



Celebrity Greetings



SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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Programme

Opening Ceremony

Call to Order

Reading of Tonight's Prayer
National Anthem
Rotary Hymn
Object of the Rotary/ 4-Way Test
Intro. of Visiting Rotarians & Guests

PRES ALVIN DEMONTAÑO

RTN. MARK MADURAMENTE
PP OLIVER MASENDO
RTN. PEBBIE MATONDO
RTN. GWENN OLARTE
RTN. DADOY ORDANZA

Fellowship

Community Singing
Celebrity Greetings

RTN. RYAN PAÑARES
RTN. LANDO PAÑARES

Club Matters

Treasurer's Time
Secretary's Time
President's Time & Adjournment

TREAS. JOHN ARCAMO
SEC. JASON FRANCISCO
PRES ALVIN DEMONTAÑO

RTN. CHARLES PASCUA

Moderator



Fully-paid Members

FULLY PAID MEMBERS

1ST QUARTER—RY2023-2024

RTN. JAMES ABLOG

PP JERRY BELBIDER

RTN. MICHAEL BUHISAN

VP EDWARD CARILLO

RTN. REY CORTES

DIR. ALEXANDER JAY CRUZ

RTN. MICHAEL CUE

RTN. EDGAR FORONDA

SEC JASON FRANCISCO

PP REY FRANCISCO

PAG RAMON GONZALES

RTN. EDEN IBANEZ

RTN. LEO LABRADOR

RTN. DOODZ LAPIZ

PP ANDRES LORENZO

PAG FRANCISCO LORENZO

RTN. ANDREW GWENN OLARTE

RTN. CHARLES PASCUA

PO NOEL PIDO

RTN. FLORANTE ROFRIGUEZ

DIR. TEODORO SALES

RTN IAN SELVIDO

RTN. RALPH SOGUILON

PE SAMUEL SIA

RTN. MOSES DEAN SUNICO

RTN. WINSTON TAN

RTN. MJ TIONGSON

IPP MARK JEROME TIONGSON

RTN. RICHIE TIOSEJO

RTN. SIMON TRAZO

PP BEN TUPAS III

DIR. RAUL ANTONIO VALENCIA

PP RENE ESPIRITU

PRES. ALVIN RAY DEMONTANO

RTN. ERWIN CURVA

RTN. LANDO PANARES

PAG MARIO DIDELES

RTN. VINCENT TAN

RTN. GERAL FACIOL

DIR. BOY QUIAPO

RTN. ROBERT MARIANO





Rotary International Features

UNITED KINGDOM

Some people will walk through fire for a good cause — literally. More than 50 participants hotfooted across wood embers during a fire walk charity event in April sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newton Abbot. The sizzling jaunts, to taiko drumbeats, raised more than \$11,000 through sponsorship pledges for charities. The club brought in a professional fire walking company to stage the event. Organizers offered a “motivational psychology fear-busting seminar” before the challenge. The secret? Walk in a controlled, fast manner, says Past Club President Phil Millichap. He and 2022-23 Club President Jeremy Newcombe were among the Rotarians who put their feet to the fire. “Top tip: If you fall over, which one lady did, get up quickly,” Millichap advises.



Tonight's Prayer

We invoke the blessing upon this meeting and on people of goodwill every where. May we prove ourselves worthy citizens of our country.

Devoted to truth, sincere in fellowship, given to service, and confident in steadfast faith.

Preserve us faithful to these ideals. Let us stand firm when the fight is hard.

Give us strength sufficient for this day.

Make us as big as our problems and to stay bigger than our responsibilities.

God help us to live up to our capabilities.

Amen.





R.I. President's Message



R. GORDON R. MCINALLY

President
Rotary International
RY 2023-2024

The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What —



Rotary International Features

CANADA

The pandemic's toll on older people struck especially close to home for the Rotary Club of Cornwall Sunrise in southeastern Ontario. "Until COVID, our club met at a seniors residence, and the need for the residents to be able to get out was made clear to us," says club member Elizabeth "Bette" Miller, a past governor of District 7040. To ease the isolation of the town's older population, the Cornwall Sunrise club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Cornwall and their city government to introduce Seniors on Wheels tours on three-wheeled cycle rickshaws. Volunteers pedal seniors around on seasonal tours along the St. Lawrence River. "The trishaw is used primarily by local seniors who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the beautiful scenery," says Miller, whose club contributed an initial CA\$3,000 (US\$2,500) for the project.

INDIA

In Visakhapatnam, along the Bay of Bengal, Rotary members launched an innovative plastics recycling and youth employment project. Participants from the nonprofit India Youth for Society collect plastic bottles from drop-off locations and beaches and process the plastics into small chips that are sold to recyclers. The nonprofit's goal is to make the operation self-supporting. About eight young people were working on-site as the processing plant scaled up production in June, and as many as 25 people eventually could work at the facility. The roughly \$120,000 project is supported in part by a global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Lake District Moinabad, India, and Naperville Sunrise, Illinois, with contributions from other Rotary clubs in the United States and India. Among its accolades is an award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists. "I wanted to get the academy's feedback and make [the project] more robust using their suggestions," says Prakasam "Prakash" Tata, a retired environmental engineer and a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois. "But lo and behold, I heard, 'You won the grand prize.'"





