



# Celebrity Greetings



SEPTEMBER 26, 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

P.O NOEL PIDO  
RTN. JONG RODRIGUEZ  
RTN. JOEL SANTOS  
PE. SAMMY SIA  
RTN. RALPH SOGUILON

## Fellowship

Community Singing  
Celebrity Greetings

RTN. IAN SELVIDO  
DIR. TEODOR SALES

## Club Matters

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

TREAS. JOHN ARCAMO  
SEC. JASON FRANCISCO  
PRES ALVIN DEMONTAÑO

### DIR. BOY QUIAPO

Moderator



# Fully-paid Members

## FULLY PAID MEMBERS

1ST QUARTER—RY2023-2024

RTN. JAMES ABLOG  
PP JERRY BELBIDER  
VP EDWARD CARILLO  
DIR. ALEXANDER JAY CRUZ  
RTN. ERWIN CURVA  
PAG MARIO DIDELES  
RTN. GERAL FACIOL  
RTN. EDGAR FORONDA  
PP REY FRANCISCO  
RTN. EDEN IBANEZ  
RTN. DOODZ LAPIZ  
PAG FRANCISCO LORENZO  
RTN. PEBBIE MATONDO  
RTN. LANDO PANARES  
PO NOEL PIDO  
RTN. FLORANTE RODRIGUEZ  
RTN. JOEL SANTOS  
PE SAMUEL SIA  
RTN. MOSES DEAN SUNICO  
RTN. WINSTON TAN  
RTN. MJ TIONGSON  
RTN. JOEY TO-ONG  
PP BEN TUPAS III

DIR. KENNETH ANZANO  
RTN. MICHAEL BUHISAN  
RTN. REY CORTES  
RTN. MICHAEL CUE  
PRES. ALVIN RAY DEMONTANO  
PP RENE ESPIRITU  
RTN. NESTOR FONG  
SEC JASON FRANCISCO  
PAG RAMON GONZALES  
RTN. LEO LABRADOR  
PP ANDRES LORENZO  
RTN. ROBERT MARIANO  
RTN. ANDREW GWENN OLARTE  
RTN. CHARLES PASCUA  
DIR. BOY QUIAPO  
DIR. TEODORO SALES  
RTN IAN SELVIDO  
RTN. RALPH SOGUILON  
RTN. VINCENT TAN  
IPP MARK JEROME TIONGSON  
RTN. RICHIE TIOSEJO  
RTN. SIMON TRAZO  
DIR. RAUL ANTONIO VALENCIA





## Rotary International Features

The club's causes include clean water, sex education, and food for mothers and children. Le is particularly excited about a project to provide 1,000 portions of milk each month to students in a nearby primary school.

"We're all about providing students with enough food security so that they can stay in school," she says.

My Trang Quynh Nguyen, the vice president, is dedicated to eliminating sexual harassment and encouraging sex education – both controversial topics in Vietnam.

"Normally in Asia, parents prevent any conversations about sex. This means children and teenagers have to explore everything in this area by themselves," she says. "It's crucial to normalize sex education and give our children the right direction."

Nguyen, Le, and Huynh have all been involved in fundraising and organizing work since high school.

"I used to participate in many extracurricular clubs, but I've never been in any organizations that have such a clear mission as this one," Nguyen says. Huynh learned about the club through friends, but her interest in helping others started at home.

"I've always been interested in social work since I was little, because my parents did it," she says. "But I wanted to be more proactive and not just follow my parents around. I started by raising funds in my student council to help students with intellectual disabilities in my school."

Huynh founded a school club to help these students, and that club later expanded its efforts to help students with disabilities all over Ho Chi Minh City. After this success, Huynh decided to begin working with the Rotaract club on a broader range of causes.

"What I really love about the club is that we raise funds on our own," she says. "The youth do it themselves."



## Tonight's Prayer

Creator and Sustainer of all that is or will ever be, accept our thanks for this day and all its blessings.

We ask that you guide and direct our club, its leaders and our actions.

Grant that each of us may feel our responsibility to Rotary, to our community, to our country, and indeed to all countries and peoples.

Bless our fellowship today, and bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies, in your service.

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



in her house. Even though she's not the most wealthy person in the village – she's in the lower-income section of society – she's still able to do those kinds of things."

Le created a fund to provide school supplies and food for outstanding students in the region who need assistance.

