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Presidential Message



In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors – such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods – for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

R. Gordon R. McNally
President 2023-24

The term "natural" disaster has long been used to describe tropical storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, but there needs to be an urgent shift in the language we use. While the term may seem harmless, and we've not always gotten it right, we've learned through our work with disaster-affected communities how it perpetuates a dangerous myth that nothing could have been done to prevent people being so badly affected. This misleading and harmful narrative can lead to a lack of action to help people who need it.

The language we use matters. When we frame disasters as natural, we fail to acknowledge the complex interplay between nature and the role of human actions and how they impact communities around the world.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and extreme storms, drought, and flooding occur because of natural processes on Earth. But it is how these events affect people or the environment that has the potential to make them a disaster – outcomes influenced by human factors like where people live, what types of homes they have, political instability, and the lack of proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities. A disaster is the result of systemic inequalities in access to resources and power. Where we live and how much money we have often determines our ability to recover. The people worst affected are those living in poverty, with the least means to protect themselves and few resources to withstand the next event.

By framing these events as natural, we undermine the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities, masking the underlying social, economic, and political instability that makes marginalized and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected. Our teams see firsthand how issues like inequality, poverty, urbanization, deforestation, and the climate crisis can make communities more vulnerable.

At ShelterBox, we simply say "disaster" or are more specific, describing the extreme weather, earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption. I urge everyone to help us in breaking this cycle by committing to language that accurately reflects why people are affected so badly.

Only then does it pave the way to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and work toward a more just and equitable future for all, with the necessary investment, resources, and proactive measures to help protect affected communities.

Disasters are not natural. Let's stop saying they are.





President's Message

Greetings to all Rotarians!

I am honored to address our members and the community with a message of unity and service for the month of December. This month holds special significance as we come together to celebrate the spirit of giving and compassion.

During this festive season, let us remember the core values of Rotary: service above self, integrity, and diversity. It is through these values that we can make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond. Let us continue to work together towards creating positive change and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Let us also take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and set new goals for the year ahead. By staying committed to our mission and values, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and inspiration in our community.

JERIC DANE GRANADOS
President RY 2023-2024



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BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY: ESSAY WRITING CONTEST 2023

December 12, 2023



The Rotary Club of San Juanico, in partnership with Mr. William Charles Burg Jr., organized a remarkable event last December 12, 2023, at Tolosa National High School. The Essay Writing Contest aimed to promote basic education and literacy among the youth, highlighting the importance of honing writing skills from an early age.

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Essay Writing Contest: A testament to the power of education and literacy in shaping young minds.

RADE 10 Completers of TOLOSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BATCH 2019 -2020



This initiative not only encouraged students to showcase their creativity and critical thinking but also emphasized the significance of effective communication through writing. By providing a platform for young minds to express their thoughts and ideas, the contest fostered a culture of learning and self-expression.

Participants were given the opportunity to delve into various topics, allowing them to explore different perspectives and broaden their knowledge. The event not only challenged the students intellectually but also instilled in them the value of research, analysis, and articulation.



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Tolosa, Leyte
December 13, 2023





Moreover, Essay Writing Contest is a testament to the power of education and literacy in shaping young minds. Through such initiatives, we can empower the youth to become effective communicators, critical thinkers, and lifelong learners.





THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
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?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?