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### **9TH REGULAR MEETING** SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

### Yrogramme

Host / Moderator	PP Joe Lucas
I. Call To Order	Prexy Joshua Salazar
Rotary Grace & Philippine National Anthem	PP Jugger Llido
Rotary Hymn	PP Ed Dumaran
Declaration of Rotary Code of Conduct	Director Richard Bacquiano
Welcome Song to Governor	CP/PAG Zenn Zuzon
Introduction of Rotarians & Visiting Guest	CP/PAG Zenn Zuzon
II. Secretary's Report	Sec. Paolo Acharon
III. Introduction of District Governor	Prexy Joshua Salazar
IV. Assessment & Counselling by the District Governor	District Gov. Philip Tan
V. Open Forum	PP Joe Lucas
VI. Introduction of New Members	CP/PAG Zenn Zuzon
Induction of New Members	District Gov. Philip Tan
VII. President's Response	Prexy Joshua Salazar
VIII. Other Matters	Prexy Joshua Salazar
IX. Adjournment	Prexy Joshua Salazar

#### **Reminder:**

September 15—District wide Coastal Clean-up and Mangrove tree planting

#### Editorial Board

PAOLO S. ACHARON Editor - in - Chief

CONTRIBUTOR Prexy Jan Joshua Salazar CP/CPAG Zenn Zuzon Secretary Paolo Acharon Treasurer Mar Yap PP Joe Lucas PP Noel Ninte



#### **ROTARY GRACE**

Lord, we invoke the blessing upon this meeting and on people of goodwill every where. May we prove ourselves worthy citizens of our country. Devoted to truth, sincere in fellowship, given to service, and confident in steadfast faith. Preserve us faithful to these ideals. Let us stand firm when the fight is hard. Give us strength sufficient for this day. Make us as

big as our problems and to stay bigger than our responsibilities. God help us to live up to our capabilities. Amen.



## **ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT**

### AS A ROTARIAN I WILL :

- Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
- Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
- Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
- Be fair in all our dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
- Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
- Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the qualify of life in my community
- Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
- Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship





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## **Sunshine Greetings**



### September 11—Ann Lily Yap, Spouse of Treas. Mar Yap

### September 14-Ann Nikka Acharon,

Spouse of Sec. Paolo Acharon

### **ATTENDANCE & MAKE-UP CARD**

Rotarian	Rotary Club of
Classification	Position

Please give this Rotarian Attendance credit for attending the Regular Fellowship meeting last \_\_\_\_\_.

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# **The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

THE OBJECT OF THE ROTARY

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

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- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding,

goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



#### THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL
   & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Russell-Hampton Co. Item #R89805M

Club Secretary Paolo Acharon
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#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Here in the United States, another summer is winding down. And for the Maloney family, every summer ends with a return to my hometown of Ridgway, Illinois, for the annual Popcorn Day festival, where I am honored to serve as the "Popcorn King," the master of ceremonies for the day's events.

Regardless of the season, every family has its own traditions. I would like to suggest a new one for yours: Find an opportunity to introduce your family to Rotary. One of my family's traditions is to take our daughters and grandsons to the Rotary International Convention. The 2020 convention in Honolulu will be a wonderful way to introduce your children and grandchildren to the internationality of Rotary. We are planning many family-oriented events for everyone to enjoy.

Any time is a fabulous time to bring family members on a Rotary service project or to a fundraising event. But perhaps you have not seen many family-friendly events at your club. That is precisely why one of my top priorities this year is to make most Rotary events welcoming to family members.

We must foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with family, but complements it. We should never expect our members to choose between the two. That means being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.

Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21stcentury service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as *Rotary Connects the World*.



MARK DANIEL MALONEY President, Rotary International 2019-2020



### JOE - KINGLY YOURS





PP Joe G. Lucas

#### MISS UNIVERSE INTRODUCTION

Miss Hungary: Gutom ako, gutom ka, gutom tayong lahat HUNGARY!! Miss Haiti: Seventy eight, seventy nine HAITI!! Miss Kenya: Hindi sa'yo, hindi sa'kin.. KENYA!! Miss Nepal: Hindi naman kausap, sabat ng sabat.. NEPAL!! At syempre.. Miss Philippines: Mula sa lupaing mahal ang bigas at maraming mandurugas... PILIPINAS!!

