



Metronians' Corner

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- President: SAMUEL SIA
- Vice President: JOHN ARCAMO
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JANUARY 17, 2024

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Programme

Opening Ceremony

Call to Order	PRES ALVIN DEMONTAÑO
Reading of Tonight's Prayer	PP RENE ESPIRITU
National Anthem	RTN. GERALD FACIOL
Rotary Hymn	PP BUTCH FLORES
Object of the Rotary/ 4-Way Test	RTN. NESTOR FONG
Intro. of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	RTN. EDGAR FORONDA

Fellowship

Community Singing	PP REY FRNACISCO
Celebrity Greetings	RTN. ROCK GARAY

Club Matters

Treasurer's Time	TREAS. JOHN ARCAMO
Secretary's Time	SEC. JASON FRANCISCO
President's Time & Adjournment	PRES ALVIN DEMONTAÑO

PAG RAMON GONZALES

Moderator



Fully paid Members

FULLY PAID MEMBERS

3RD QUARTER—RY2023-2024

PP DIONY CALLO	PRES. ALVIN DEMONTANO
PP REY FRANCISCO	RTN. LEO LABRADOR
RTN. ROLANDO PANARES	RTN. CHARLES PASCUA
PN RALPH SOGUILON	RTN. IAN SELVIDO
DIR. MJ TIONGSON	IPP BONG TIONGSON
DIR. BONG VALENCIA	RTN. RICHIE TIOSEJO





Rotary International Features

"Wow, if that's somebody who could do it, maybe I could do it too."

I'll also be one of only a few Rotary presidents who have been single while in office. Lots of people come up to me and say, "I'm single too, and it's so great that you're in the position." To me, having a spouse does not determine whether you're qualified for this role. But again, it does mean a lot to people to see someone in this position who looks like them or who has the same life status as they do.

It's like another element of diversity. Do you think the view of diversity at Rotary has shifted over the past few years?

Diversity has always been one of our core values. But I think the way we've measured diversity has definitely changed. Today it means so much more than it did 40 years ago when we were an all-male organization. For instance, we now ask people to look at their community and see if their Rotary club mirrors that community. That could mean all kinds of things. It could be age; it could be gender; it could be religion or political affiliation. It could include things like a different perspective, the fact that people think differently. If your club mirrors the community, then you really have a handle on the future. And if it doesn't, you have an opportunity.

You became a Rotary member in 1991, shortly after women were allowed to join. Why did you join and why did you stay?

Well, I was recently divorced. And when you are married, you tend to do a lot of things together. You go out to dinner together, you go on vacation together, and so on. I suddenly didn't have that. Much like Rotary founder Paul Harris, I was looking for ways to meet new people. A woman walked into my office and asked me about going to a Rotary club meeting with her. I didn't know anything about Rotary, but when she talked about the service and the internationality, I got interested. So I went, and I ended up joining.



Tonight's Prayer

Gracious God,

Help us to work together within Rotary so that
we may do Your bidding on this earth.

And let us say Amen.

Merciful father,

as we gather together as friends
in the spirit of Rotary fellowship and service,
we invoke Your blessings.





R.I. President's Message



R. GORDON R. MCINALLY

President
Rotary International
RY 2023-2024

In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction.

Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts.

Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through Rotary.

For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish



Rotary International Features



"It's the same reason I like butterflies," explains Urchick. "They start out in little cocoons and don't look like much, but then they burst out and become a beautiful creature."

Urchick, who wears an Action Plan pin this day on her black quilted jacket, champions the Rotary plan as a guide for Rotary clubs hoping to undergo a similar metamorphosis. "I'm all about helping clubs look for ways to change their culture so they become simply irresistible," she says. "If you look at our worldwide numbers, there's something like 150,000 people who come into Rotary every year, but there are 160,000 who leave. What that says to me is that some people are not finding value in their club experience. They're not really leaving Rotary; they're leaving a Rotary club. We need to get clubs to examine what's happening."

A member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, Urchick joined Rotary in 1991 and was quickly drawn to the work of The Rotary Foundation. As a new member, she heard about Rotary's work to eradicate polio and became intrigued. She became the Foundation chair for her club and then for her district. Later, at the zone level, she served as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, focusing on fund development, and in 2012-14, she was a Rotary Foundation trustee at the international level. "There are so many great things that Rotary clubs do, and much of it is because they have worked through the Foundation," she says.

As fall teetered between summer and winter, Urchick sat down with Rotary magazine senior staff writer Diana Schoberg to talk about her past and Rotary's future.

You'll be the second woman to serve as president of Rotary. Should we even be making that distinction anymore?

