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Dear Rotary Family,

Pax et Bonum!

This month of September, the Basic Education and Literacy Month, is something that is so significant for me. Having been connected to the academe for twenty-eight years, I know very well the necessity of education in the meaningful and constructive change of an individual, of a family, within a community, and even for the whole society.

Education and literacy promote growth and progress as it could break the cycle of poverty. I could still remember filling out several slum books during my elementary and high school years; and my ambition in life is always "to finish my studies".

Since both my parents are undergraduates, I have experienced first-hand how it is to be so poor and have nothing. I have really seen the scarcity of opportunities for them, despite of their skills and abilities. At a very young age, I promised myself to do my best and grab every opportunity to get a degree and I am so thankful for the academic scholarships that I have availed from college to post-graduate school.

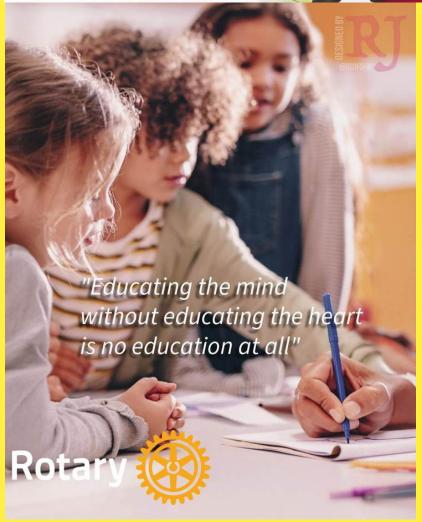
From then on, I would always share to all my students the perks of having a diploma. It is true that education is not an assurance that we would instantly get rich, but it will open a lot of doors for growth and improvement. It will also give us the confidence and the courage to stand out wherever we are. This personal advocacy is apparently instigated, too, within my family. All my children knew the struggles that I have been through and the positive transformation thereafter. Basic education and literacy play an important role in improving one's life and by embracing this truth, we are prompted to remain teachable. If we open our eyes and observe, there are still many people around us who doesn't know how to turn their struggles into strengths and use change as a steppingstone toward a brighter future. With these realizations in mind, we are also called to take part in promoting the impact of acquiring the fundamental skills which are essential for lifelong learning, personal development, and participation in society.

In Rotary, we need more active members, especially those who are willing to share a part of themselves to others – not just in front of cameras, but with consistency and faithfulness. After all, we are each other's keepers.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Gina A. de Guzman
President, Rotary Club of Polomolok 101







### September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

This month, Rotary shines the spotlight on one of its core areas of focus: Basic Education and Literacy. For us in the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101, this is more than just a theme—it is a mission close to our hearts.

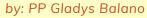
Over the past months, we've visited schools, even those in far-flung areas, bringing school supplies, paints, and cleaning materials to help create a better learning environment for children. Each simple gift we give becomes a tool for growth, a spark of hope, and a reminder that every child deserves a chance to learn and dream big.

One visit that truly touched our hearts was last July, when we spent time with special children—students with ASD, slow learners, and those with unique needs. We brought them drawing books, crayons, building blocks, hygiene kits, and goodies. But more than the supplies, it was their bright smiles, laughter, and excitement that made the day unforgettable.

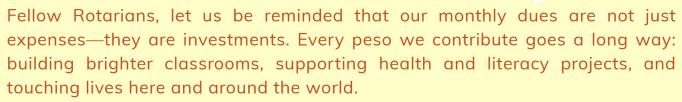
As Rotarians, we believe that education is the key to a brighter future. By supporting literacy and learning, we are not just giving supplies—we are giving hope, opportunities, and love. Together, we continue to work for a world where no child is left behind.



May F. Urbano Editor-in-Chief



#### IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE



When we give, we are not losing—we are gaining the joy of knowing we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Our contributions fuel the good works of Rotary, and in return, we receive fulfillment, friendship, and the priceless reward of service.

Think of it this way: every peso we give is transformed into hope, opportunity, and lasting impact. Unlike ordinary expenses that end the moment they are spent, our contributions continue to work, inspire, and uplift countless lives.

