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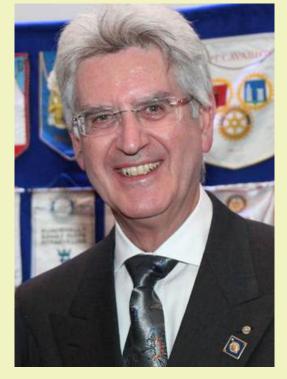


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# President's Message

## To Health & Happiness

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from

personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with

affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd. Today, I regularly address audiences — some numbering in the thousands — in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past Rotary International President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

#### Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

- A PARKET

Dear RCP 101 Family,

My heart is truly full of gratitude as I reflect on the blessings we have shared as one Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 family. Everything we have accomplished is a testament to your unity, generosity, and genuine commitment to service.

Our Bucketful of LOVE project was another successful and meaningful endeavor because of your unwavering support and kind hearts. Last December 7, we were blessed to bring joy to the constituents of Purok Pabillo, our chosen beneficiaries for this year. Seeing their smiles as they received their early Christmas gifts and Noche Buena packs reminded us why we serve—simple acts of kindness can make a profound difference in the lives of others. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your generosity, time, and effort continue to inspire me.

As we reach the halfway mark of Rotary Year 2025–2026, I am proud to say that we have already accomplished so much together. These achievements would not have been possible without your trust, cooperation, and shared passion for service.

I humbly appeal for your continued support as I complete my term as your president. Let us sustain the momentum we have built and continue working hand in hand to serve our community and uphold the values of Rotary.

I was also truly delighted during our Year-End Party. It was heartwarming to see everyone enjoying the exchange gifts, parlor games, and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who took time from their busy schedules to be with us and celebrate another fruitful year together. Moments like these strengthen our bond as a club and as a family.

As we celebrate this holiday season, may we always remember that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ—a season of love, humility, and hope. May His example inspire us to be more compassionate, forgiving, and generous in all that we do.

This Christmas, I wish everyone happiness, peace, love, and good health. Let us continue serving, let us continue uniting for good, and let us carry the spirit of Christmas in our hearts throughout the year. Merry Christmas from my family to yours!

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













As the year comes to a close and we joyfully welcome the Christmas season, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone. This time of year reminds us of gratitude, generosity, and togetherness—values that truly reflect the spirit of Rotary.

During this busy and festive season, I would like to gently encourage everyone to be wise and mindful in spending our hard-earned money. While it is wonderful to share gifts and blessings with others, let us also remember to prioritize our families and save for their needs. Thoughtful giving does not always have to be expensive; what matters most is the love and sincerity behind it.

May I also take this opportunity to kindly remind our fellow Rotarians of our monthly dues, as our Club Invoice for the second semester will be paid in January 2026. Your continued support and timely contributions help ensure that our club remains financially healthy and able to carry out meaningful projects in service of our community.

On behalf of the Balano Family, who has always been supportive of Rotary, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season filled with peace, joy, and blessings.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to our club. May the coming year bring us renewed hope, unity, and opportunities to serve.





# Featured

## R O T A R I A N

Coming Home to Service: The Rotary Journey

of Rtn. Rhodora "Rhoda" Jayoma-Luig







Fourteen years ago, in 2011, Rhodora "Rhoda" Jayoma-Luig began her Rotary journey as a member of the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101. Her heart for service was already evident, but after a year, she made the difficult decision to step back from active membership—not because she did not love Rotary, but because life called her to focus on more immediate responsibilities.

At that time, Rtn. Rhoda and her family were in the early and challenging stages of building their business. She was also a devoted housewife and a hands-on mother to her grade-school daughter. Balancing entrepreneurship, motherhood, and family life, she realized she could not give her full commitment to everything all at once. With humility and wisdom, she chose to temporarily "lie low" from Rotary.

Fourteen long years later, fate brought us together once again. When I first saw her after all those years, I hardly recognized her—she had transformed into a healthier, fitter, and more confident version of herself. Beyond the physical change was a woman who had found balance, stability, and fulfillment in life. After a meaningful conversation, I invited Rtn. Rhoda to return to Rotary. Without hesitation, she accepted and shared words that truly touched the heart: "This time, I am ready to serve again—to be a true Rotarian once more."

Today, everything has fallen into place. Rtn. Rhoda now manages stable businesses, enjoys a fulfilling family life, and is a proud mother to her only daughter, now a graduating Pharmacy student at San Pedro College.

She has grown into a fulfilled spouse, mother, entrepreneur, and—once again—a dedicated Rotarian.

We proudly welcome back Rtn. Rhodora "Rhoda" Jayoma-Luig to the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101.

Her journey reminds us that Rotary is always here—ready to welcome us back when the time is right. She has returned stronger, more prepared, and with a renewed heart for service. Indeed, she is truly a great Rotarian, and we are blessed to have her back home.

