

THE CLUB 101

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Polomolok 101

Rotary
Club





Stephanie Urchick

Rotary International President's Message

MAY 2025

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn. — Stephanie Urchick

I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO

Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Celebrating Youth Service and a Remarkable District Convention

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, we are reminded of one of Rotary's most inspiring avenues of service — Youth Service Month. This is a time to recognize the power, potential, and promise of our youth. As Rotarians, we are called to nurture and empower the next generation of leaders through our support of Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and other youth-centered initiatives. By investing in our young people, we are investing in a brighter, more compassionate, and more sustainable future for all.



This month also marked a proud and memorable milestone in my Rotary journey. I am deeply honored and grateful to District Governor Caroline Andrade for presenting me with the Leadership Recognition Award during the recently concluded District Conference (DISCON) in Palo, Leyte. It was a humbling experience to be recognized among fellow leaders who share the same passion for service above self. It was a truly successful and memorable gathering of passionate Rotarians — filled with fellowship, learning, and celebration of service. The energy, unity, and dedication witnessed during the event remind us why we wear the Rotary pin with pride.

Let us carry this momentum forward as we continue to serve above self, inspire change, and champion the values that make Rotary a force for good in our communities and around the world.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Tomas Tonguia, Jr
President, Rotary Club of Polomolok 101



Editor's Note

Youth Service Month: Empowering the Next Generation Through Rotary

Every May, Rotary International dedicates its efforts to Youth Service Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the vital role young people play in shaping a better future. This month highlights Rotary's commitment to empowering youth through leadership development, community service, and global exchange programs.

Why May?

Rotary has long understood that investing in young leaders is essential for building stronger communities. May was chosen as Youth Service Month to encourage clubs worldwide to focus on youth-oriented programs such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), and Youth Exchange². These initiatives provide young individuals with opportunities to develop leadership skills, engage in meaningful service projects, and foster international understanding.

The Impact of Youth Service

Youth Service Month is more than just a celebration—it's a call to action. Rotary clubs use this time to:

- Support youth-led initiatives that address local and global challenges.
- Mentor young leaders to help them develop skills for personal and professional growth.
- Encourage community involvement through volunteerism and service projects.
- Promote international exchange programs that broaden perspectives and foster cultural understanding.

A Commitment to the Future

Youth Service Month serves as a reminder that young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow—they are changemakers today. By investing in their growth and development, Rotary ensures that communities continue to thrive with fresh ideas, innovative solutions, and a spirit of service.

As May unfolds, Rotary clubs worldwide reaffirm their dedication to empowering youth, fostering leadership, and creating a lasting impact through service.

In Rotary,

PAG MAY URBANO
Editor-in-Chief

TREASURER'S PAGE



by: Jade Rallos

A Gentle Reminder: Dues, Donations, and Dedication

As we approach the close of the Rotary year, I kindly encourage everyone to gradually settle any remaining dues. Let us strive to end the year with a clean slate—strong, united, and ready for the year ahead.

Beyond our club dues, let us also honor our shared commitment to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and the End Polio Fund. These contributions are not only part of our obligation as Rotarians, but they also reflect the spirit of service we pledged during our induction.

Each donation you make is credited to your personal TRF record and contributes to our club's collective impact. More importantly, your generosity helps fund life-changing projects around the world—advancing education, improving healthcare, promoting peace, and moving us closer to a polio-free world.

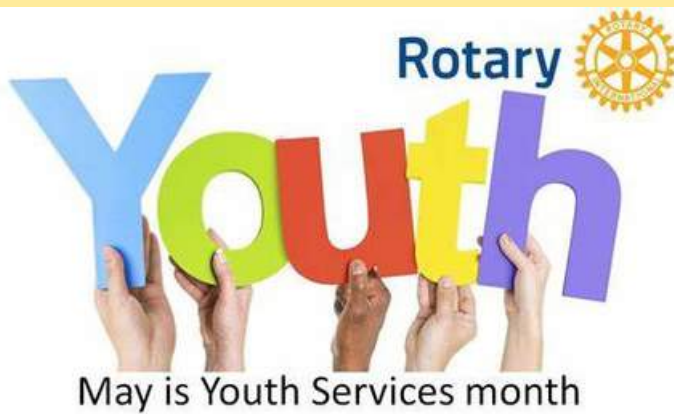
Let's continue to live the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." Every contribution counts, and together, we can do so much more.

