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3RD QUARTER OF RY 2021-2022
(JANUARY—MARCH)

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MARCH 02, 2021

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PROGRAMME

I. OPENING CEREMONY

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| Call to Order | PRES. OLIVER MASENDO |
| Invo./Reading of Tonight's Prayer | PN ALVIN DEMONTAÑO |
| National Anthem | DIR KENNETH ANZANO |
| Rotary Hymn | RTN BOY QUIAPO |
| Object of Rotary/ 4-Way Test | RTN PEBBIE MATONDO |
| Introduction of Visiting Guest | RTN MICHAEL CUE |

II. FELLOWSHIP

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| Community Singing | RTN DOODS LAPIZ |
| Celebrity Greetings | RTN LEO LABRADOR |

III. CLUB MATTERS

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| Treasurer's Time | TREAS. NES FONG |
| Secretary's Time | SEC. SAMUEL SIA |
| President's Time & Adjournment | PRES. OLIVER MASENDO |

PE BONG TIONGSON
Moderator



CELEBRITY GREETINGS

RTN SIMON TRAZO—MARCH 06

TREAS. NESTOR FONG—MARCH 07





METRO ACTIVITY

Daniel Bangolo, 5 years old, is about to have surgery as part of Project



TONIGHT'S PRAYER

Accept our gratitude for this day and all of its blessings, Creator and sustainer of all that is and will ever be. We ask that you lead and direct our activities, as well as the leaders of our club. Grant that we all feel a sense of duty to Rotary, our community, our country, and indeed all peoples and countries around the world. In your service, bless our fellowship today, and bless this food to the nutrition of our bodies.

Amen.





RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SHEKHAR MEHTA

Rotary International President
RY 2022-2022

We have overcome so many challenges these past two years and changed numerous lives. It brings me great joy that we have worked so hard this year to grow Rotary through the Each One, Bring One initiative. The result has been excellent growth in membership. Let us keep up the momentum. I am

happy that you have put a spotlight on all we do by organizing projects around the world in our Rotary Days of Service. The future looks brighter than ever for Rotary and our 1.4 million members.

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 constituted a pandemic, and two years later it is important that we continue to draw on our expertise in our disease prevention and treatment area of focus to help people worldwide cope with the continuing challenges. The pandemic continues to defy all expectations, but we cannot be frozen in fear. Our work is too important. It is also important that we make time for each other, and I urge you to register for the upcoming 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. It is a great way for all of us to safely celebrate Rotary service.

We can continue to build hope and spread peace in the world by using our resources to help the most vulnerable and keeping our faith in the future. The pandemic has had an especially devastating impact on girls worldwide. On the first anniversary of the pandemic, Henrietta Fore, the executive director of UNICEF, said that "immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families." This need, unfortunately, remains just as strong a year later. The ripples of the pandemic have affected girls in unique ways – stunting their educational attainment, weakening their job prospects, and contributing to other terrible results such as child marriages and increased human trafficking.



RI FEATURES



The Seven Centers of Peace

by Jeff Ruby Illustrations by Jason Schneider

Rita Lopidia vividly recalls her experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in England. "The classes in African politics and UN peacekeeping were my favorite," she says. "The politics course challenged me to dig deeper into research to understand the history of the continent, and the peacekeeping class aided my understanding of global politics. As a practitioner, that was an eye-opener to have a global view of events happening around the world."

Lopidia's time at the Rotary Peace Center profoundly affected her. "After graduation, I traveled back to Africa and settled in Uganda due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan," she explains. "There I established the EVE Organization for Women Development and started engaging the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and their host communities. Through my organization, we were able to mobilize South Sudanese women to participate in the South Sudan peace process promoted by eastern Africa's Intergovernmental Authority for Development — and that led to the signing of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan in 2018." Lopidia is just one of the 1,500-plus peace fellows from more than 115 countries who have graduated from a Rotary Peace Center since the program was created in 1999; the first peace centers began classes three years later. Currently, Rotary has seven peace centers in various locations around the world; the newest, at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda — the first in Africa — welcomed its inaugural cohort of peace fellows in 2021. Next, Rotary plans to establish a peace center in the Middle East or North Africa, perhaps as soon as 2024, and has set its sights on opening one in Latin America by 2030.