Rtn. Rhoda and her family extend their warmest wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season filled with love, peace, and service.

## A Call to Compassion This Christmas Season





Over the past two months, our country has faced a series of calamities—typhoons and earthquakes that have brought great hardship to many of our fellow Filipinos. The provinces of Cebu and Davao were among the most affected, leaving countless families struggling to rebuild their lives during what should be a season of joy and celebration. This Christmas, let us pause and remember those who have been deeply affected by these calamities. Let us also be thankful to the Lord for His protection and mercy, for sparing us from these trials and for the blessings we continue to receive each day. While many of us are able to prepare for Noche Buena and celebrate with our loved ones, there are families who are struggling to put food on their tables and cannot afford even the simplest holiday meal. We are reminded that what we have is not just for ourselves, but a blessing meant to be shared. As we celebrate this holy season, may our hearts be filled with compassion. Let us be kind, generous, and mindful of those who are less fortunate. In sharing our blessings—whether through time, resources, or simple acts of love we become instruments of hope and reminders that no one is alone.

As Rotarians of RCP 101, may this season strengthen our commitment to Service Above Self. Let us continue to stand united in compassion, extending help to those in need and spreading hope wherever we serve. Together, as one Rotary family, may we be a light of kindness and generosity in our community and beyond. May this Christmas inspire us to serve with greater purpose and enter the coming year with renewed dedication to humanity.

Merry Christmas from RCP 101!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ACTION:**

#### PAST PRESIDENT XAVIER BAYAN

SERVICE has always been at the heart of Past President Xavier Bayan, even before he entered public service. His desire to help and uplift others led him to Rotary, where he immediately found a home for his passion for community service. When he was invited to join Rotary, he did not hesitate to say yes, knowing that it aligned perfectly with his lifelong commitment to serve.

He was already a dedicated Rotarian before formally entering politics, bringing with him Rotary values that later guided his public service. His journey led him to become an elected Councilor and later a Vice Mayor, roles he embraced with the same heart for service he showed as a Rotarian.

Although he did not succeed in the most recent election, his service to the community did not stop. True to his character, leadership for him goes beyond position. His commitment continues through Handog sa Bayan, his banner community initiative that brings meaningful and practical assistance to the people.

One of the most well-loved components of Handog sa Bayan is the "Libreng Gupit" (free haircut) project. Every month, this initiative reaches different puroks and barangays, providing free haircuts to constituents who cannot afford to visit a barber shop or salon. At the same time, this project also helps low-income barbers, giving them an opportunity to earn while serving the community-making it a program that uplifts both service providers and beneficiaries.

Beyond his roles in public service and Rotary, Past President Xavier Bayan is a lawyer with a heart for the people, especially those in need. His profession has never distanced him from the grassroots; instead, it has strengthened his commitment to justice, compassion, and service.

He is one of the pillars of the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101, consistently supporting and actively participating in all club projects. The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 proudly stands as a partner in service of his Handog sa Bayan initiative, working together to extend compassion, dignity, and hope to the community.

His story reminds us that true service is continuous-rooted in sincerity, strengthened by partnership, and guided by a genuine love for the people.

by PAG My Urbano























Free GUPIT



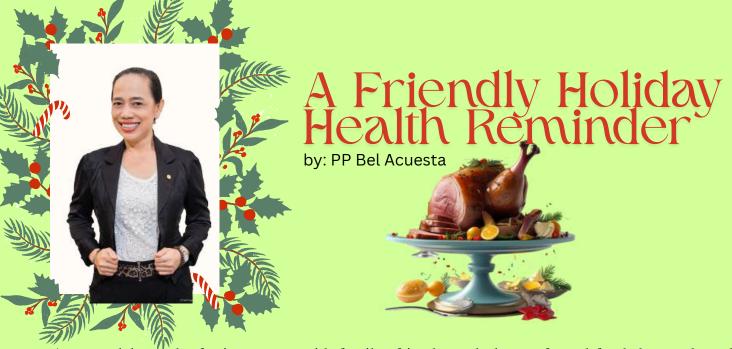
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF POLOMOLOK 101

As we joyfully celebrate the Christmas season, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 reflects with gratitude on 20 years of serving the community and counting. This milestone reminds us of the countless moments of service, fellowship, and shared commitment that have strengthened our bond as Rotarians and deepened our love for humanity.

Christmas is a season of hope, generosity, and compassion. It is a time to pause give thanks, and renew our purpose to serve others with kindness and understanding. May this season inspire us to open our hearts wider, extend a helping hundro those in need, and allow the spirit of kindness to spread in our homes, our communities, and beyond.