With appreciation and in service,

Jade Rallos

Club Treasurer





YOUTH SERVICE MONTH: SHAPING FUTURE LEADERS THROUGH ROTARY

Youth service plays a crucial role in strengthening communities and shaping young individuals into responsible, compassionate leaders. Here are some key benefits:

1. Development of Life Skills

Engaging in community service helps young people develop essential life skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. These skills are valuable not only in service projects but also in academic and professional settings.

2. Strengthening Community Bonds

Youth participation in service fosters social cohesion by bridging generational gaps and promoting inclusivity among diverse groups. It encourages mutual respect and understanding, helping to build stronger, more connected communities.

3. Encouraging Civic Engagement

Young volunteers are more likely to remain engaged in civic activities as they grow older. Studies show that youth who volunteer are three times more likely to continue volunteering as adults. This creates a lifelong commitment to community improvement.

4. Positive Personal Growth

Volunteering enhances self-confidence, empathy, and resilience. It teaches young people to respect others, be helpful and kind, and understand different perspectives. These experiences contribute to their emotional and social development.

5. Academic and Career Advantages

Youth who engage in service tend to perform better in school and develop a strong work ethic. Additionally, volunteer experience can boost job prospects, as employers value candidates with real-world problem-solving and leadership experience.

6. Addressing Community Needs

Youth service directly impacts communities by tackling local challenges such as poverty, education gaps, environmental issues, and social inequality. Their fresh perspectives and innovative ideas contribute to meaningful change.

By encouraging youth to participate in service, communities benefit from their energy, creativity, and commitment to making the world a better place.



What is Rotaract?

Rotaract is a global network of young leaders dedicated to community service, professional development, and international understanding. Originally established in 1968 as a youth program under Rotary International, Rotaract has grown into an independent membership type within Rotary, allowing clubs to operate autonomously or in partnership with Rotary clubs.

Rotaract clubs bring together individuals aged 18 and older to engage in meaningful service projects, leadership training, and social activities. Members work on local and international initiatives, fostering positive change in their communities while building strong professional and personal connections.



With thousands of clubs worldwide, Rotaract empowers young adults to take action, develop leadership skills, and contribute to global peace and understanding. Whether organizing community outreach programs, supporting humanitarian efforts, or networking with professionals, Rotaractors embody the spirit of "Service Above Self".





ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Rotary Year 2024-2025

NAME

CLASSIFICATION

Acuesta, Maribel D.	"Bel"	PHF	Dental Services: Pediatrics
Alfeche, Nieven May V.	"Twinkle"	PHF	Hospital Services; CEO Secretary
Balano, Gladys D.	"Glad"	PHF	Registrar; Private
Bayan, Xavier J.	"Bobet"	PHF+3	Law; General Practice
Castaniaga, Lani A.	"Lan"	PHF	Management: Government Bank
Deypalan, Melani G.	"Mel"	PHF	Dental Services: Orthodontics
Gallinero, Omar S.	"Mar"	PHF+1	Management; Photography & Events
Gallinero, Charo Lyka B.	"Sweet"	PHF	Management; Nail Spa
Grino, Celema I.	"Cel"	PHF	Dental Services; Hospital
Ines, Alan M.	"Lan"	PHF+1	Administration; Private School
Jandic, Darnie F.	"Bing"	PHF+1	Management; Spa
Pineda, Rona F.	"Ron"	PHF	Management; Farm Resort & Restaurant
Rallos, Jade N.	"Jade"	PHF+3	Medical Technologist
Rallos, Rogelio Jr.	"Wang"	PHF+7	Medical Supplies Distribution
Sabellano, Ivie L.	"Ivie"	PHF	Management; Government Bank
Teoxon, Malou A.	"Lou"	PHF	Management: Travel & Tours
Tonguia, Tomas, Jr	"Tommy"	PHF	Management; Rice Retail
Urbano, Mayvelyn G.	"May"	PHF+2	Management: Restaurant Fast Food

