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DISTRICT 3860

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CLUB NO. 29316



*New Year,
New Beginnings.*



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

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About The Cover



As the clock strikes midnight, the dawn of a new year brings with it the promise of fresh opportunities and renewed commitments. For us as Rotarians, this transition is more than just a date change—it's a time to reflect on our past achievements, embrace new challenges, and recommit to our shared mission of service above self.

The New Year offers us a chance to reassess our goals and reimagine the impact we aim to make in our communities. Whether it's advancing literacy, improving healthcare access, combating hunger, or fostering peace, each project we undertake reflects the collective heartbeat of our club. With new beginnings comes the opportunity to innovate, think boldly, and expand our horizons.

January is the perfect time to engage our members in fresh initiatives, revisit long-standing traditions, and create space for new ideas. Let's take this moment to mentor the next generation of leaders within our club and empower them to bring fresh perspectives to the table. Building on the foundation of Rotary's core values, we can strengthen our fellowship and deepen our commitment to making lasting change, both locally and globally.

This year, let's focus not only on the projects that matter but also on the people who make them possible. Rekindling the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration within our club will serve as the fuel that propels us toward new heights. Let's also reach out to our communities, welcoming new members and supporters who share our vision of a better world.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, let us embrace it with open hearts and an unwavering commitment to serve. Together, we can turn every challenge into an opportunity and every resolution into action. Here's to a year of hope, service, and shared successes—because with Rotary, every beginning has the power to change lives.

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JANUARY IS



**VOCATIONAL
SERVICE
MONTH**



"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations." Paul P Harris

Kandaya, Tacloban
Rotary
Club



TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives



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.



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?



MISSION

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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R.I. PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

January 2025

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community. This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. *Rotary* magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living *The Magic of Rotary*.



Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President

CLUB PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Happy New Year, dear Rotarians and friends!

As we welcome the first month of 2025, let us carry forward the spirit of service and fellowship that defined our journey last year. January marks the beginning of new opportunities, fresh initiatives, and a renewed commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

This month, let us refocus on our goals and continue our efforts in serving those in need, empowering communities, and creating lasting change. Every project we undertake, every life we touch, and every act of kindness we share contributes to a brighter future.

I encourage everyone to stay actively involved, participate wholeheartedly in our upcoming projects, and inspire others with your dedication and passion. Together, let us make this year even more meaningful. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our Rotary mission.

Here's to a year of growth, service, and fellowship!

ANNABELLE J. VY
PRESIDENT

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



A ROTARIAN'S RESOLUTION

The Four-Way Test serves as a guiding compass for any Rotarian's resolutions. In 2025, let's embrace resolutions that reflect truth, fairness, goodwill, and the benefit of all concerned. Here are some New Year's resolutions that can inspire every Rotarian to make this year even more meaningful.

1. Deepen Your Commitment to Service
2. Strengthen Club Fellowship
3. Grow Rotary's Reach
4. Focus on Sustainability
5. Enhance Your Leadership Skills
6. Support The Rotary Foundation
7. Embrace Innovation
8. Prioritize Personal Growth Through Service
9. Advocate for Rotary's Causes
10. Celebrate Successes, Big and Small

As Rotarians, we are part of a global movement that brings hope and opportunity to millions. The New Year is a chance to amplify our efforts, reignite our passion, and reaffirm our commitment to service above self. Let's make 2025 a year of meaningful resolutions and extraordinary impact. Together, we can turn aspirations into actions and dreams into realities.

CATHERINE A. BONAVITACOLA
CLUB ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN
R.Y. 2024-2025



VOCATIONAL MONTH

MARGARET D. LEUNG

VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

In Rotary, January is celebrated as Vocational Service Month, a time to reflect on the second Avenue of Service, which emphasizes the importance of upholding the highest ethical standards in all occupations and using our professional expertise to serve others. Vocational Service lies at the heart of Rotary's mission, as it encourages members to apply their skills and talents to create meaningful change in their communities.

During this month, Rotarians are called to examine how their vocations can contribute to Rotary's ideals of "Service Above Self." By leveraging their professional networks and expertise, members can address community needs, mentor others, and promote ethical practices in the workplace. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the diverse talents within the club and showcase how various professions can work together to achieve shared goals.

Furthermore, Vocational Service Month reminds Rotarians to lead by example in their workplaces, championing integrity, fairness, and respect. By aligning their professional actions with Rotary's values, they can inspire others to do the same, fostering a culture of ethical leadership and social responsibility.

As Rotarians celebrate Vocational Service Month, they reaffirm their commitment to using their vocations as tools for service and progress, transforming their professions into platforms for positive impact. This focus reinforces Rotary's vision of uniting people and taking action to create lasting change in the world.