#### NURSERY ROOM

Sa harap ng nursery window sa isang maternity hospital.

KAIBIGAN: Pare, pag laki ng anak mo, palagay ko magaling mag-drive DAD: Bakit, pare, malaki ba ang kamay?

KAIBIGAN: Hindi pare, kasi parang kamukha siya ng drayber ninyo!







### Zenncerely yours...



#### CP/PAG Zenn Zuzon

Today September 10, 2019 is a very significant day to our dear club Rotary Club of RC Midtown General Santos and its members. After a hectic but successful visitation to other clubs in our District 3860, District Governor Phil-

ip N. Tan is with us today. This is his first official visit as the highest ranking officer of Rotary International District 3860. We expect to learn and benefit from his counsel and suggestions. He is here as our mentor, friend to provide us directions in the various thrust of our Rotary International President Mark Maloney.

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Our District Governor is also here to hear from our Club President and the Directors of all the avenues of service, our plans and objectives. We also expect District Governor Philip to share with us his personal insights and perspective on how we can best serve our community, the Rotary way.

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**Hugot**... The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship. It is the the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship.

**Paningit**.... There is always a place where you can touch a woman that will drive her crazy!..... Her heart..

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### DG Philip N. Tan

Our **District Governor's** becoming a Rotarian is one for the books. Upon the invitation of a drinking buddy, he unknowingly accepted with his innocence

that drinks and food are free during Rotary meetings. That was in 2000 and the rest they say is history.

Convinced of the ideals and principles of Rotary, he became **CON-NECTED** as an active member and eventually became the **45th President** of the **Rotary Club of Cebu West**, seven years after his induction. His stint as President gave honor to his Club with the following recognitions: **Area 1-C Most outstanding Club President** and **Highest TRF Contribution**, **District's Outstanding Club** 

**Secretary** and the most prestigious **Rotary International Presidential Ci-tation**.

Through the years, he has transcended his leadership from the **Club** to the **District** level, serving Rotary in various **major** positions, amongst others as **Assistant Governor**, **District Trainer**, **District Secretary**, **District Finance Chair**, **Paul Harris Fundraising Chair** and the latest **Chairmanship** of **District Rotary Foundation Committee** (**DRFC**).

He also put his money where his mouth is -- He is a Paul Harris Society member and a Major Donor. He believes that this financial contribution demonstrates his commitment to serve others.

Aside from being a **Rotarian**, he is also actively involved in other socio-civic and religious organizations. He is currently the **Vice Chair** -**Visayas** of Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP); Board of Regents of Cebu Technological University (CTU), a certified Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), Past President of the Mandaue Chamber (MCCI) and eleven other prestigious civic, religious and non-governmental organizations, both local and national.









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pines and South East Asia.

ber of the Rotary Club of Cebu Port Center.

His dedication to serve the country was twice recognized by for-

As an entrepreneur, he started his micro business from

A servant leader, he is happily married to spouse *Judith*, raising

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scratch with limited financial resources and no formal education in **Engineering**. Slowly but surely, he brought his company to success without sacrificing the betterment of his employees, which includes **PWD's**. He is the founding **Chairman**, **President & Chief Executive** 

Officer of Wellmade Motors & Development Corporation, an ISO-9001:2015 international certification in respect for its quality management system, manufacturing and metalworking technologies, with subsidiary companies, joint ventures and franchisees in the Philip-

four children and with their first newly born 4th generation grandson. His eldest son, *Jeffrey*, is also an awarded **Rotarian** and an active mem-

mer President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, for promoting productivity and innovations in his advocacy and contributions that benefited businesses groups, government agencies, LGU's and particularly, the Department of Labor and Employment. In 2014, former President Benigno Aquino III appointed him as one of the Management Representative to the *Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board of DOLE Region 7*. In 2016, *SGV / Ernst and Young* awarded him *INNOVATION ENTREPRE-NEUR OF THE YEAR* in the Philippines. He was conferred the honorary degree as Doctor of Philosophy in Technology Management by Cebu Technological University, with concurrence by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for strengthening Vocational TechnologVOLUME 27 | ISSUE 07 | SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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## **ROTARIAN PROFILE**





