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President Rosalyn N. Cortel **Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan**



Each one of us is given the gift to create an impact on the life of an individual, community, or even the world. One small act of kindness and one small deed of service is like a drop of water that creates positive ripple effects.

This year's Rotary theme, "Change to Serve Lives," emphasizes caring for and serving others because in the process of doing so, we don't only change the lives of other people but more so our own. Having the opportunity to help is both a blessing and previlige to give back in this world.

I believe that the challenges bestowed by Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta are not only for the district and club officers but to all Rotarians. The challenges can be summed up to the acronym LIJ.

L - Lead by example;

I - Inspire Rotarians and Rotaractors to participate in service projects which have sustained impact; and

J – Join hands with other Rotarians and other organizations and do projects that impact the community and the city and change the lives of other people across the country and in the world.

The questions now are - Are we ready? Are we apt to the challenges?

The answers lie in each one of us but somehow a little bird whispers in my ear that Rotarians are born ready to serve and make a difference in the circle of life.





ELIZABETH MARIE R. CALO Past Assistant Governor

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH FOR THE GUEST OF HONOR District Governor – Elect Anna Louisa Abanes Bumagat Rotary Year 2021-2022

It is now time to be inspired and motivated. This afternoon, it is my privilege and great pleasure to introduce to you our guest of honor for today's first ever virtual Induction & Handover Ceremonies.

As a starter, she is the embodiment of an empowered woman who is not just a pretty face. In the world of Rotary, she is no stranger. She has been very active in local & international Rotary events. If she would be cast as a female superhero in the movie "Avengers", I would say she's the Carol Danvers.

Now, if that doesn't make you more interested to get to know her better, I don't know what else would!

Let's get more serious.

She is the first and youngest Lady Governor from Area 3; and the third member from the Rotary Club of Ormoc to become a Governor. She graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Secondary Education with a distinction of Cum Laude from the prestigious University of the Philippines – Diliman in 1992. She completed her Masters in Educational Leadership with distinction from the 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 of 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 the Rotary Year 2009-2010. Beyond the club level, she assumed various district positions such as: Assistant Governor, District Secretary, Internet and Communications Officer, Deputy for Special Projects, Community Service Chair, Stewardship Chair, Grants Chair for three years; (now that is not an easy task there), and last but not the least, 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. She 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 volunteers to learn more, grow more, and do more for the community they serve.

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

Need I say more? Let's hear it from her!

With pride, may I present to you, DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT ANNA LOUISA ABANES-BUMAGAT for her inspirational message!



Inspirational Message

Anna Louisa Abanes-Bumagat
District Governor-Elect, District 3860

To the officers, directors, members, spouses, partners, and friends of the Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan; the past, present and future district officers; Life-changing Presidents officers in attendance; and our dear Rotaractors; good afternoon!



It is an honor and privilege to be invited to speak to this inspiring group of dedicated and passionate Rotarians on the occasion of your 11th Induction and Handover Ceremonies!

Allow me to start with a story. As you very well know by now, I come from the city of Ormoc, which was heavily battered by super typhoon Yolanda in 2013. I was pregnant with my fourth child when it happened, and not knowing really how to move forward amidst the damages our family sustained in our properties, we were left with no other option than to help others who lost their homes, and worse, who had nothing to eat immediately following the typhoon.

In about a week's time after Yolanda, we decided to open a Soup Kitchen in one of the most badly-damaged areas with the help and assistance of our sister clubs from Manila who came all the way to Ormoc bringing with them huge pots and pans; eating utensils; and together, embarked on a massive feeding activity that fed 2,000 people a day.

I clearly remember the first day. Among the first to line up were small children, and you could clearly see from their faces it was the first non-canned food that touched their lips. A very tiny boy was squeezed amongst his bigger peers, so I took him aside and put food on his plate and asked him to sit on a chair.

Without a word, he wiped off the food in less than 5 minutes, and I placed a fresh serving on his plate, and this time he smiled saying, "Ma'am I should head back to our quarters and feed my grandmother who cannot walk to get food. Mobalik lang ko ha".

So, off he went. I didn't expect he would make good of his word to come back but he did; and he found me serving the rest of the adults. Then he tapped my hand to catch my attention and when I faced him; there on his hand, lay a one-peso coin. I asked what it was for and he said, ako bayad sa pagkaon Ma'am. Then my heart melted and I went away from the crowd and cried.

Here was a young, innocent boy who showed gratitude in the simplest way he knows how. And I realized that more than the hot meal that the Rotarians offered that day, it signaled the beginning of HOPE. Everyday thereafter, he and his now army of friends, would look for me. They would flash their brightest smiles amidst the sweltering heat and eat their food as they usually do, under the shade of the trees, and come back for a second serving. Later on, they helped us in the kitchen with simple tasks their little hands could manage

My fellow Rotarians, sometimes it is easy to forget why we are in Rotary and why we do the things we do in the name of service. Sometimes, it takes someone else to remind us that even our simplest acts of kindness mean the world for others.

