



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

*Together, We,  
Create Hope In  
The World !*

Together, as members of the Rotary Club of Midtown Butuan, we stand united in our commitment to creating hope in the world. With unwavering dedication and a shared sense of purpose, we are prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

As we embark on this new Rotary year, we recognize the importance of our collective efforts in making a positive impact in our community and beyond. Through our service projects, initiatives, and collaborative endeavors, we aim to inspire hope, foster resilience, and effect meaningful change.

With compassion as our guiding principle, we are prepared to address the pressing needs and issues facing our society, whether it be promoting education, alleviating poverty, supporting healthcare initiatives, or championing environmental sustainability.



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Together, we believe in the transformative power of service above self. By working together, we amplify our impact, empower those in need, and create a brighter future for all.

As we navigate the challenges and uncertainties ahead, let us draw strength from our shared values and the spirit of Rotary. Together, we have the strength, the determination, and the passion to overcome any obstacle and make a difference in the lives of others.

Together, we create hope in the world, one act of service at a time.







# Brigada Eskwela 2023



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Romualdez Central Elementary School  
RTR, Agusan del Norte  
August 12, 2023 | 9:00 am

The Area 3I and Area 3J joined Brigada Eskwela'23 at Romualdez Central Elementary School in RTR, Agusan del Norte last August 12, 2023 at 9:00 am. This activity aimed to prepare the school for the upcoming opening of classes on August 29, 2023. Two units of grass cutters were given to the school.

The activity was attended by Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotarian spouses, and the school stakeholders. Rotary Club of Downtown Butuan was the lead club of the area service project.

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- #HopeCreatingYear
- #RID3860
- #RotaryInternational
- #SparklewithTWINKLE
- #BasicEducationandLiteracy





The Rotary Clubs in Area 3I and 3J are helping out with Brigada Eskwela. Brigada Eskwela is all about communities working together for a common goal. It's a program started by the Department of Education to emphasize that educating Filipino youth is everyone's responsibility. Since the government offers free and good quality education, schools and communities play a big role in making sure students attend, stay, and learn well in school.

Back in 1998, the "Adopt-A-School Act" (Republic Act 8525) was created to encourage volunteerism and partnerships for education. Through this Act, private companies and professionals can help improve public schools, and they get tax benefits for their contributions. Then in May 2003, the Department of Education launched the National Schools Maintenance Week, also known as Brigada Eskwela.

Over time, Brigada Eskwela has become more than just cleaning and beautifying schools. It's now a joyful event where students, teachers, parents, community members, local officials, NGOs, church groups, and businesses all come together.



Even after 19 years, the program still gets strong support from different parts of the community. It's a great example of how public and private groups can work together to help schools get ready for the new school year. Brigada Eskwela shows how local communities can help improve education across the Philippines.



## Rotaracts: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Today

As Rotaracts prepare to transition into the world of Rotarians, they undergo a transformative journey that equips them with the skills, knowledge, and leadership qualities necessary to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.

During their time in Rotaract, young leaders are provided with unique opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as hands-on experience in service projects and initiatives. Through mentorship, training programs, and participation in club activities, Rotaracts develop essential leadership skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and project management.

Furthermore, Rotaracts are encouraged to embrace Rotary's core values of service, integrity, diversity, and leadership, which serve as guiding principles in their journey towards becoming Rotarians. They learn the importance of ethical leadership, community engagement, and the power of collaboration in addressing local and global challenges.

As Rotaracts prepare to transition into Rotarians, they are inspired by the example set by Rotary's longstanding commitment to service above self. They recognize the responsibility that comes with membership in Rotary and are eager to continue the organization's legacy of making a positive difference in the world.

With their passion, dedication, and commitment to service, Rotaractors are well-prepared to step into the world as Rotarians. They bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a strong sense of purpose to Rotary, enriching the organization and strengthening its impact on communities worldwide.

As they embark on this new chapter in their Rotary journey, Rotaracts carry with them the values, principles, and experiences gained during their time in Rotaract.

They are ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of becoming Rotarians, to lead with compassion, and to continue creating *HOPE* and positive change in the world.