As you will discover, the curriculum at each peace center has been carefully crafted to address specific aspects of the peacebuilding process — and train the next generation of global change-makers.





TREASURER'S REPORT



NESTOR FONG

Treasurer

Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas

Rotary Year 2021-2022

MARCH 02, 2022

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| Club's Fund as of February 23, 2022 | PHP | 105, 072.00 |
| Club's Collection February 23, 2022 | PHP | 26, 135.00 |
| TRF Collection (Feb. 23, 2022) | PHP | 24, 225.00 |
| END POLIO Fundraising (Feb. 23) | PHP | 13, 000.00 |
| TRF Collection (March 01, 2022) | PHP | 76, 500.00 |
| TOTAL | PHP | 244, 932.00 |

Less Expenses:

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|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Meals (February 23, 2021) | PHP | 15, 256.50 |
| End Polio Fund | PHP | 13, 000.00 |
| Total | PHP | 28, 256.50 |

**CLUB'S FUND AS OF MARCH 02, 2022 IS
PHP 216, 675.50**



RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Data from UNICEF reveals why our action is so essential. In the 2010s, important progress was made toward eliminating the practice of child marriage, and UNICEF estimates that 25 million such marriages were averted worldwide. Unfortunately, the pandemic reversed those positive trends, and as a result an additional 10 million girls are vulnerable to becoming child brides by the end of this decade.

This is why our focus on Empowering Girls is such vital work, and I am delighted that at this year's virtual International Assembly, President-elect Jennifer Jones committed to continuing this initiative for another year. In my travels, I have witnessed many wonderful examples of club projects that back our Empowering Girls goals. But all Rotary members know that real change requires big efforts sustained over many years. This is the power of our global grants and actions taken within our areas of focus.

I encourage clubs to think of innovative ways to empower girls when designing their grant projects. Every step we take to improve education, health care, and economic opportunities for girls makes an important difference in helping them achieve their full potential. With opportunity we create hope, and with hope we address the root causes of conflict around the world, setting the stage for sustainable peace.

None of us know how long the COVID-19 virus will linger – and as an organization that has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate polio, we understand better than most the difficult work that lies ahead for the world. That is why we need to remain focused on the future and on what is possible – not feeling nostalgic for the way our lives were, but looking hopefully to a future that uses this opportunity to *Serve to Change Lives*. I look forward to continuing this good work with you.





Club President's Message



OLIVER J. MASENDO

President
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
Rotary Year 2020-2021

Good evening fellow Metronians and guest. Tonight is our first club meeting for the month of March. Thank you to all for attending and showing their support despite the pandemic.

As part of Rotary's 117th anniversary celebrations, we held a fund-raising event for the End Polio Fund during our last meeting. Thank you everybody for donating and keeping the spirit of kindness alive in our club. We raised PHP 13,000.00 and have already deposited it with the Rotary Foundation.

Also, I'd want to remind everyone that we're all invited to the turn-over of a school building funded by Rtn Mike Buhisan at Maasim, Sarangani Province, on Saturday, March 5, 2022. At 7:00 a.m., meet at Big Ben Steakhouse.

Lastly, since we are close to end our Rotary Year the Life Changing Year, I hope that everyone already settled their accounts.

That's all for tonight's weekly meeting. Let us enjoy the rest of the night. God bless & stay safe everyone.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



SAMUEL SIA

Secretary
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
Rotary Year 2020-2021

| Date of Meeting | Total Membership (except honorary) | Number of Members Used in Calculating the Attendance | Number of Members Present | Number of Members Made-Up | Weekly Percentage |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb 23, 2022 | 57 | 57 | 15 | 3 | 32% |
| Average Attendance | | | | | 32% |