As Rotarians, we believe in unity through service. May this Christmas strengthen our relationship to work together, to uplift one another, and to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Let us remain united in our mission to help humanity and to be instruments of peace, goodwill, and positive change.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101, we wish everyone a meaningful and blessed Christmas filled with love, joy, and renewed hope. May the coming year bring us more opportunities to serve, to grow, and to share the gift of service with all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



As we celebrate the festive season with family, friends, and plenty of good food, let us also take a moment to care for our health. Enjoying Christmas treats is part of the joy, but a little mindfulness can help us avoid getting sick and keep our energy up during the holidays.

Let's remember to eat in moderation—balance rich holiday dishes with fruits, vegetables, and lots of water. Avoid skipping meals, choose smaller portions when possible, and take it easy on sweets and sugary drinks. Listening to our bodies is a simple way to stay well.

Staying active doesn't have to be hard. Simple activities like walking after meals, light stretching, or a few minutes of home exercises can help digestion and keep us moving. Even short daily activity makes a positive difference.

As Rotarians, caring for ourselves allows us to better care for others. A healthy body helps us enjoy the season, spend quality time with loved ones, and continue serving with joy.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and meaningful Christmas- from my family to yours!



# GOVERNOR'S NIGHT

A night filled with fun, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas as Area 2 FGH came together for a special get-together during the Governor's Night -of course with our special guest none other than Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez on December 13, 2025 in Koronadal City. The venue was alive with a warm, Christmas-felt atmosphere, made even more meaningful by the fellowship shared among Rotarians.

It was a wonderful opportunity for members to reconnect, strengthen friendships, and celebrate our shared commitment to service—while enjoying the festive season together.

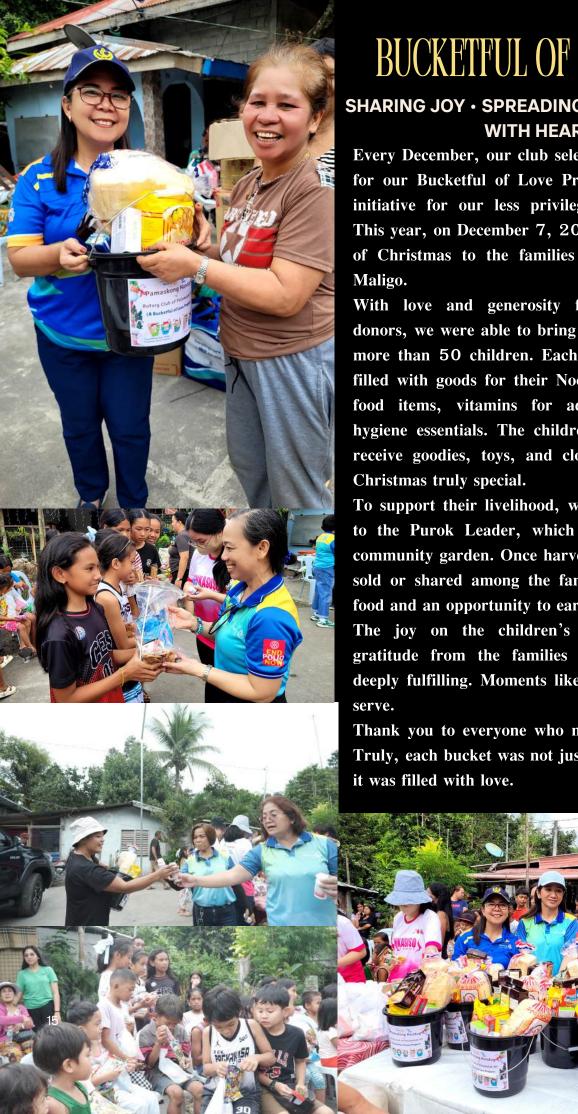












# BUCKETFUL OF LOVE 2025

#### SHARING JOY · SPREADING HOPE · SERVING WITH HEART

Every December, our club selects deserving beneficiaries for our Bucketful of Love Project, our annual banner initiative for our less privileged brothers and sisters. This year, on December 7, 2025, we brought the spirit of Christmas to the families of Purok Pabillo, Brgy.

With love and generosity from our members and donors, we were able to bring smiles to 74 families and more than 50 children. Each family received a bucket filled with goods for their Noche Buena—complete with food items, vitamins for adults and children, and hygiene essentials. The children were also delighted to receive goodies, toys, and clothes, making their early

To support their livelihood, we donated vegetable seeds to the Purok Leader, which will be planted in their community garden. Once harvested, the produce may be sold or shared among the families—offering them both food and an opportunity to earn.

The joy on the children's faces and the heartfelt gratitude from the families made the entire activity deeply fulfilling. Moments like these remind us why we

Thank you to everyone who made this project possible. Truly, each bucket was not just filled with goods—



## ROSTER OF MEMBERS

#### NAME

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

ALFECHE, NIEVEN MAY, V. BALANO, GLADYS D. 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. LABAJO, DOLORES C. 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.