Rotary Year 2019-2020 Club No. 29494 | Area 3F Date Chartered : May 25, 1993 Schedule of Meeting: Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m Venue: Hotel San Marco, Laurel East, General Santos City Website: https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Midtown-

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

#### ROTARY CLUB OF MIDTOWN GENERAL SANTOS SET OF OFFICERS RY 2019 - 2020

#### JAN JOSHUA RAY D. SALAZAR President

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MARCELO YAP Treasurer ROY ANGELO MALALUAN Auditor

**DESIDERIO ALABA** Sgt. at Arms

**ROBERTO BALLENA JR.** President Nominee

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**ERIC UY JR.** Public Image **ZENELITO ZUZON** The Rotary Foundation

ROMAN SALAZAR RA Banner Projects E

**RAYMUND SALAZAR** End Polio Foundation **ROGER RIVERA** Special Projects

MARCELO YAP

Midtown Foundation

**JAMES CARPE** 

Protocol Officer

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## **ABOUT US**

#### WHO WE ARE

Chartered in 1993, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos is home to more than 30 community-minded individuals dedicated to serving above self and participating in Rotary International's mission to promote understanding, goodwill, and world peace.

#### OUR MISSION

To change lives in our local and world communities through service and financial support.

#### OUR VISION

To cultivate a dynamic membership that enhances our club values to serve our local and world communities, providing systemic and enduring change.

#### OUR CORE VALUES

- *Rotary Belongingness* When we work together, we are a hundred times stronger. We are of and for each other; and stand for our unified ideals.
- *Caring Relationship* We love, trust and respect each other and our spouses. We believe that when our relationship is strong, we become unbreakable.
- **Joyful Service** We do not carry service as a burden because we take passion in doing so. This makes all our endeavors joyful and whole-hearted.
- **Cheerful Giving** We give with devotion and without tire. We do not seek reward because the act of giving itself is what makes us happy.









## **ROSTER OF MEMBERS**

No.	ID No.	Name	TRF	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
1	10125797	ACHARON, PAOLO JAY S.		Legal Services	NIKKA
2	2429389	ACHARON, PEDRO JR. B.	PHF+4	Engineering - Civil Works	ROSE
3		AGDUMA, FLORANTE II		Construction	HAZEL
4	9673340	ALABA, DESIDERIO		Military Service (Retired)	CHA
5		ALFAFARA, DOMINIC P.		Dentistry	MARLYN
6	10157452	BACQUIANO, RICHARD		Construction Aggregates Supplier	JENNIFER
7	7020058	BALINGBING, SONNY		Engineering Equipment Distribution	
8	6985871	BALLENA, ROBERTO JR.	PHF	Petroleum Products Dis- tribution	MONETTE
9		BENZONAN, SUNNY		Hospitality Management	
10		CARIÑO, DENNIS		Nursing, Governement	
11	6634413	CARPE, JAMES	PHF	Construction	GINA
12		CRUZ, LESTER S.		Automotive	CHARINA
13	9191166	DACUT, CARLITO JR.	PHF	Pest Control Distribution	TATA
14		DIONISIO, GEOFFREY		Agri Buy and Sell	
15	9673335	DOMINGO, RENATO C.	PHF	Government Service	ARLENE
16	2137023	DUMARAN, IGNACIO	PHF	Petroleum Products Dis- tribution	VIOLETA
17	8242544	GAMALO, VENANCIO JR.,A.	PHF	Pharmaceutical Distribu- tion	ANITA
18	2137027	GANADOS, CARLOS SR., R.		Pension House Services	TASING
19	9673803	LABUTONG, ORLANDO E.		Military Service (Retired)	NATIVIDAD
20	6460921	LLIDO, JUGGER C.		Real Estate Management	EDA JANE
21	2137036	LUCAS, JOSE G.	PHF	Government Service (Retired)	ROMANA
22	6556163	MACOROL, PEDRO M.	PHF	Construction	PATRICIA





