She's also part of a Vietnamese nonprofit for young people that raises money for various causes. When Le met Jason Lim, past governor of District 3350, he urged her to start a Rotaract club.

"Ha Le has the potential to become a strong leader," Lim says. "In doing community service, the important thing isn't how rich you are, it's your heart. She has the heart and the patience to lead her fellow members."

Le was just as impressed with Rotary. "We've gotten a lot of help from our club advisers," who are members of the sponsoring Rotary clubs of Bangkok Cyber and Saigon, she says. The club, chartered in February, is the only Rotaract club in Vietnam and part of a small but growing Rotary presence in the country. Five Rotary clubs have been chartered there in recent years, beginning with the Saigon and Saigon International clubs in June 2021. The women leading the new Rotaract club are masters at both social media and word-of-mouth organizing. They arranged a concert to raise funds, then persuaded many of the students who'd worked on the concert to join their group. Within a few months after they chartered the Rotaract club, it had more than 40 members.





## Rotary International Features



There's a lot of female energy in the Rotaract Club of One Million Lives Saigon: The charter president, president, and vice president are all women. Is that by accident or design? Perhaps a little bit of both.

"It may be a coincidence," says Trang Phan Doan Huynh, a student at the Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) campus of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. "But – and this might sound a little biased – in my school, the girls are interested in extracurricular activities a bit more than the boys."

What isn't a coincidence is how the young women were drawn to do good works. They credit their parents and other role models in their lives with showing them the way. For Ha Vo Nguyet Le, the main organizer of the club, inspiration came from a primary school teacher in the highland province of Dak Lak. Many students there belong to the Ede ethnic minority, and many are in need.

"I met the teacher through my mother, who also enjoys social work," Le says. Le and several friends decided to help the teacher purchase bikes for students who would otherwise have to walk six or seven miles to get to school.

"I visited her once in 2020 to learn more about her work in the remote areas of Dak Lak," Le says. "I was touched by her enthusiasm and her devotion to people who were strangers to her. She always gives out books and clothes for her students, and even gives free tutoring sessions



## R.I President's Message

— 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 Members Used in Calculating the Attendance	# of Members Present	# of Members Made-Up	%
SEPT. 20, 2023	63	63	59	0	94%
<b>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE</b>					<b>94%</b>



# Metro Activity





# Metro Activities

**BAMBOO Growing** | September 23, 2023 @ Maribulan, Alabel



# Treasurer's Report



**JOHN ARCAMO**

Treasurer  
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas  
RY 2023-2024

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

Club's Fund as of SEPTEMBER 19, 2023	<b>₱311, 219.11</b>
Add: Club's Collection (SEPTEMBER 20, 2023)	26,400.00
Add: Club Uniform Collection	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL Club's Fund by SEPTEMBER 21, 2023</b> ———	<b>₱340,119.11</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Meals (September 20)</b>	17,157.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,157.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023</b>	<b>₱322,962.11</b>





## President's Message



### **ALVIN RAY DEMONTAÑO**

President  
Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas  
RY 2023-2024

Good evening fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, & Guests. Thank you for attending our 13th regular club meeting for Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Last Saturday, September 23, 2023 the clubs from Area 3F, 3G, and 3H have gathered for our area-wide project, with the theme "Bamboo Growing: A Riverbank Rehabilitation Activity, Caring and Protecting Mother Earth" conducted at Brgy. Maribulan, Alabel, Sarangani Province. With this, we have planted 300 bamboo seedlings along the riverbank of Brgy. Maribulan. Joining us in this activity is the Philippine Dental Association - Gensan Chapter, DENR - City Environment and Natural Resources Office (Gensan), General Santos Council of Rotaract Clubs, Koronadal Council of Rotaract Clubs, the 1205th Community Defense Center, 12th RCDG, Reserve Command of the Philippine Army, and the Brigada Group of Companies. Our guest speaker of the program was none other than PP Daphny Dorris P. Domingo of the Rotary Club of Koronadal Central who holds the position of Development Management Officer IV of the DENR-CENRO Gensan Office. PP Daphny talked about the importance of giving back to the environment and how easily manageable maintaining bamboo plants.



## President's Message

I would like to thank all the members who attended the event as we are truly paving the way to a hopeful future for many generations ahead.

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.

Thank you everyone for coming and may you have an enjoyable night.

