NOON SOCSARGEN SEAFOOD AND GRILL

PROGRAMME

CALL TO ORDER

Pres. Annabelle J. Vy

ROTARY GRACE Rtn Aquilina Cynthia D. Contapay

PAMBANSANG AWIT

Audio Visual Presentation

ROTARY HYMN

Audio Visual Presentation

RECITATION OF THE OBJECT OF ROTARY AND FOUR WAY TEST

Rtn. Samantha Janikka B. Gosyco

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS/WELCOME SONG

Dir. Luzviminda Y. Tubio

IOKETIME

PAG Evelia Q. Martin

FINEST MOMENT

Dir. Lolita G. Escano

TREASURER'S TIME

Treas. Marlyn S. Ruiz

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND RECOGNITION TIME

Sec. Joy J. Valledor

PRESIDENT'S TIME

Pres. Annabelle J. Vv

MODERATOR: Dir. Jeanne Margaret C. Yu

IN ATTENDANCE:

- 1. Annabelle J. Vy
- 2. Joy J. Valledor
- 3. Aquilina Cynthia D. Contapay
- 4. Lolita Escano
- 5. Kathleen A. Quintero
- 6. Miranda G. Varon
- 7. Evelia Q. Martin
- 8. Jeanne Margarey C. Yu
- 9. Ma Trinidad C. Dacuycuy
- 10. Yiuki Mae H. Munoz
- 11. Marlyn S. Ruiz
- 12. Samantha Janikka B. Gosyco
- 13. Luzviminda Y. Tubio
- 14. Charito G. Sia
- 15. Sophia Sybil S. De Paz



















R.I. PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

September 2024

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.



CLUB PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

As we mark the celebration of *Basic Education and Literacy Month* this September, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the critical role education plays in transforming lives and shaping communities. As Rotarians, we understand that literacy is more than just the ability to read and write—it is a gateway to opportunity, empowerment, and lasting change.

In many parts of the world, including our own communities, countless individuals—both children and adults—still lack access to quality education and the fundamental skill of literacy. This barrier limits their potential, keeping them trapped in cycles of poverty and inequality. As Rotarians, we are called to address this challenge, not only by raising awareness but by taking concrete action to improve

literacy rates and educational opportunities for all.

Through our initiatives and service projects, we have the power to create environments where learning thrives—whether it's by building libraries, providing school supplies, supporting teachers, or offering literacy programs. The work we do this month and beyond can have a lifelong impact, helping to lift individuals out of poverty, improve health outcomes, and foster economic growth.

I encourage each of you to actively participate in our efforts this month. Let's come together as a club, engage our community, and continue to work towards a future where every person has the opportunity to receive a basic education and develop the skills they need to succeed.

Together, we can make a difference.

Yours in Service,

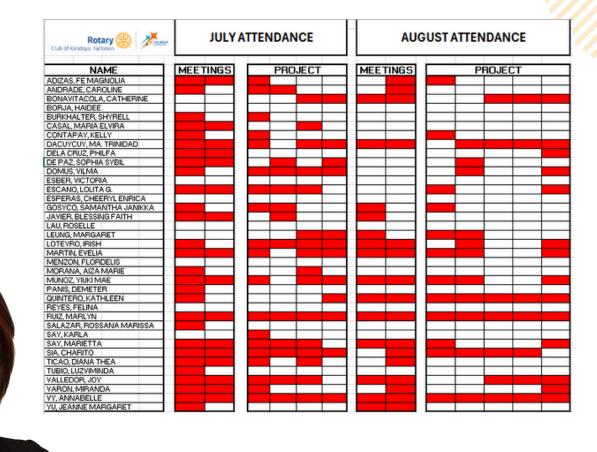
ANNABELLE J. VY

PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN R.Y. 2024-2025



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to the Secretary's report for Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban. This report cover members attendance in regular meetings and projects for July and August 2024. It reflects the ongoing efforts and contributions of our members in advancing Rotary's goals of service, leadership, and community impact.



JOY J. VALLEDOR

SECRETARY ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN R.Y. 2024-2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has promptly paid their organizational dues. Your support ensures that we can continue our important work and meet our goals. Your commitment is truly appreciated.