No.	ID No.	Name	TRF	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
23		MADRIA, JOEY J.		Government Service	
24	10337047	MALALUAN, ROY ANGELO		Government Service	
25	10157457	MANLUTAC, JOSEPH		Poultry	JANET
26	9540466	MORACA, WILLIAM	HM	Elementary Education	EULALIA
27	3374219	NINTE, NOEL	PHF	Metal Craft Services	MARIETA
28		OCAT, FERNAN ANGELO		Nursing, Private	
29	2137043	OTANES, DALMACIO JR.		Security Management	JULIET
30	2137044	PASTOR, ROMEO D.		Medicine Practice	ANA
31	8510148	PEÑA, VICENTE		Legal Services	MELINDE
32	9190955	QUEJADA, LLOYD	PHF	Insurance	NANCY
33	6116769	RIVERA, RITCHIE	PHF	Tuna Canning Management	CECIL
34	6116769	RIVERA, ROGER E.	PHF+1	Aquaculture Business Man- agement	YOLANDA
35	9192438	SALAZAR, JAN JOSHUA RAY	PHF+2	Personal Health Care Services	
36	6179549	SALAZAR, MARK DOMINIC	PHF+1	Real Estate Management	
37	6198022	SALAZAR, RAY ANGELO	PHF	Repair Shop Management	MACEL
38	2137047	SALAZAR, RAYMUNDO L.	PHF+2	Civil Engineering Manage- ment	EDNA
39	2137048	SALAZAR, ROMAN L.	PHF+2	Government Service (Retired)	
40	2490805	SECHONG, RONNIE	PHF+3	Civil Engineering	HENA
41		SUPLICO, NESTOR S.		Government Service	JOSIE
42	3139031	TAPANG, ENRIQUE		Electrical Engineering Consul- tancy	CONCHITA
43		TELERON, GENUS NIÑO		Health Insurance, Gov.	
44	3139039	UY, ERICO FRANCISCO JR.		Motorcycle & Engine Parts Distri- bution	ELENA
45		UY, ERICO		Pharmacy	
46	2137058	YAP, MARCELO O.	PHF+1	Electronic Equipment	LILY
47	2137001	ZUZON, ZENELITO M.	PHF	Food Catering Services	ANGGING





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## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AND BENEFACTOR

DONOR	ROTARY ID	RECOGNITION LEVEL	ACHIEVED DATE	ORIGINAL PHF DATE
Pedro Busgano Acharon,	2429389	PHF+4	23-Apr-2019	14-Oct-2009
Ronnie B. Sechong	2490805	PHF+3	03-Dec-2018	17-Aug-2006
Manuel Fortunato Du Yaphockun	2429422	PHF+3	06-Sep-2017	30-Nov-1996
Orman Ortega Man- ansala	2429411	PHF+3	31-Oct-2017	2-Aug-2016
Jan Joshua Ray De Gra- cia Salazar	9192438	PHF+2	13-Jul-2019	24-Aug-2016
Raymundo Lasmarias Salazar	2137047	PHF+2	19-May-2010	7-Jul-2000
Roman L. Salazar	2137048	PHF+2	19-May-2010	20-Oct-2004
Clement L. Asencio	2137000	PHF+1	26-Aug-2009	17-Jul-2009
Renato B. Belga	5744180	PHF+1	24-Mar-2009	27-Oct-2007
Roger Estabillo Rivera	2137046	PHF+1	23-Aug-2018	2-Aug-2016
Marc Dominic U. Salazar	6179549	PHF+1	03-May-2012	19-May-2010
Marcelo Obligado Yap	2137058	PHF+1	31-Jan-2017	2-Aug-2016
Rosalinda A. Acharon	8186382	PHF	12-Sep-2017	
Arthur A. Aller	3443862	PHF	18-Oct-2005	
Roy Ballena	6985871	PHF	30-Jan-2019	
James Carpe	6634413	PHF	03-Dec-2018	
Carlito Osip Dacut, Jr.	9191166	PHF	13-Apr-2015	
Renato Cerbas Domingo	9673335	PHF	02-Aug-2016	
Ignacio S. Dumaran	2137023	PHF	24-Mar-2009	