NEW MEMBERS

de Guzman, Gina	"Gin"	Education; Tertiary
Gadian, Mary Nancy P.	"Nancy"	Maritime Consultant
Ileto, Rynel J.	"Rynz"	Management; Beauty Products
Labajo, Darlene Hannah C.	"Hannah"	Junior Executive Marketing
Labajo, Dolores, C.	"Dolly"	Management; Farm Resort
Tito, Rutcie	"Rutc"	Business Services

HONORARY MEMBERS

Ambat, Milbert C.
Rogers, Liza M.



HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS



CP OMAR GALLINERO

PHF+1

RY 2005-2006



PP ESPIE MALIWAT

RFSM+2

RY 2006-2007



PAG ALAN INES

PHF+1

RY 2007-2008



PP ROGELIO RALLOS JR

PHF+7

RY 2008-2009



PP MARIBEL ACUESTA

PHF

RY 2009-2010



PP XAVIER BAYAN

PHF+3

RY 2010-2011



GRACE SALAZAR

RFSM

RY 2011-2012



REY TRASPORTO

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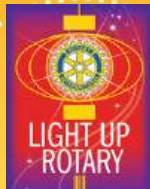
2012-2013



BENHUR DAPANAS

RFSM

2013-2014



PP REX MACHAN

RFSM

RY 2014-2015



PP CELEMA GRIÑO

PHF

RY 2015-2016



PAG MAYVELYN URBANO

PHF+2

RY 2016-2017



PP GLADYS BALANO

PHF

RY 2017-2018



PP MELANI DEYPALAN

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RY 2018-2019



PP FANNY FERNANDEZ

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RY 2019-2020



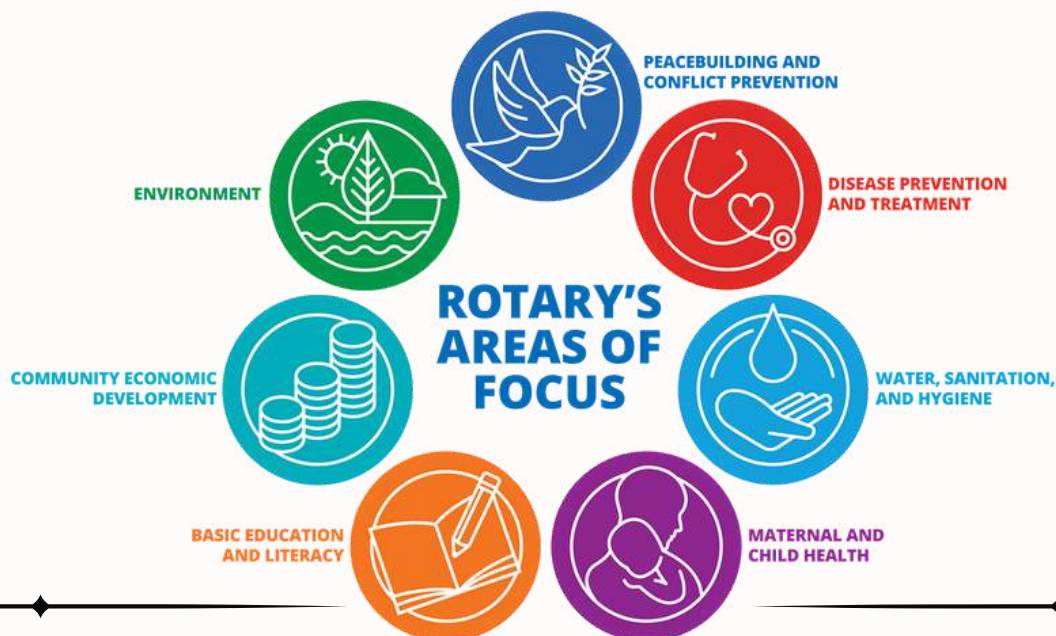
PP NIEVEN MAY ALFECHE

PHF

RY 2020-2021



HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS



SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS COMMITTEE CHAIR

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY-	PE GINA DE GUZMAN/RTN. NANCY GADIAN
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT-	PP MEL DEYPALAN/PP BEL ACUESTA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-	RTN RYNELL ILETO/PP FANNY FERNANDEZ
WATER & SANITATION-	RTN KLINCH BALCITA/VP TOMMY TONGUIA, JR
MATERNAL & CHILD-	RTN DOLORES LABAJO/RTN HANNAH LABAJO
PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION-	PP XAVIER BAYAN/PAG ALAN INES
ENVIRONMENT-	RTN RUTCIE TITO/ RTN MARK MULA