- 1. Fe Magnolia B. Adizas
- 2. Vilma M. Domus
- 3. Cheeryl Enrica L. Esperas
- 4. Samantha Janikka B. Gosyco
- 5. Evelia Q.Martin
- 6. Yiuki Mae H. Munos
- 7. Marlyn S.Ruiz
- 8. Rossana Marissa T. Salazar
- o. Charito G. Sia
- 10. Luzviminda Y. Tubio
- 11. Joy J. Valledor
- 12. Catherine A. Bonavitacola
- 13. Caroline L. Andrade
- 14. Annabelle J. Vy
- 15. Aqulina Cynthia D.Contapay

A friendly reminder to the other Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban members for the full payment of organizational dues. Your timely contributions are vital to supporting our ongoing initiatives.

MARLYN S. RUIZ

TREASURER
ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN
R.Y. 2024-2025



TRF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Rotary Foundation supports global and local projects through contributions from members and partners. Payments help fund initiatives in education, health, and community development, driving positive, sustainable change worldwide. These are the club contributions and pledges as of September 10, 2024

NEW MAJOR DONORS:

- 1. Annabelle J. Vy
- 2. Vilma M. Domus
- 3. Lolita G. Escano

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW:

- 1. Charito G. Sia
- 2. Aquilina Cynthia D. Contapay

PAID PAUL HARRIS FELOW: 1. Joy J. Valledor

- 2. Marlyn S. Ruiz
- 3. Jeanne Margaret C. Yu
- 4. Evelia Q. Martin

ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER

- 1. Samantha Janikka B. Gosyco
- 2. Sophia Sybil S. De Paz

LOLITA G. ESCANO

TRF DIRECTOR ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN R.Y. 2024-2025



ROTARY INFORMATION



RESPONSE IN GAZA

By: Rotary International

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.

A humanitarian pause has allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign that began in Gaza on 1 September. Initial reports indicate the campaign started successfully, with teams showing strong commitment and high levels of community participation.

Rotary is committing US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally. Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

<u>Follow the latest on the polio vaccination campaign in Gaza</u>.

- September 2024

FIRE AWAY

Humility and Kindness: Foundations of a strong organization

In a world where power, success, and individualism often dominate the narrative, humility and kindness emerge as profound virtues that lead to a richer, more fulfilling life. These qualities, though sometimes perceived as signs of weakness, are in reality the pillars that support strong character, genuine relationships, and a harmonious society. Humility is the quiet strength that allows us to acknowledge our limitations, while kindness is the active expression of compassion and empathy towards others. Together, they create a powerful synergy that can transform individuals and organizations alike.

Understanding Humility

Humility is often misunderstood as a lack of self-confidence or self-worth. However, true humility is not about devaluing oneself but about recognizing that one is part of a larger whole. It is the ability to see oneself objectively, acknowledging both strengths and weaknesses without the need for external validation. A humble person is aware of their limitations and is open to learning from others, irrespective of their own achievements or status. This openness fosters growth, as it allows individuals to seek out new knowledge, accept constructive criticism, and adapt to change.

Humility also involves a sense of modesty, where one does not seek to be the center of attention. A humble person understands that their achievements are often the result of collective efforts and the opportunities provided by others. This recognition fosters gratitude, which is a key component of humility. By appreciating the contributions of others, humble individuals build stronger, more cooperative relationships. They are less likely to engage in arrogance or entitlement, and more likely to approach situations with a sense of balance and perspective.

The Role of Kindness

Kindness, on the other hand, is the practical application of humility. It is the expression of care, compassion, and empathy towards others, regardless of their circumstances or actions. Kindness goes beyond simple acts of courtesy; it is about genuinely caring for the well-being of others and taking steps to help them, even when it is inconvenient or challenging. This virtue is often described as a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see, illustrating its universal impact.

Kindness fosters a sense of community and belonging. When people are kind to one another, it creates a ripple effect, encouraging others to act similarly. This chain reaction of positive behavior can lead to a more supportive and compassionate society. Acts of kindness, no matter how small, can have a significant impact on both the giver and the receiver. For the giver, kindness promotes a sense of purpose and fulfillment, while for the receiver, it can provide comfort, hope, and a sense of being valued.