Today, it is more vital than ever to put SERVICE at the center of everything we do. When we look back at everything that has transpired throughout the world this past year, we are more compelled to align our club's goals to Rotary's Action plan and achieve Rotary's visions for the future.

To INCREASE YOUR IMPACT, I encourage you to continue supporting The Rotary Foundation and help us achieve a polio-free world. I also urge you to continue the good that you do with your high-impact service initiatives in the seven areas of focus with our One Rotary, One District Rotary Days of Service.

In EXPANDING YOUR REACH, I ask that you prioritize membership by growing more so there will be more hands to DO MORE Rotary work. As people of action, share the success stories of your club by highlighting them in social media. Spread the good word how your club is creating a more humane world.

And while you set your sights on membership and mentoring the future leaders of your club, I hope you also put the spotlight on ENGAGING YOUR MEMBERS by ensuring that all members will have a meaningful Rotary experience. I urge you to be flexible in the way you conduct your meetings; the purpose of your meetings; and on your attendance rules.

And finally, our fourth priority is increasing our ability to ADAPT to the everchanging landscape of the "new Rotary". Our world is getting smaller and smaller, increasingly more digital, and undergoing constant change.

Technological advancements follow one another ever more rapidly and the life cycles of organizations and teams are getting shorter. We can all sense it; what is considered new and successful today, might be obsolete tomorrow.

In a changing world, the only constant is change itself. And this is particularly true for organizations such as Rotary.

I know how tough it can be with challenges in internet connectivity but I am sure that whatever little inconveniences we encounter with online meetings, is nothing compared to the joy and fulfillment you will experience by being there for someone who needs your care, your kindness, and your empathy as Rotarians.

RI President Shekhar's mantra is "Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth".

How about you? Why are you in Rotary? What is Rotary to you?



In seeking our own answers for this path we chose we discover about our own MEANINGFULNESS as one of the areas of life's satisfaction. No one gets motivated to act unless there is a meaning behind what and why we do Rotary.

AS you continue to find your OWN MEANING as a Rotarian, relive your Rotary moments – it could be a service project that created a great sense of personal fulfillment; or a project beneficiary who expressed gratefulness for your service.

Name just one magical moment that gave you that AHA moment...that one grand experience that made you say, "I am a proud Rotarian."

As you relive your Rotary moment in your mind, allow me to continue my story earlier.

Because of the soup kitchen that we initiated, more and more Rotarians from outside the district saw the need to rebuild schools and so from cooking, we went into the second phase of post-disaster rehabilitation. The work was very challenging with the many accountability measures we had to comply with.

But after everything was settled, we counted our blessings – 220 classrooms and daycare centers repaired; 2 global grant projects conducted; and 2 livelihood projects -- all in a span of 1 year. But the greatest blessing was gaining more friends in the many faces of Rotarians who came to Ormoc to help.

At this point, I would like to ask all of you to extend your unequivocal support to President Rosalyn, and her officers and directors; and work together to realize your goals for a bigger, better and bolder club. Help her and her team in making this year the BEST YEAR of the Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan. Her success is also your club's success, so be there when that happens!

You have decided at some point to join Rotary and wear that Rotary pin. So, march on with courage and determination and together, let us serve to change lives!

Thank you very much for inviting me today in your 11th induction and handover ceremonies. Congratulations and I wish you all the best this coming Rotary year!

Profile of

Danielle Kirsten N. Cortel BSIT-III, Ateneo de Davao University

Good afternoon everyone! Today I have been given the task of introducing this wonderful person to you which is both a great honor and a privilege. Once you know what kind of person she is, who she is may not come as a surprise to you at all and let me tell you why;

She graduated with a Bachelor in Elementary Education with Specialization in English as Cum Laude at Philippine Normal University (Agusan Campus) in March, 1995. She also completed Master of Arts in Special Education at Philippine Normal University, Manila Campus. Back in October 2009, she was able to finish Master of Arts in Educational Management at Father Saturnino Urios University and in the same university, she is currently writing her dissertation leading to the degree Doctor of Management Major in Organizational Development.

And all of these add up to her work experience as well as she taught while taking on the roles of an English Coordinator and Journalism Adviser during her stay at Enfant Cheri Study Centre, Inc. from 1995 to 2001. She also experienced working under the Department of Education teaching in Butuan City Elementary School SPED Center handling Fast Learners from 2001 up to 2003. At present, she is the Principal of Rainbow of Angels Learning Center Inc.