CELEBRATING SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP: ROTARY DISTRICT 3860 AREA 3FGH CULMINATION NIGHT

By PAG May Urbano

Against the stunning backdrop of Isla Jardin Del Mar in Glan, Sarangani, Presidents and Club Officers of Area 3FGH together with PDG Bing Garcia & DGND Edwin Valencia gathered for the Culmination Night on May 17-18, 2025—a celebration that was more than just an event; it was a testament to the deep connections and shared purpose within our Rotary family.

Laughter echoed through the night, stories were exchanged, and heartfelt moments reminded us of the friendships we've nurtured through service. The breathtaking ocean views and refreshing breeze set the perfect stage for this gathering, making every moment even more memorable. Of course, the delicious feast was enjoyed like family, a fitting reminder of the warmth and camaraderie we cherish in Rotary.

A special congratulations to Club President Tommy Tonguia and all the dedicated Presidents of Area 3FGH. Their leadership, commitment, and passion have truly shaped an inspiring and impactful Rotary year. You have led with heart, and your efforts have made a lasting difference.

As the night came to a close, it served as a beautiful reminder of why we serve, why we connect, and why we continue to uphold the spirit of "Service Above Self." Here's to fellowship, meaningful connections, and the unwavering Rotary spirit that will continue to guide us forward!

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



by: PP Cel Grino

JULY- MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

AUGUST- MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER- BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

**OCTOBER- COMMUNITY ECONOMIC &
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

NOVEMBER- ROTARY FOUNDATION

DECEMBER- DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

JANUARY- VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**FEBRUARY- PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT
RESOLUTION**

MARCH- WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

APRIL- ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

MAY- YOUTH SERVICE

JUNE- ROTARY FELLOWSHIP



The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101: A Legacy of Service

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 was officially chartered by Rotary International on August 31, 2005, through the dedicated efforts of its mother club, the Rotary Club of Midtown Gensan. While initial attempts to establish a Rotary club in Polomolok began as early as February 2003, it was only in January 2005 that persistence bore fruit. With the support of RC Midtown Gensan, Omar Gallinero was appointed as the club's Charter President, leading 25 charter members from diverse professional backgrounds. The club was established under the leadership of then-District Governor Len Magno of District 3860.

The number 101 in the club's name holds special significance. First, it marks the club's founding during Rotary International's 101st anniversary. Second, it represents the club's distinction as the 101st chartered club under District 3860.

Registered under District 3860, Area 3F with Club Number 70517, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to thrive, powered by a dedicated team of 25 committed individuals who embody the spirit of service above self.

Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

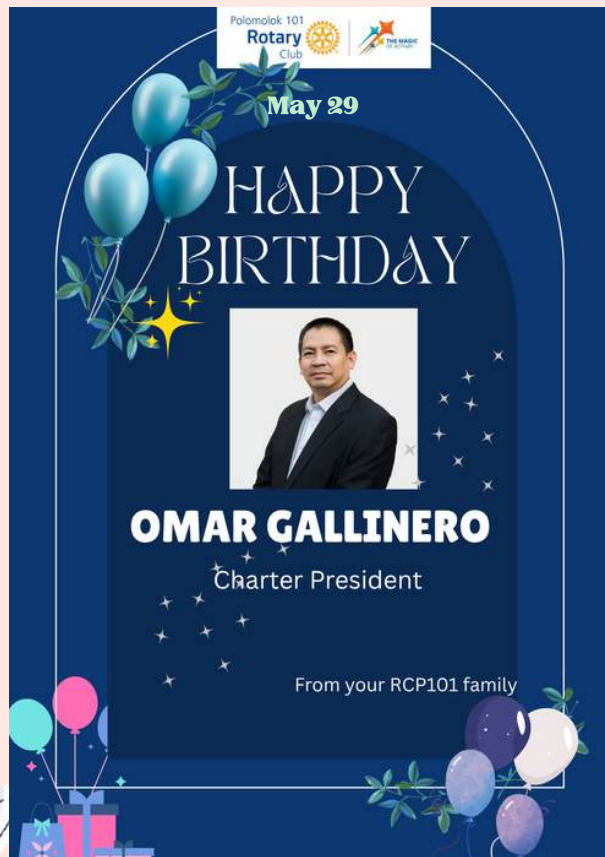
Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunshine Greetings!