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HOSPITAL SERVICES: CEO SECRETARY REGISTRAR: PRIVATE SCHOOL LAW; GENERAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT BANK **EDUCATION; TERTIARY** DENTAL SERVICES; ORTHODONTICS MANAGEMENT; PHOTOGRAPHY DENTAL SERVICES; HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION; PRIVATE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT; BEAUTY PRODUCTS MANAGEMENT; SPA MANAGEMENT: FARM RESORT JUNIOR EXECUTIVE MARKETING MANAGEMENT; DRY GOODS DISTRIBUTION MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT: GOVERNMENT BANK MANAGEMENT; TRAVEL & TOURS MANAGEMENT; RESTAURANT CAFE

MANAGEMENT; FASTFOOD RESTAURANT

MANAGEMENT; RICE DEALER

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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



## **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

RY 2009-2010

**PHF** 



PP XAVIER BAYAN

PHF+3

RY 2010-2011



**GRACE SALAZAR** 

RFSM

RY 2011-2012



**REY TRASPORTO** 

RFSM

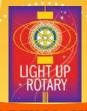
2012-2013



**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 PHF

RY 2017-2018

PP MELANI DEYPALAN

**BE THE INSPIRATION** 

**PHF** 

RY 2018-2019



PP FANNY FERNANDEZ

PHF

RY 2019-2020



PP NIEVEN MAY ALFECHE

PHF\_ RY 2020-2021

December 2025 The Club 101



## **HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS**



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



The Club 101 December 2025





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
DISCON- CEBU

#### JUNE

Rotary Fellowship

RI Convention-Taipei

#### 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

# Important Events





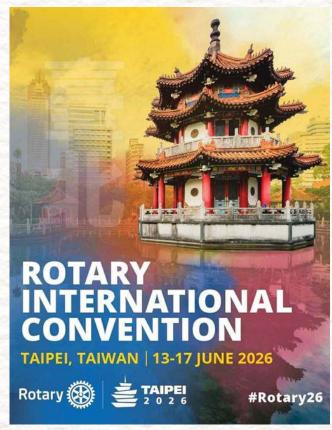






May 29-31, 2026 | NUSTAR Resort Cebu, Cebu City









Rotary
District 3860
PELS-SELS / DTLS
2026

CLUB LEADERSHIP
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
LEARNING SEMINARS

April 16-17 PELS-SELS PRESIDENTS-ELECT & SECRETARIES-ELECT April 17 DTLS DISTRICT OFFICERS

April 17-18 CLLS DISTRICT OFFICERS & CLUB OFFICERS

April 18 GMS GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato www.clls3860.com



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 General Santos. 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 Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos, 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 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."

The Club 101 December 2025



#### 18th Membership Meeting & Fellowship Night December 1, 2025/6:30pm Brader's Cafe Conference Room

Call to Order
Phil. National Anthem
Invocation
The Rotarian Pledge/
& 4 Way Test
Rotary Hymn
Sec & Treas. Report
President's Time
Open Forum
Adjournment

Pres. Gina de Guzman AVP PP Mel Deypalan PE Rutcie Tito

AVP PP Gladys Balano Pres. Gina de Guzman

Pres. Gina de Guzman

#### **Moderator-PP Bel Acuesta**





#### Invocation



#### Heavenly Father,

We come before You tonight with grateful hearts, thankful for the blessings of Rotary, for the gift of friendship, and for the chance to serve others with love and purpose. Thank You for bringing us together once again as one Rotary family—united in fellowship, guided by service above self.

Bless this gathering, Lord. May our meeting be filled with wisdom, understanding, and meaningful discussion. Inspire us to make decisions that reflect integrity, compassion, and fairness. Help us remember that every plan we make and every action we take is an opportunity to touch lives and make a difference in our community.

Grant us hearts that serve with humility, minds that seek wisdom, and hands that are ready to help. May the spirit of camaraderie and service continue to grow within us, strengthening our commitment to do good in the world.

We entrust this evening and all our endeavors into Your loving hands. Be with us in every word we speak and every deed we do.

We ask all these in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.











# DECEMBER







# DECEMBER Meet











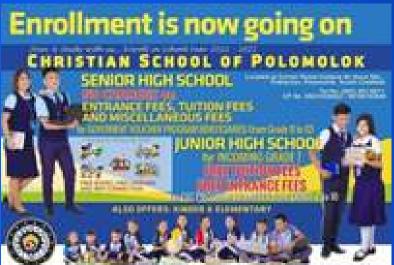


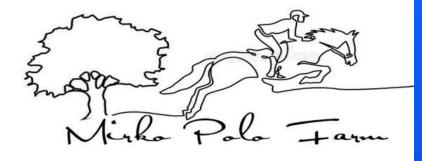


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