Let us always remember: Rotary contributions are not a burden, but a privilege. They give us the chance to be part of something bigger than ourselves. And in return, while we may not always receive in material things, we gain something far more valuable—joy, fulfillment, and the priceless reward of knowing we made a difference.

So let's embrace our monthly dues with open hearts, because in Rotary, every giving is transformed into hope and lasting change.









### WHY ROTARY FOCUSES ON BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY?

by: PP Xavier J. Bayan

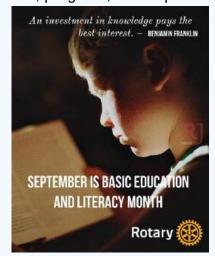
In Rotary, we believe that education is one of the most powerful tools to change lives and build a better future. That is why Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. We know that without education, opportunities remain out of reach, poverty continues, and communities struggle to grow.

Rotary sees education not just as classrooms and books, but as a gateway to dignity, self-reliance, and hope. By helping children learn to read, supporting teachers, and providing resources to schools, we are empowering communities to break the cycle of poverty and create lasting progress.

As a lawyer and an educator myself, I have the privilege of teaching in colleges here in Polomolok. I have seen firsthand how knowledge transforms young minds and opens doors that once seemed impossible. This experience makes Rotary's mission even more meaningful to me—because I know that every effort we put into education today creates ripples of change for generations to come.

In August, our club—the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101—donated textbooks and encyclopedias to the library of General Santos Academy. It may seem like a simple act, but for the students who will use those books, it is a gift of opportunity, growth, and hope. These are the kinds of service projects that truly bring Rotary's commitment to education to life.

Education is important to Rotary because it is at the heart of peace and development. A literate child grows into a capable adult, and capable adults build stronger, more resilient communities. When we invest in education, we are not only spreading knowledge, but also planting seeds of peace, progress, and hope for a better world.



### 20 Years of Service and Friendship: The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 at Its Milestone Anniversary

by: PAG May Urbano

Twenty years ago, a dream took root in Polomolok — a dream of bringing together people of different professions, faiths, and walks of life, all united by a single purpose: to serve above self.

That dream became reality on August 31, 2005, when the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 was officially chartered by Rotary International through the dedicated efforts of its mother club, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos. The journey wasn't without challenges. Early attempts to establish a club in Polomolok began in 2003, but it was only in January 2005 that persistence bore fruit. Under the leadership of then-District Governor Len Magno of District 3860, and with the unwavering support of the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos, the club was finally born.

At the helm was Charter President Omar Gallinero, who led 25 charter members from diverse professional backgrounds. Together, we laid the foundation of what would become one of the most dynamic service clubs in the area.

Even the name itself carries a story: the number "101" signifies not only the club's chartering during Rotary International's 101st anniversary, but also its distinction as the 101st chartered club in District 3860.

From that first spark in 2005 until today, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to shine brightly, guided by its mission of service, compassion, and fellowship.



As we celebrate our 20th year, we also look back through the voices of those who have walked this journey:

"When we planted the seeds of this club 20 years ago, we weren't sure how far it would go. Today, seeing our projects grow and change lives, I know that persistence and faith were worth it." – **Charter President Omar Gallinero** 

"Every outreach, every project is more than service — it is an expression of love. Rotary has given me friendships that feel like family and a deeper sense of purpose." — Past Assistant Governor Alan Ines(Charter Member)

"I will always remember the smiles of children during our 'Sagip Ngipin' project. That joy reminds me why we do what we do." – **Past President Dr. Maribel Acuesta(Charter Member)** 

"Rotary taught me that no matter how small our contribution, when done together, it creates ripples of hope." – **President Gina de Guzman** 

These reflections remind us that our story is not just about projects, but about people — the ones we serve and the ones we serve with.

#### Mission, Vision, and the Road Ahead

Guided by Rotary's mission — to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace — and inspired by Rotary's vision of creating lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 has embraced service as a way of life.

For two decades, the club has lived its motto: "Service Above Self." And in doing so, it has not only built programs but also built friendships, trust, and hope.