**36th Membership Meeting
& Fellowship Night
May 13, 2025/6pm
Theresa's Tavern**

Call to Order

Invocation

**The Rotarian Pledge/
& 4 Way Test**

Pres. Tommy Tonguia

PP Gladys Balano

Rutcie Tito

President's Time.

Open Forum

Adjournment

Pres Tommy Tonguia

Pres. Tommy Tonguia

Moderator- PE Gina de Guzman



Invocation

Dear Lord, thank You for gathering us here today on our 36th Membership Meeting & Fellowship Night- Celebrating Mother's Day and thanksgiving birthday of Prexy Tom, Past Presidents Mel & Twinkle. We ask for Your guidance, wisdom, and support throughout this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion, allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bond of camaraderie. Fill us with Your grace, Oh Lord, as we make decisions that might affect our club. and continue to remind us that all we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of the truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask this in Your name. AMEN



The Rotarian Pledge

I am a Rotarian. I will always uphold the truth.

I am a Rotarian. I will always strive to be fair in all my dealings with my fellow human beings.

I am a Rotarian. I will always endeavor to build goodwill and understanding in my community. Among my countrymen, and among peoples of all nations.

I am a Rotarian. I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the spirit of Rotary service.

I am a Rotarian. I will always observe Rotary International's motto: Service Above Self.



Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

May 15, 2025- Bringing Hope and Relief: Rotary District 3860 Area 3FGH's WASH Project and Feeding Program for Purok Kulasi, Labangal Fire Victims

In times of hardship, kindness shines the brightest. Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 and other clubs of Area 3FGH, stood together to bring hope to the fire victims of Purok Kulasi, Labangal through a meaningful WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Project and a Feeding Program.

With hearts full of compassion, our Rotary family reached out to provide essential hygiene kits, helping affected families safeguard their well-being and prevent illness in the aftermath of devastation. Alongside this, we shared warm, nourishing meals—a small yet powerful gesture of comfort and care during this difficult time. This initiative was made possible by the unwavering dedication and generosity of the Rotary Clubs under Area 3FGH spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Midtown Gensan. To all Rotarians and their spouses who poured their time, effort, and love into this mission, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your kindness has touched lives and reminded these families that they are not alone.

Together, we continue to embody Rotary's noble mission of "Service Above Self," offering not just aid, but hope and humanity to those who need it most.



Rotaractors Reach a Milestone

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 extends its warm congratulations to four GSA school-based Rotaractors who graduated from college on May 20, 2025 at General Santos Academy—a significant achievement and a proud moment for the youth we continue to support.

These Rotaractors actively participated in various club initiatives. They took part in our Bloodletting activity as blood donors and contributed their time and effort during our "Revive the River" project, where they helped plant trees and clean the riverbanks—demonstrating true commitment to service.

As part of the recognition ceremony, Past President Bel Acuesta presented certificates of appreciation to acknowledge their meaningful involvement and dedication.



In line with Rotary's celebration of Youth Service Month in the month of May, the club remains committed to supporting and mentoring young individuals, helping them grow into responsible, service-oriented members of the community.