Moreover, kindness is not limited to grand gestures; it is often found in the simplest acts of daily life. Offering a smile to a stranger, listening to someone in need, or helping a colleague with a task are all expressions of kindness that can make a significant difference. These acts do not require wealth or status, but only a willingness to put others' needs before one's own. In this way, kindness becomes a powerful tool for building bridges between people, regardless of their differences.

Humility, Kindness, and Leadership

In leadership, humility and kindness are often seen as rare but highly effective qualities. Humble leaders are those who lead by example, showing that they are not above the people they lead. They are willing to listen, learn, and admit their mistakes, which in turn fosters trust and respect among their followers. Such leaders prioritize the well-being of their team and the greater good over their own personal gain. Their humility makes them approachable, creating an environment where others feel valued and empowered to contribute their best.

Kind leaders, on the other hand, are those who use their power to uplift and support others. They understand that leadership is not about exerting control but about serving those they lead. Kindness in leadership is expressed through acts of encouragement, recognition, and support, which help to build a positive and productive workplace culture. When leaders are both humble and kind, they inspire loyalty, creativity, and collaboration, leading to sustainable success for their organizations.

Humility and kindness are not just virtues to be admired but essential qualities that enrich our lives and the lives of those around us. They are the cornerstones of strong character, healthy relationships, and a harmonious society. By embracing humility, we open ourselves to continuous growth and learning, while kindness allows us to connect with others in meaningful and compassionate ways. Together, these qualities create a powerful force for good, transforming not only individual lives but entire organizations. As we navigate the complexities of the modern world, the enduring value of humility and kindness remains clear: they are the keys to a truly successful organization

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KANDAYAN SPARKLE

A PROUD MOMENT



We are deeply grateful and humbled to be the recipient of this prestigious awards in recognition of our charity work. This honor means more to us than words can express, and we are truly touched by the acknowledgment of our efforts to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Thank you <u>Philippine National Red Cross</u>.

Receiving this award serves as a validation of the dedication, passion, and commitment that we have poured into our charity work. It is a reminder of the importance of serving others selflessly and the ripple effect that acts of kindness and generosity can have in our communities.

This award is not just a recognition of our individual efforts but a celebration of the collective impact that we have made together. It is a testament to the power of collaboration, compassion, and empathy in driving meaningful change and addressing the needs of those less fortunate.

The RC Kandaya Blood Samaritan Project is designed to help indigent patients in need of blood by paying the blood processing fee. The blood coming from Red Cross is generally free. The fees are to cover the donor recruitment program, education, collection, blood testing, preparation of blood products, and other processes to ensure that the blood given to a patient is safe. The blood processing fee that Phil. Red Cross collects is but minimal, which unfortunately, is hardly met by an average or below average Filipino.

If you want to support the RC Kandaya Blood Samaritan Project, please don't hesitate to dm below or contact any RC Kandaya, Tacloban Member.

We are the Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban. We are People of Action.









SEMINAR

PARKLANE HOTEL CEBU

AUGUST 17, 2024 (8AM - 5PM)

REGISTRATION FEE

Rotarians: Php 2,500.00 Rotaractors: Php 1,800.00







MEMBERSHIP IN FOCUS: CURRENT TRENDS & FUTURE **DIRECTIONS**



MAGIC OF MULTIMEDIA



PUBLIC IMAGE



PHILIPPINE ROTARY MAGAZINE UPDATES

CP JOHUN JOSHUA SANTOS PDG ANNA LOUISA BUMAGAT

INNOVATIVE

TECHNIQUES FOR

MEMBER RETENTION

PP PLESHETTE WEE

PDG LILU ALINO

PDG MICHEAL LIRIO







ACHIEVING OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING **TARGETS**

Rotary



PATHWAY TO SUCESS: DISASTER BEST PRACTICES FOR ROTARY FOUNDATION



MANAGEMENT: D3860 PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

IMPACT

President Annabelle Vy together with 10 members from the Rotary Club of Kandaya Tacloban attended the <u>Rotary International District 3860 Philippines</u> Vibrant Seminar held last August 17, 2024 at Parklane Hotel, Cebu City, Philippines.

