

Rotary Week 2024: 119th Anniversary of Rotary International

Rotary Week Kick-Off Activities:

- * Thanksgiving Mass at SM Events Center
 - * Motorcade
- February 18, 2024

The Rotary Week commenced with a series of engaging activities, beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass held at the SM Events Center, followed by a spirited Motorcade on February 18, 2024.

Notable attendees included President Jennifer Marie Alaba, DT Rosalyn Cortel, DNGS Taktak Corvera, accompanied by spouse Alvin, Marilyn Villadolid, Divina Domingo, Evangeline Alegado with spouse Johan, PP Virgilita Hechanova, and a dedicated team of Rotaractors led by Rotaract President Erika Cañedo, Carlos Marfori, JP Goloran Guergio, and Rotaract President Elect Novem.

The event was graced by the presence of Assistant Governor Ryan Jae Yap of Area 3J, alongside the Host Club led by President Marian of RC Butuan North. The event was represented by 8 clubs of Area 3I and 3J, who enthusiastically joined in the festivities, fostering the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie. Create hope in the world.

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JOB Fair: Constructing Your Future
February 22, 2024 | 9:00 - 5:00 pm
SM Events Center

The kick-off event for Rotary Week is the "JOB Fair: Constructing Your Future."

In celebration of the Rotary Week, the Area 3I and 3J conducted a job fair aimed at connecting job seekers with various employment opportunities. This event served as a platform for individuals to interact with companies from diverse industries.

The job fair is hosted by Rotary Club of Butuan East Central and attended by Rotarians from eight clubs under Area 3I and Area 3J. Seven Rotarians from RC Midtown Butuan attended the said activity.

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The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P. Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, United States, at Harris's friend Gustave Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer and freemason, Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting. The members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

Rotary Week Culmination

February 25, 2024 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Champion Badminton Court
Butuan City



The Rotary Week concluded with a bang after a spectacular kick-off celebration, which began with a heartwarming Thanksgiving Mass held at SM City. Attended by the eight clubs of Area 3I and 3J, the event was graced by the Assistant Governors Joel Lobrino of Area 3I and Ryan Jae Yap of Area 3J, alongside the inspiring Hope Creating Presidents from the eight clubs. Following the Mass, a vibrant motorcade procession took place, culminating at the sport complex.

Throughout the week, a Job Fair was hosted by RC of Butuan East Central under the leadership of President Levy Navarro. The festivities reached their peak last Saturday with an exciting culmination event, featuring a thrilling badminton tournament followed by energetic sessions of Zumba and engaging Squid Games. These captivating activities were spearheaded by President James of RC Uptown Butuan.



As the week came to an end, the spirit of camaraderie and achievement was celebrated through the presentation of certificates of appreciation to all participating clubs, including the host club. Indeed, it was a memorable week filled with joy and unity, embodying the essence of Rotary's enduring mission to create Hope in the World.



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Whether it's the competitive thrill of badminton or the joyous rhythm of Zumba, each activity fosters a sense of vitality and well-being, inviting individuals to engage both body and spirit in exhilarating action.



PAG Elizabeth Marie R Calo and DNGS Taktak Corvera deftly maneuver, their racquets poised for action.