Recharged and Recommitted: A DISCON Experience to Remember



What an unforgettable and inspiring experience we had at DISCON 2025, held in the beautiful and historic town of Palo, Leyte on May 30-31, 2025. The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 proudly joined fellow Rotarians from across District 3860, representing Eastern Visayas and Mindanao, for two days of learning, celebration, and strengthened commitment to Service Above Self. The opening day, held at the Leyte Convention Complex, was filled with energy and excitement. One of the highlights was the State of the District Address delivered by our very own District Governor Caroline “Gov Caycay” Andrade.



Her inspiring message showcased the many accomplishments of the District — a testament to the impact of collective service and leadership. The day ended on a high note with a vibrant Fellowship Night, where Rotarians came alive in colorful, festival-inspired outfits. The evening was filled with laughter, music, and meaningful camaraderie that truly captured the spirit of Rotary.

Day Two continued the momentum with more engaging sessions, motivational speakers, and recognition of exemplary leaders. It was a transformative experience that deepened our understanding of Rotary’s mission and fueled our passion to serve. The warm hospitality of the host clubs, the rich culture of Leyte, and the genuine connections made this conference more than just an event — it was a journey of inspiration and renewal.

We return home with recharged hearts, stronger bonds, and a renewed commitment to create lasting change in our communities.

Our deepest gratitude to District Governor Caycay and all the Tacloban Rotary Clubs for organizing such a meaningful and memorable conference.

Let’s continue to be People of Action — serving with love, purpose, and courage.



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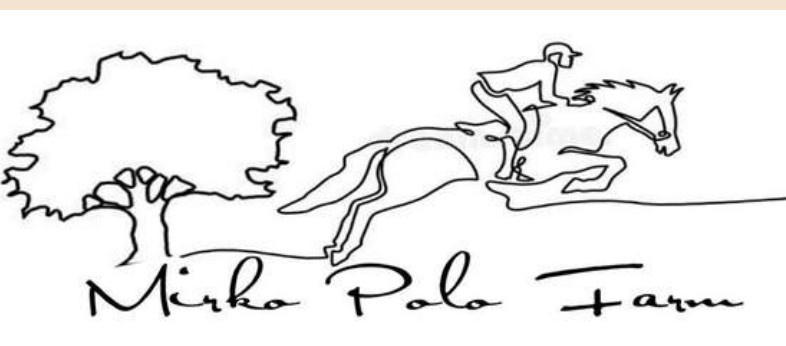


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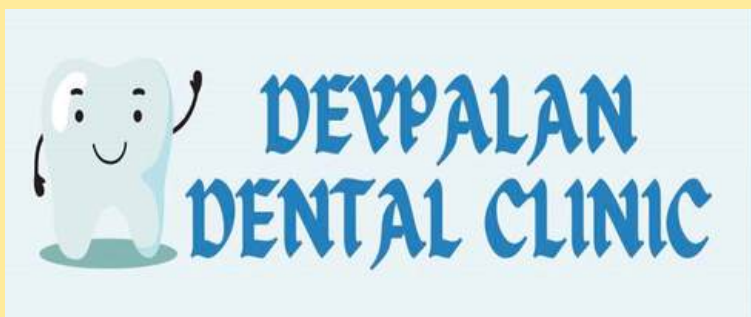
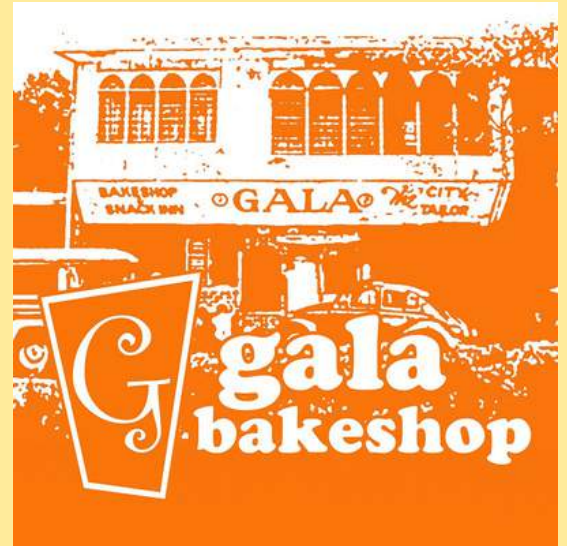
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