FIRE AWAY

On Resolutions...

As Rotarians, the dawn of a new year is not just a time to celebrate—it's an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the ideals of service and fellowship that define our organization. The arrival of a new year offers a unique opportunity to pause, reflect, and reset. For Rotarians, this isn't just a moment to make personal resolutions—it's also a chance to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of Rotary and the impact we hope to make in our communities and beyond. A resolution for a Rotarian is more than just a goal; it's a promise to live the motto of "Service Above Self" with renewed purpose.

As we enter this new chapter, let's begin with introspection. What did we achieve last year as individuals and as a club? Were we able to meet the needs of our communities, engage our fellow members, and uphold Rotary's core values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership? Recognizing our successes and challenges allows us to chart a path for improvement and growth.

A meaningful New Year's resolution for a Rotarian might start with strengthening our dedication to service. This could mean taking on a leadership role within a club project, spearheading a new initiative, or finding creative solutions to ongoing community issues. Perhaps this is the year to focus on Rotary's seven areas of focus, such as supporting education, promoting peace, or protecting the environment. Setting specific, actionable goals—such as planting 1,000 trees, organizing literacy programs, or raising funds for breast cancer — ensures that our resolutions translate into tangible impact.

Equally important is our resolution to foster deeper connections within our Rotary family. In a world increasingly driven by digital interactions, let us resolve to rekindle the warmth of in-person fellowship. Whether it's by mentoring a new member, engaging more actively in club activities, or strengthening relationships with other Rotary clubs through district and global partnerships, we can ensure that Rotary continues to be a beacon of fellowship and collaboration.

Another powerful resolution is to focus on growth—not just in numbers, but in diversity and inclusion. Let's aim to invite individuals from all walks of life to join our mission, ensuring that our clubs reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. By doing so, we broaden our perspectives, strengthen our efforts, and create a more vibrant, dynamic network of service-oriented individuals.

Finally, let us resolve to live out Rotary's values in our daily lives. Being a Rotarian is not confined to weekly meetings or community projects; it's a way of life. Whether through small acts of kindness, advocacy for positive change, or by serving as role models of integrity and compassion, we can embody Rotary's ideals every day.

The New Year is not just about what we hope to achieve—it's about who we aspire to become. As Rotarians, let's enter this year with bold ambitions, unwavering dedication, and open hearts. Together, we can turn resolutions into realities, creating lasting change that resonates far beyond our clubs and into the lives of those we serve.

Here's to a year of purpose, growth, and service—because when Rotarians commit to making a difference, the world becomes a better place.

Happy
Birthday

RTN.

BETH
SMOTHERMAN



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**



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

**Sow the
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
A
Hand**



Council of Presidents

2004 -2005

VICTORIA NOCON
(Centennial President)



2008 -2009

MA. TRINIDAD DACUYCUY

**Make
Dreams
Real**



2012 - 2013

CAROLINE ANDRADE

**Peace
Through
Service**



2005 - 2006

DR. OLIVE CRUZ



2009 - 2010

ATTY. IMELDA NARTEA

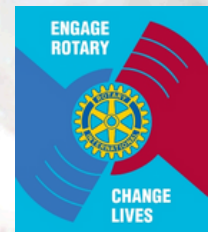
**The Future Of Rotary
is in Your Hands**



2013 - 2014

CAROLINE ANDRADE

**Engage
Rotary,
Change
Lives**



2006 - 2007

DEMETER PANIS

**Lead
the
Way**



2010 - 2011

MA ELVIE G. CASAL

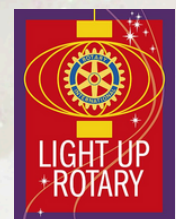
**Building Communities,
Bridging Continents**



2014 -2015

NAOMI ZELENT

**Light
Up
Rotary**



2007-2008

**CATHERINE
BONAVITACOLA**



2011 - 2012

FLOR HENEDINA LELIS

**Reach
Within To
Embrace
Humanity**



2015 2016

LIZA CALDA

Be A Gift to the World



Council of Presidents

2016 -2017
MARLYN S. RUIZ

**Rotary Serving
Humanity**



2018-2019
FE MAGNOLIA ADIZAS

**Be the
Inspiration**



2020 -2021
LOLITA ESCANO

**Rotary Opens
Opportunities**



2017 - 2018
**JEAN MARGARET
C. YU**

**Rotary
Making A
Difference**



2019- 2020
LIZA CALDA
**Rotary Connects the
World**



2021- 2022
IRISH LOTEYRO

**Serve to
Change
Lives**



2022-2023
MIRANDA VARON



2023-2024
KATHLEEN A. QUINTERO



2024-2025
ANNABELLE J. VY



Happy New Year



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