#### **Celebrating 20 Years**

As the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 marks its 20th Charter Anniversary, it celebrates more than just years. It celebrates lives touched, communities uplifted, and the unbreakable bonds formed among its members.

The journey from 26 charter members to today is a reminder that when people come together with compassion and commitment, great things happen.

Twenty years on, stronger than ever, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues its mission — serving with passion, promoting peace, and creating lasting friendships.

Here's to the past 20 years of service and friendship — and to the many more years of hope and impact still to come.









#### ROSTER OF MEMBERS

#### NAME

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

	ACUESTA, MARIBEL D.
	ALFECHE, NIEVEN MAY, V.
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	BAYAN, XAVIER J.
	CASTANIAGA, LANI S.
	DE GUZMAN, GINA A.
	DEYPALAN, MELANII G.
	GALLINERO, OMAR S.
	GRIÑO, CELEMA I.
	INES, ALAN M.
	ILETO, RYNELL J.
	JANDIC, DARNIE F.
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	LABAJO, HANNAH C.
	LUIG, RHODORA J.
	RALLOS, JADE N.
	RALLOS, ROGELIO, JR A.
	SABELLANO, IVIE L.
	TEOXON, MALOU A.
	TITO, RUTCIE L.
	TONGUIA, TOMAS JR.
	URBANO, MAYVELYN G.

\*PHF DENTAL SERVICES; PEDIATRICS PHF HOSPITAL SERVICES; CEO SECRETARY PHF REGISTRAR; PRIVATE LAW; GENERAL PRACTICE PHF+3 PHF MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT BANK \*RFSM+3 **EDUCATION; TERTIARY** PHF DENTAL SERVICES; ORTHODONTICS PHF+1 MANAGEMENT; PHOTOGRAPHY PHF DENTAL SERVICES; HOSPITAL PHF ADMINISTRATION: PRIVATE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT; BEAUTY PRODUCTS EREY PHF+1 MANAGEMENT; SPA RFSM MANAGEMENT; FARM RESORT JUNIOR EXECUTIVE MARKETING **EREY** 

MANAGEMENT; DRY GOODS DISTRIBUTION

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION
MANAGEMENT; GOVERNMENT BANK
MANAGEMENT; TRAVEL & TOURS
MANAGEMENT; RESTAURANT CAFE

MANAGEMENT; RICE DEALER

MANAGEMENT; FASTFOOD RESTAURANT

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

PHF+3

PHF+7

PHF

PHF RFSM+1

PHF

PHF+2

ALERTA-NG, DAY CABARABAN, ROYME ORBESIDO, VLADEMIR YBAÑEZ, JOEL ACCOUNTANT
MANAGEMENT; PRIVATE BANK
ENGINEERING
PRIVATE LAW

#### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

AMBAT, MILBERT ROGERS, LIZA

\*PHF- PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

\*RFSM- ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER

### What Makes a GOOD ROTARIAN? BY: PP Bel Acuesta



Being a good Rotarian is not about titles, positions, or how long you've been in the club. It's about having the heart to serve and the willingness to make a difference in the lives of others.

A good Rotarian is someone who shows up—not just in meetings, but in projects and activities where their presence can help. They are ready to lend a hand, whether it's giving school supplies to children, planting trees, or simply helping organize an event.

It's also about living by Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self." This means putting others first and finding joy in helping without expecting anything in return. A good Rotarian is kind, humble, and open-minded. They listen, they respect others, and they treat everyone equally—whether rich or poor, young or old.

Most of all, a good Rotarian is consistent. They don't serve only when it's convenient; they serve because it's who they are. Their small acts of kindness, done with sincerity, create ripples of hope in the community.

In the end, being a good Rotarian is simple: it's about having the heart to care, the hands to serve, and the spirit to inspire others to do the same.



#### The recipe of a Rotarian!

1 measure of good thought

1 measure of consideration 1½ measures of forgiveness

1½ measures of well-beaten faults

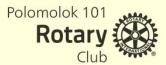
2 measures of sympathy

2½ measures of sacrifice

2 measures of kind deeds

Mix thoroughly. Stir in kind words for taste, and flavor with charity. Pour into all your daily life, and bake well with the heat of human kindness...