The Rotary Vibrant Seminar is a cornerstone event that energizes, inspires, and equips Rotarians with the tools and knowledge needed to enhance the effectiveness and vibrancy of their clubs. The essence of this seminar lies in its focus on fostering innovation, leadership, and engagement within the Rotary community. By bringing together Rotarians from various clubs, the seminar creates a dynamic environment for sharing best practices, exploring new ideas, and building stronger connections.

At its core, the Rotary Vibrant Seminar emphasizes the importance of adaptability and creativity in addressing the evolving needs of both local and global communities. It encourages clubs to think beyond traditional methods and to embrace innovative approaches that can drive meaningful change. This forward-thinking mindset is crucial for Rotary's mission of service, as it allows clubs to remain relevant and impactful in a rapidly changing world.

Leadership development is another key aspect of the seminar. It provides a platform for current and emerging leaders to hone their skills, learn from experienced Rotarians, and gain insights into effective club management and project implementation. By empowering leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide their clubs, the seminar ensures that Rotary continues to thrive as a force for good.

Moreover, the seminar promotes engagement by highlighting the value of member participation and community involvement. It underscores the importance of creating a vibrant, inclusive club culture that attracts and retains members who are passionate about making a difference.

Through the sessions and collaborative discussions, the members of the Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban left the seminar with renewed enthusiasm and practical strategies to strengthen our club.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Kandaya, Tacloban Breast Cancer Awareness Project is a vital initiative aimed at raising awareness, promoting early detection, and providing support for those affected by breast cancer. As one of the most common cancers affecting women worldwide, breast cancer requires comprehensive education and community engagement to reduce its impact.

Through this project, the club partner with the different barangays in Tacloban City to create widespread awareness campaigns. These initiatives often include educational workshops, distribution of informational materials, and public awareness events. By spreading knowledge about the importance of self-examinations, regular screenings, and mammograms, the Rotary project seeks to empower individuals to take charge of their health.

One of the key goals of the project is to promote early detection, which greatly increases the chances of successful treatment.











Council of Presidents

1992-1993

CRES CHAN-GONZAGA (Charter President)



Real Happiness is Helping Others

1996-1997 **NORMA MORANTE**

Build the Future with Action and Vision



2000-2001 **FLORDELIS MENZON**

Create **Awareness Take** Action



1993-1994

REDIA ATIENZA

BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO

DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

Believe on What You Do Do What You Believe In

1997-1998 VICTORIA NOCON

Show Rotary **Cares**



2001-2002 **EVELIA MARTIN**

Mankind is our **Business**



1994-1995

CYNTHIA NIERRAS

Be A Friend



1998 - 1999 **RAQUEL SEGOVIA**

Follow Your Rotary **Dreams**



2002 - 2003

JULITA ALDA

Seeds of

Love



1995-1996

ARLENE SALVO

Act with Integrity, Serve with Love. **Work For** Peace



1999 - 2000

DALISAY SEVILLA

Act with Consistency Cedibility and ContinuitY



2003 - 2004

ARSENIA MAYE

Lend Α Hand



Council of Presidents



Celebrate Rotary



2008 - 2009

MA. TRINIDAD DACUYCUY

Make Dreams Real



2012 - 2013 CAROLINE ANDRADE

Peace Through Service



2005 - 2006 DR. OLIVE CRUZ



SERVICE Above Self

Service Above Self

2009 - 2010

ATTY. IMELDA NARTEA

The Future Of Rotary is in Your Hands



2013 - 2014

CAROLINE ANDRADE

Engage Rotary, Change Lives



2006 - 2007

DEMETER PANIS

Lead the Way



2010 - 2011

MA ELVIE G. CASAL

Building Communities, Bridging Continents



2014 - 2015

NAOMI ZELENT

Light Up Rotary



2007-2008

CATHERINE BONAVITACOLA

Rotary Shares



2011 - 2012

FLOR HENEDINA LELIS

Reach Within To Embrace Humanity



2015 2016 LIZA CALDA

Be A Gift to the World



Council of Presidents



Rotary Serving Humanity





2020 -2021 LOLITA ESCANO

Rotary Opens Oppurtunities





2019- 2020
LIZA CALDA
Rotary Connects the World

2021- 2022
IRISH LOTEYRO

Serve to Change Lives
SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES





2023-2024
KATHLEEN A. QUINTERO

CREATE HOPE

in the WORLD

2024-2025 **ANNABELLE J. VY**