Rotary International Features

Rotary Projects Around the Globe



BELIZE

Since 2014, members of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, Florida, have ventured on service trips to Belize with a focus on the welfare of children: constructing school playgrounds and providing educational assistance, clothing, and medical screenings. "The kids had a recess period but little for them to do," says David Buzza, a past club president. Three years ago the club forged ties with the Rotary Club of Belmopan, Belize. In February, Rotary members helped construct a seventh playground in Belize and helped hand out 1,500 pieces of new clothing, along with toiletries and backpacks. The Florida Rotarians added to the Belmopan club's existing wheelchair distribution project with a May shipment of 30 wheelchairs.



United States

The Indian River Lagoon along Florida's Atlantic coast is home to some 3,500 plant and animal species. In January, District 6970 and the Rotary clubs of New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater introduced a tide pool exhibit in the Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna Beach. The display is home to horseshoe crabs, sea stars, sea urchins, hermit crabs, marine snails, and other small oceanic creatures. "Having that opportunity to see the animals up close is a very engaging experience," says Chad Truxall, the center's executive director. "It's been fun for us to have this additional tool to share the story of the Indian River Lagoon." A district grant provided \$20,000, the New Smyrna Beach club devoted \$10,000, and the Edgewater club another \$5,000 toward the cost of the exhibit, representing just a portion of the financial and volunteer contributions Rotarians have made to the marine center over the past decade.



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— these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact.

These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step.

Let's see where it takes us.





Secretary's Report



JASON CARLO FRANCISCO

Secretary
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
RY 2023-2024

Date of Meeting	Total Membership	# of Mem- bers Used in Calculating the Attendance	# of Mem- bers Pre- sent	# of Mem- bers Made -Up	%
SEPT. 13, 2023	63	63	59	0	94%
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE					94%



Upcoming Activity

Rotary
District 3860



TREE GROWING Caring and Protecting Mother Earth

September 23, 2023 | 7:00AM
Maribulan, Alabel, Sarangani Province





Metro Activities

3rd ACOM | September 13, 2023 @ Polomolok, South Cotabato



Treasurer's Report



JOHN ARCAMO

Treasurer
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Club's Fund as of SEPTEMBER 11, 2023	₱294,708.39
Add: Club's Collection (SEPTEMBER 13, 2023)	2,100.00
Add: TRF—PolioPlus Society Collection (September 13)	11,400.00
Add: Club Uniform Collection	5,250.00
Add: Direct deposit pledges for 1 unit of TV for Palian	11,000.00
Add: Direct deposit of dues (RTN. Joel Santos)	9,050.00
Add: Direct Deposit for Project SMILE	15,000.00
TOTAL Club's Fund by SEPTEMBER 14, 2023	₱348,508.39
LESS EXPENSES	
Project Tarpaulins & Transpo	1,624.28
Printer Set & 1 box bondpaper	10,485.00
2 units of SMART TV for Palian Elementary School	25,180.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	37,289.28
TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023	₱311,219.11





President's Message



ALVIN RAY DEMONTANO

President
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
RY 2023-2024

Good evening fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, & Guests. Thank you for attending our 12th regular club meeting for Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Last Saturday, September 16, 2023 the clubs from Area 3F, 3G, and 3H have gathered for our 3rd ACOM Meeting hosted by the Rotary Club of Central Polomolok at the Tibud SKMPC Office, Cannery Road, Polomolok, South Cotabato. We have congratulate everyone for the recently conclude Bike to EndPolio Ride (1st Leg) held in Mindanao and hosted by Areas 3FGH. We have gathered 205 bikers with a total of 178,650.00 collections from registration fees, solicitations, & tshirt purchases. The netIncome was 74,850.00 which will be divided into 12 clubs in our area. This gives us 6,237.50 which our club will donate to the End Polio Plus fund.

During the ACOM, the presidents discussed our another upcoming District-Wide Project in which our club is the lead club of the said activity. As part of the Rotary-s Day of Service, September is month where we promote supporting the environment. With this, we will be having a Bamboo Tree Growing Activity to be done on September 23, 2023 7:00AM at Maribulan, Alabel, Sarangani Province. Our Rotaractors will handle the program, and our club will be



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providing arrozcaldo & pandesal as food to share for everyone. Attire for the event will be the EndPolio Shirt, other details will be sent to you via SMS.

Also, during the ACOM we have discussed the upcoming Pink October which will be lead by President Linda of the Rotary Club of Greater Gensan. More details on this to follow.

I would also like to remind everyone of their PolioPlus Society Donation of \$100.00 per year for us to become the first in the area to be a 100% PolioPlus Society Club. This will add recognition to the club, as well as help the cause in eradicating the disease worldwide.

Looking forward to your participation in the coming events! That is all for tonight's weekly meeting.