But more than this, she is a doting mother to her two children, a loving wife to her husband, and a family woman.

Ladies, gentlemen, and to my non-binary friends, I am proud to presentto you – my mama, your incoming president of Rotary Club Midtown Butuan – Rosalyn N. Cortel.



Rosalyn N. Cortel
President,
RC of Midtown Butuan
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Acceptance Speech

District Governor Rodel Riezl S. Reyes, District Governor-Elect Anna Louisa A. Bumagat, District Secretary Cary H. Beatisula, District Membership Committee Chair Jose Fotunato Uy, Distict Polio SubCommittee Chair Enrique G. Andres, Incoming District Secretary Caroline L. Andrade, Incoming Chief of Staff Jonathan F. Tse, Asst. Governors, Incoming Asst. Governors, Transforming Presidents and Life-Changing Presidents-Elect, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Guests...Good afternoon!

Rotary has a great impact on the way I live. I could vividly remember when I was an elementary student, I used to walk 3 kilometers from our house to the school. Everyday I passed by that big billboard with wheel and four principles printed in bold letters. I couldn't help but read it everyday because you know when one walks that far, one has to find ways to make the 3-km walk enjoyable and productive. Another factor that prompted me to read is that they're big. They caught my attention. And it's also a landmark - I know that I was almost in the school....I read until such time I memorized them by heart. Those lines on the billboard was the Four-Way Test. Such simple words but very beautiful in meaning that they became my guiding principles in life. When someone would tell me something, I would ask myself, "Is it the truth?" If it's not then I don't entertain it. If it passed the first test, I shall ask the second and third, "Is it fair for him, her or for eveyone? Will it be beneficial for all concerned? If not, why make things a mess. I love Winnie the Pooh, the cartoon character. He has a lot of aphorisms and one of my fave is, if you have nothing nice to say at all, then don't say anything at all. And the last test, "Will it build goodwill and better friendships? I always remember my mother who used to say to me, Relationship is far more greater than money, career, or power. They are like balls. Money is like a golf ball that when you toss it, however far it may reached, we can still find it. Career is like a basket ball that when one drops it, it bounces and one could

start with another dribble. But relationship is like a crystal ball that when we dropped it, it is so hard for us to mend the broken pieces.

I live everyday with the four-way test as my guiding principles but I do not know anything about Rotary. My concept then was for one to be able to join, one must be affluent – someone who should have so much financially in life for one to be able to join charity organizations like this. Until such time PAG Tess Salise together with Rtn. Emily invited me to join. I refused at first but she was so persistent that I thought, I should give it a try and the rest is history. So, thanks to PAG Tess.

And my concept of Rotary was totally changed, Now, I believe that everyone - regardless of status, race, culture, age, gender, and even idiosyncracies, has the ability to help. I remember RI President Shekar Metah's speech during the PETS-SETS and I quote one line, "Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'

Moving forward, little did I know that God has this plan for me to lead the group this Rotary year. I have this fear at first if I can do it but looking how supportive the Midtowners are, I worry no more. Over the years, there is also this unwritten culture of Midtowners to survive against all odds and to rise above the challenge...and I love that.

In addition, I am confident because

- ·I have my co-Midtowners whose passion to serve is like a flame that radiates in the night;
- ·I have brilliant mentors in RCMB and Area 3I and 3J who will guide me in my journey this Rotary year. They truly embody service above self;
- ·And lastly, I can count on the District officers, Gov. Riz, and DGE Anna I look forward to work with her, experience her type of leadership, and be under her tutelage. They would be like wind to help me flap my wings and steer me in the right direction.

With all of these, I Rosalyn N. Cortel, humbly accept the responsibilities, along with the challenges of being the Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan President.

Thank you for the trust and for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals. This RY 2021-2022, I am ready to rock, to roll, ug motumbling pa jud.

Good day again everyone!

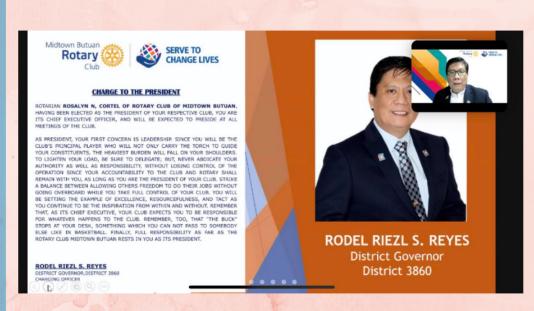


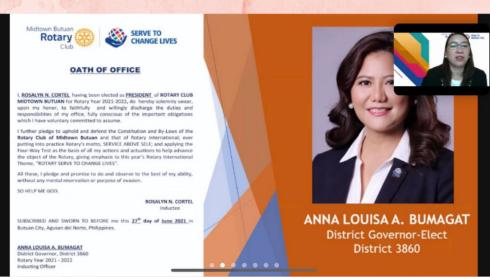
Rosalyn N. Cortel
President
Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan

Induction Ceremony of Life-Changing President Rosalyn N. Corte

For the 1st time in the history of Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan the Incoming President was Charged and Inducted by 2 District Governors of District 3860.