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#### **HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS**









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

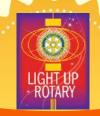
PP XAVIER BAYAN

PHF+3 RY 2010-2011 **GRACE SALAZAR** 

**RFSM** RY 2011-2012 **REY TRASPORTO** 

RFSM 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

PP MELANI DEYPALAN

**PHF** 

PP FANNY FERNANDEZ (PP

PHF RY 2019-2020 NIEVEN MAY ALFECHE

PHF\_ RY 2020-2021

PHF RY 2017-2018

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#### **HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS**



**IMAGINE** ROTARY





PP LANI CASTANIAGA

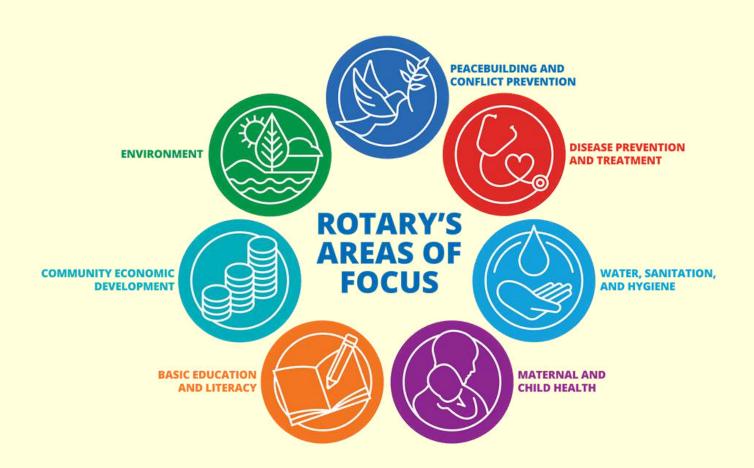
PHF RY 2021-2022 PP EVERNIE ALFECHE

RFSM RY 2022-2023

PP MALOU TEOXON

PHF RY 2023-2024 **IPP TOMMY TONGUIA** PHF

RY 2024-2025



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### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES RY2025-26

by: PP Cel I. Griño

#### JULY

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

#### **AUGUST**

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

#### SEPTEMBER

BASIC EDUCATION
& LITERACY

#### **OCTOBER**

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Rotary Foundation** 

#### **DECEMBER**

Disease Prevention & Treatment

#### **JANUARY**

Vocational Service

#### FEBUARY

Peacebuilding & Conflict
Resolution

#### **MARCH**

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

#### **APRIL**

Environment

#### MAY

Youth Service

#### JUNE

Rotary Fellowship

#### SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY - PRES. GINA DE GUZMAN/RTN VLADEMIR ORBESIDO
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT - PP MEL DEYPALAN/PP BEL ACUESTA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RTN RYNELL ILETO/RTN DAY ALERTA-NG
WATER & SANITATION - IPP TOMMY TONGUIA, JR/RTN ROYME CABARABAN
MATERNAL & CHILD - RTN DOLORES LABAJO/RTN RHODORA LUIG
PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION - PAG ALAN INES/PP XVIER BAYAN
ENVIRONMENT - PP WANG RALLOS/PE RUTCIE TITO

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#### **Education Breaks Barriers**

Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida grew up poor in Cavite, where gangs and hardship were part of daily life. But through education, he turned his struggles into success—and even created the Kariton Klasrum (Pushcart Classroom) to bring learning to thousands of street children. His inspiring work earned him global recognition when he was named CNN Hero of the Year in 2009.

His journey proves that poverty is never a hindrance when there is determination and access to education. This is why Rotary makes Basic Education & Literacy one of its areas of focus.

Here in our community, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to support this mission—not only through book donations, but also with upcoming projects like mentoring grade school pupils through tutorial sessions in partnership with local schools.

Through education, many of us found our own path to success. As Rotarians, we believe in passing that gift forward, because every book we give, every child we mentor, and every opportunity we open can shape a brighter future.





