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**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**



MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

SHEKHAR MEHTA

Rotary International President
RY 2021-22

I wish each of you and your families a great Rotary New Year! Together, let us make it the best year of our lives, by making it a year to grow more and do more. Let this be a year of changemakers, and let us begin with our membership.

That is precisely why the Each One, Bring One initiative is so important. During this year, I urge you to dream of new ways in which Rotary can expand its reach into your community and therefore the world. If each member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 1.3 million by July 2022. So, let's just do it!

Imagine the change we, as Rotary members, can make when there are so many more of us! More people to care for others, more people to Serve to Change Lives. Think of the impact we can have through grow more, do more. More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can also continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is empowering girls. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future.

The biggest gift we are given
Is the power to touch a life,

To change, to make a difference
In the circle of life.

If we can reach out
With our hand, heart, and soul,

The magic will start to happen
As the wheel begins to roll.

Let's turn the wheel together
So all humanity thrives,

We have the power and the magic
To Serve to Change Lives.

These are challenging times, and I compliment each of your efforts in grappling with COVID-19. No challenge is too big for Rotarians. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the Rotarian. Look at what we can do when we take on a colossal challenge such as eradicating polio. Look at the millions of lives we improve by strengthening access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Look at what we do every year to promote peace in places where it seems unimaginable. Our basic education and literacy programs have nation-building impact.

This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and impact. This year, let us Serve to Change Lives.



ABOUT OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Anna Louisa Abanes-Bumagat

Rotary International District 3860 Governor
RY 2021-22



District Governor Anna Louisa Abanes-Bumagat is the first and youngest Lady Governor from Area 3; and the third member from the Rotary Club of Ormoc to become Governor.

She graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Bachelor in Secondary Education from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 1992; and completed her Master's in Educational Leadership (With Distinction) from De La Salle University-Manila in 2009.

Currently, she works as the School Director of Saint Paul's School of Ormoc and serves as Secretary on its Board of Directors. She is also the Finance Officer of Trophy Farm.

A second-generation Rotarian, she joined Rotary in 2005 and served as Club President in Rotary year 2009-2010. Beyond the club level, she assumed various district positions -- Assistant Governor; District Secretary; Internet and Communications Officer; Deputy for Special Projects; Community Service Chair; Stewardship Chair; Grants Chair for three years; and as Chief-of-Staff.

To her, the theme "Serve to Change Lives" embodies her passion and purpose as a Rotarian to make a difference. She envisions growing membership in all levels of the organization and is a firm believer of The Rotary Foundation in its enduring mission to "Do Good in the World." With her brand of leadership, she endeavors to empower her fellow Rotary volunteers to learn more, to grow more, and do more for the communities they serve.

She is married to Troy, also a Rotarian, and they are blessed with four children – fraternal twins Angela and Amanda, Athena and Tristan.

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15TH INDUCTION & HANDOVER CEREMONIES

JULY 10, 2021

Congratulations to the newly inducted Life-changing President Maria Luisa "Malu" Ventulan-Gonzales and the club officers for Rotary year 2021-2022!



ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE BLOODLETTING ACTIVITY

JULY 31, 2021



The Rotary Club of Maasin City together with Philippine Red Cross-Southern Leyte Chapter and Rotaract Club of Maasin-Ajonay organized a Bloodletting activity today, July 31, 2021 at PRC Abgao Gym, Maasin City.

With the combined efforts of the Rotarians, Rotaractors, Red Cross volunteers, partners, namely: 8th RCDC ARESKOM, Southern Leyte Banker's Club, Saint Joseph College & Sangguniang Kabataan Federation - Maasin City, 70 blood donors were recruited and 64 bags of blood were collected.

As mentioned by Mr. Jonas Plasabas Maco, PRC So. Leyte Chapter Administrator, these bags of blood would greatly augment the blood requirement not only in Southern Leyte but also in other provinces.

The success of the activity confirms the quote by Hellen Keller that says: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".

The activity was also enlivened by the dance performance by the Maasin Ajonay Organization (MAAJO), a group of choreographers and artists in the city.