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DONOR	ROTARY ID	RECOGNITION LEVEL	ACHIEVED DATE	ORIGINAL PHF DATE
Maribel A. Galindez	5640159	PHF	21-Dec-2001	
Venancio Jr. Albear Gamalo, Jr.	8242544	PHF	08-May-2019	
Jose Gabor Lucas	2137036	PHF	30-Sep-1999	
Pedro M. Macorol	6556163	PHF	16-May-2019	
Noel Tagle Ninte	3374219	PHF	31-Jan-2017	
Lloyd Sisneros Quejada	9190955	PHF	23-Apr-2019	
Ritche Chua Rivera	6116769	PHF	28-Jan-2005	
Corazon Salazar	8481970	PHF	10-May-2012	
Ray Angelo De Gracia Salazar	6198022	PHF	19-May-2010	
Lourdez Hena D. Sechong	6760447	PHF	17-Dec-2007	
Virginia Yap	9989150	PHF	12-Sep-2017	
Armi Aguilar Zuzon	10483079	PHF	25-Feb-2019	
Zenelito Manantan Zuzon	2137001	PHF	03-Dec-2018	



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## **PRESIDENT'S TIME**



#### Prexy Joshua Salazar

Good noon fellow Midtowners, welcome to our 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and Governors Visit. I would like to welcome our Guest of Honor District Governor of 3860 Gov. Philip Tan and company. He is with us on his Annual Governors visit. We confer with him on what we had planned for this Rotary Year, and what we have achieved so far.

I'm happy to report that our Challenges for the Membership has been met and surpassed as we have added 10 new members as of this time. This converts to a 30% increase from 35 to 45 members. Due to the fact that we have more young professionals joining, we

have decreased our average age on our membership.

Our End Polio Challenge have been met and surpassed, as pledges from the Tri To End Polio Event during the Ironman Cebu race participated by Rtn. Dennis Cariño and myself have raised more than P100,000 or \$2000. At the moment it is still increasing as pledges are still coming in. Let also show our commitment to End Polio and by adding to the pledges, and also by giving more to The Rotary Foundation as a PHF, PH Sustaining Member, or contributing to the EREY.

Also, as a gentle reminder, this September 15 is

our scheduled District wide Coastal Clean-up and Mangrove tree planting in Susana's Beach, where we will join the other clubs in our zone. We will text you all for the jump off time in the morning and where we will convene. We will have fellowship after this event. Please tag your spouses and let us wear our Rotary at Work shirt. Bring rubber boots, gardening tool,sacks.

Finally let us welcome Gov. Philip to our club in a good' old fashion Mid-town Fellowship.





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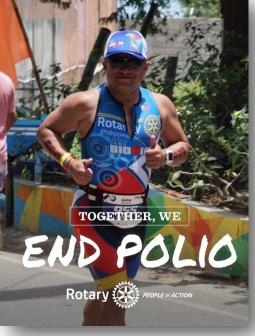


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# **IRONMAN TRI to End Polio**

### IRONMAN TRI to End Polio Now Pledges

#### AMOUNT PLEDGE

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٠	IPP JUN GAMALO	2,000.00
•	PP NOEL NINTE	1,000.00
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٠	VICE PRES. ROMY PASTOR	1,000.00
٠	PAG BOY RIVERA	1,000.00
•	RTN. NICK ALFAFARA	1,000.00
•	PP RONNIE SECHONG	2,000.00
•	RTN. BOYET MACOROL	1,000.00
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•	PP CARLING GANADOS	1,000.00
•	PP BOY OTANES	1,000.00
•	RTN. JOEY MADRIA	1,000.00
•	RTN. NESTOR SUPLICO	1,000.00
•	RTN. JAMES CARPE	1,000.00
•	PP JUN ACHARON	4,000.00
•	RTN. RAY ANGELO SALAZAR	5,000.00

• PREXY JAN JOSHUA RAY SALAZAR







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## What is polio?

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

#### Our goal



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent

since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

#### By the numbers

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- \$3 average cost to fully protect a child against polio
- 430 million children in total vaccinated in 39 countries in 2017
- \$100 million cost to conduct polio surveillance worldwide

Reference: <u>https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio</u>



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## **SECRETARY's REPORT**





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#### Secretary Paolo Acharon

Good day fellow Rotarians!

We are delighted to announce the arrival of DG Philip Tan and com-

pany for the annual Governor's Visit. Our club has already prepared for the requirements and most of all to inform our Governor of the readiness of the club in the implemmentation of Rotary's cause. Let us show our support!











John Dewey

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

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# Basic Education and Literacy Month MIDTOWNERS IN ACTION

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### More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is

not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

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Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

#### OUR IMPACT ON EDUCATION

The <u>**Rotary Foundation**</u> supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