"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

— Nelson Mandela



12th Membership Meeting & Fellowship Night September 29, 2025/6:30pm Brader's Cafe Conference Room

Call to Order

Invocation

Phil. National Anthem

**Rotary Hymn** 

The Rotarian Pledge/

& 4 Way Test

**Introduction of Guests** 

Reading of Minutes/Treas Report PP Gladys Balano

**President's Time** 

**Open Forum** 

Adjournment

Pres. Gina de Guzman

**Rtn Rhoda Luig** 

**AVP** 

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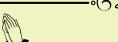
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PP Bel Acuesta

Pres. Gina de Guzman

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#### **Moderator- PP Wang Rallos**



#### Invocation \[ \]

#### Heavenly Father,

We humbly come before You tonight with hearts filled with gratitude and joy. Thank You for the blessings of Rotary, for the gift of friendship, and for the noble opportunity to serve others. We are grateful for the chance to gather once more as brothers and sisters in fellowship, united by our shared purpose of service above self.

May this meeting be more than just an exchange of ideas-may it be an expression of our commitment to make a difference, to serve with sincerity, and to extend compassion to those who are in need.

Bless our discussions tonight. May our minds be enlightened with wisdom, our hearts be open with understanding, and our words be spoken with kindness. May every decision we make reflect not only fairness but also Your will, bringing forth actions that inspire hope and positive change.

All these we entrust into Your loving hands, confident that You will continue to journey with us in all that we do. We offer this prayer in the most precious name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Rotarian Pledge

I am a Rotarian. I will always uphold the

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

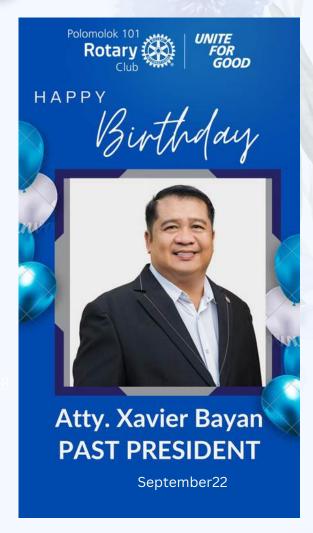
I am a Rotarian. I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the spirit of Rotary service.

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



### Sunshine Greetings





### Happy Charter Anniversary!



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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 2F with Club Number 70517, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to thrive, powered by a dedicated team of 26 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."

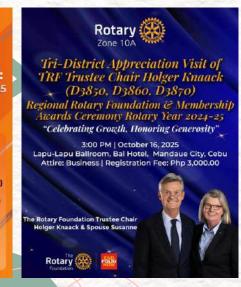
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### Important Events





We will keep you posted for details.





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## SEPTEMBER Meetings















### SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIPS

















### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES





























#### **VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR**

September 6, 2025/Acacia Hotel, Davao City

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 actively participated in the Vibrant Club Seminar together with Rotarians from District 3860 across Mindanao. It was a day of learning, inspiration, and fellowship, focusing on how Rotary clubs can remain dynamic through membership growth, strong leadership, impactful service, and the importance of public image in strengthening Rotary's presence in the community.

RCP 101 was proudly represented by Pres. Gina de Guzman, PAG May Urbano, PE Rutcie Tito, PP Wang Rallos (TRF Chair), PP Xavier Bayan (Community Service Chair), and Rtn. Rhoda Luig, our returning member. With the knowledge and inspiration gained, our club is more committed than ever to staying vibrant, visible, and responsive to the needs of our







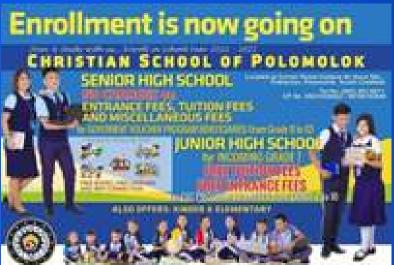


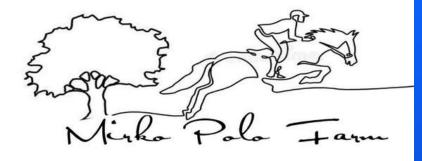
"A vibrant Rotary club is not just measured by numbers, but by the energy, passion, and commitment of its members to create lasting change."

### Acknowledgement





















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