From my perspective, no. It's about being the best leader for the time. However, I also recognize that people, especially women, will look to the position of Rotary president, and if they see a woman, they'll say,





Rotary International Features



President-elect sees Rotary's Action Plan as key to a vibrant

future Leaders from Rotary's 518 districts worldwide gathered in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 7-11 January for the 2024 International Assembly, which helps prepare and inspire the governors-elect for the year ahead. The annual training is focused on how to increase Rotary's impact and relevance, and it provides innovative ways to keep membership strong, vibrant, and growing. Rotary magazine recently spoke with Urchick about her vision for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

It's late October at One Rotary Center, one of those autumn days that feels like summer, a last blast of warmth before the Chicago-area weather abruptly shifts. In less than a week, on Halloween, nearly an inch of snow will fall.

Luckily, Rotary President-elect Stephanie Urchick isn't one to wither in the face of change. Instead, she embraces it. On the bookshelf in her office at Rotary headquarters, among the club directories and banners, the commemorative plates and plaques, and — surprise! — even some real books, there is a wooden sign adorned with multicolored leaves that reads, "Fall is proof that change is beautiful."



R.I President's Message

programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace-focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.





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	%
JAN. 10, 2024	61	61	55	2	93%
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE					93%



Metro Activity

Project Smile

JOHN KEVIN ORAY | 1 yr. old | Male | Miasong, Tupi, So.Cot
Date of operation: December 8, 2023





Upcoming Activities



DISCON DAVAO 2024

REGISTRATION FEES
NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!!!

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	Early Bird January 15-29, 2024	Regular Rate March 1 to April 25, 2024	Late Registration April 26 to April 30, 2024
ROTARIAN <small>(Inclusions: Discon ID, Discon Kit, Day 1 PM Snacks and Fellowship Dinner, Day 2 AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks and Governor's Night Dinner)</small>	PHP 6,000	PHP 6,500	PHP 7,500
SPOUSE, NON-ROTARIAN & PARTNER <small>(Inclusions: Discon ID, Discon Kit, Day 1 Fellowship Dinner, Day 2 Tour AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, and Governor's Night Dinner)</small>	PHP 5,000	PHP 5,500	PHP 7,500
ROTARACTOR <small>(Inclusions: Discon ID, Discon Kit, Day 1 PM Snacks and Fellowship Dinner, Day 2 AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks and Governor's Night Dinner)</small>	PHP 5,000	PHP 5,500	PHP 7,500



BANK DETAILS
BANK NAME: BDO UNIBANK, INC
ACCOUNT NAME: ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN DAVAO
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 002708029336

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Treasurer's Report



JOHN ARCAMO

Treasurer
 Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas
 RY 2023-2024

JANUARY 17, 2024

Club's Fund as of January 9, 2024 **₱104,276.86**
 Add: Club's Collection (JANUARY 10, 2024) 74,700.00
 Add: TRF Collection January 10 (PP FRANCISCO, R.) 28,875.00
TOTAL Club's Fund by JANUARY 11, 2024 ——— ₱207,851.86

LESS EXPENSES

Meals (January 10, 2024) 19,845.00
 DISCON Club Listing 4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 23, 845.00

TOTAL BANK BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 16, 2023 ₱184,006.86

PAYABLES

Project SMILE 84,000.00
 Polio Plus Fund 17,700.00
 TRF 28,875.00
TOTAL PAYABLES 130,575.00

APPROXIMATE CLUB'S FUND ₱53,431.86

COLLECTIBLES

Induction, Christmas Party, Charter Anniversary 76,000.00
 TRF (PAG Mon) 22,000.00

APPROXIMATE TOTAL CLUB'S FUND ₱151,431.86





President's Message



ALVIN RAY DEMONTANO

President

Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas

RY 2023-2024

Good evening fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests. Thank you for attending our 28th regular club meeting for Rotary Year 2023-2024.

As we have discussed during last week's meeting, we now have incorporated our PolioPlus Society dues as well as the EREY in our club dues to become a 100% PolioPlus Society Club. I would like to sincerely thank everyone especially our TRF Chair PAG Mon Gonzales in reminding our members the commitment we gave to Gov. Twinkle during our Charter Anniversary last October.

I would also like to acknowledge and give thanks to those who donated the TVs for Datal Anggas Integrated School especially to our guest last week, Mr. Richard Bacquiano from the Amantillo Crushing Plant, also to Rtn. Rolando Pañares, Rtn. Jong Rodriguez, and Rtn. Richie Tiosejo. Thank you for your generosity in giving 1 Smart TV each. We will be turning this on January 20, 2024.

I would also like to request those who would travel with us to Dumaguete City on April 11-13, 2024 for the combined PETSETS and DTA in support of President-Elect Sammy Sia and Secretary-Elect Pebbie Matondo to confirm with us for the reservations of the hotel. However, rates are not yet available for the registration. We will keep you updated once new information has been received.



President's Message

Also, for those who wanted to attend to DISCON 2024 which will be held in Davao City, registration is now open with early bird rates.

Lastly, let us also not forget to support the upcoming fundraising event of the club which is the President's Cup Golf Tournament this February also. I would be requesting the assistance of PE Sammy and PAG Mon regarding the mechanics and prizes regarding this.

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