She was charged no less than by District Governor Rodel Riezl S. Reyes and inducted into office by Incoming District Governor Anna Louisa A. Bumagat.













The Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan would like to thank the 2 District Governors,
District Officers and Presidents for gracing the event...



























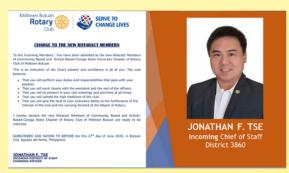








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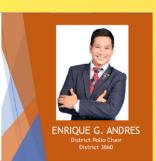








PRESENTATION, CHARGING & INDUCTION OF ROTARACT CLUB OF **MIDTOWN BUTUAN -COMMUNITY BASED** OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS





Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES CHARGE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS















Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES JULIUS J. SANTA ANA







Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES RONIEBELL C. RESANE







GEMREN D. MADELO

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REA CHRISTINE A. BUCAYON



Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES JOY MARIZ D. OTERO COMMUNITY SERVICE



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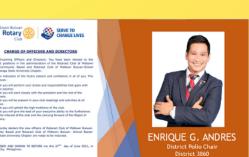
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PUBLIC IMAGE DIRECTOR









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ROSALYN N. CORTEL, PHF PRESIDENT R.Y. 2021-2022

MYRNA O. MANDAWE, PHF

PRESIDENT NOMINEE

R.Y. 2023-2024











Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES





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PRESIDENT-ELECT R.Y. 2022-2023

















RODA ANTONETTE B. DAVID, PHF

Rotary Serve to CHANGE LIVES





RIZALINA P. DELA PEÑA, PHF CLUB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY





JERNALITA P. SILAGA, PHF

PRESIDENT DESIGNATE

R.Y. 2024-2025





Rotary Serve to Change Lives



















MERCEDITHA P.POCULAN, PHF+1 PROTOCOL OFFICER



MARILYN V. VILLADOLID, PHF SGT. AT ARMS



































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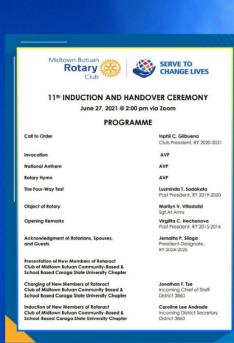




LUZMINDA T. SADAKATA, PHF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR



Rotary Club of Midtown **Butuan would** like to present the Incoming **Presidents for** the next three (3) Rotary Years.



11th Induction and Handover Ceremony **Programme**







DICK VICTOR B. CARMONA President-Elect RY 2022-2023







JORGE P. SILAGA President Designate RY 2024-2025







MYRNA O. MANDAWE President Nominee RY 2023-2024

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Induction of Rotaract Clubs of Midtown Butuan Officers (Community-Based and School Based Caraga State University Chapter)

Presentation of Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan President

Charging of Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan President

Induction of Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan President

Presentation of Officers and Directors

Induction of Club Officers and Directors

Roda Antonette G. David Club Secretary

Rizalina P. dela Peña Club Executive Secretary

Teresita Muriel Corvera-Si Asst. Governor, Area 3.1

Danielle Kirsten N. Cortel

Rodel Riezi S. Reyes District Governor District 3860

Anna Louisa A. Burnagal District Governor-Elect District 3860 Grace Y. Gaborno Past President, RY 2014-2015

Rosalyn N. Cortel Club President, RY 2021-2022

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Elizabeth Marie R. Calo Past Assistant Governor, R.Y. 2017-2018

Anna Louisa A. Burnagat District Governor-Elect District 3860

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Liza B. Carlobos Club Treasurer Dick Victor B. Carmona President-Elect, RY 2022-2023





























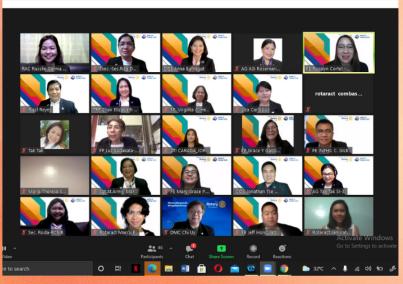








VIRTUAL SHOTS
DURING THE **11TH**INDUCTION AND
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CEREMONY





Marcelino P. Bernados , Rotaract School Based-CSU President on his W-O-W performance.



