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Presidential Message



In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction. Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times. But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts. Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through Rotary.

For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace-focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or District cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher. Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.





President's Message

Greetings to all Rotarians!

I am honored to address our esteemed members and community for the month of January 2024. This month, we are presented with new opportunities to make a positive impact and uphold the values of Rotary.

I urge each and every member of our club to actively participate in our upcoming service projects and initiatives. Whether it is supporting local schools, organizing community clean-up drives, or fundraising for important causes, your involvement is crucial in achieving our collective goals.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our club and the community we serve. Together, we can truly make a difference.

JERIC DANE GRANADOS
President RY 2023-2024



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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JUANICO: A GLIMPSE OF ITS RICH HISTORY



Some 35 years back, a question arose ***“Is the City of Tacloban ready for another Rotary Club?”*** Somehow that question ran deep into the rotary-loaded veins of five rotarians of the Rotary Club of Tacloban, and collectively they decided to answer the question in the affirmative and went ahead to organize one. The five gentlemen placed their organizational acumen to the fore and came out with an answer, that indeed Tacloban City needed another Rotary Club. These five intrepid Rotarians were Graciano “Naning” Militante, Antonio “Nits” Montilla, Jose “Nene” Solis”, Gil “Litong” Diaz and Antonio “Tony” Molabola.





They combed the professional circles of Tacloban and came out with 25 new recruits. The group was diverse, but they blended well and the enthusiasm and exuberance of resources, yet untapped, throbbed every time they meet. Sometime in November of 1974, the provisional Rotary Club of San Juanico elected its first set of officers.



The list of the provisional set of officers and other documents attesting the birth of the club were sent to the Rotary International for approval. Six months after, May 06, 1975 to be exact, Rotary International officially chartered the Rotary Club of San Juanico and recognized its provisional set of officers as the Charter Officers of the Club.





Charter President Tony Molabola then focused all its efforts to the first major activity of the club –The Charter Presentation. On July 12, 1975, two months after its official charter, District Governor Bading Angala, IPDG Marianing Ilano and DGN Luig Fran, came to Tacloban City and presented to the new club its Certificate of Charter. Immediately, a hive of new ideas on how to make the club respond to the ideals of Rotary came out from its members.



Among the most notable and eventually it became the cornerstone of the club's community involvement, was the project "Operasyon Paglaum" a medical-dental civic action started by the club in 1976. As subsequent testimonies from all its beneficiaries attest, this project gave the club greater enthusiasm to pursue the project. From an initial launching in a barangay in Tacloban City where free medicines, dental, medical care and some minor surgeries were performed, the project took off and reached out to areas outside of the City.



Eventually, the project would reach areas in Southern Leyte, Biliran Island and Samar benefiting thousands of indigent families. It was a much anticipated activity that the Rotary Anns, the members of the Rotaract Club of San Juanico (organized by the Club at the then Divine Word University University of Tacloban) and even the families of member Rotarians would not have had second thoughts implementing the project wherever it was held. Through the project, they found a sense of fulfillment with the thought that the Rotary Club of San Juanico could make an impact in terms community service. Finally the efforts of the club did not go unnoticed, the Rotary International cited this project and awarded the club the "Most Significant Achievement Award in 1977." Giving more meaning to the citation was the fact that the Rotary Club of San Juanico was the only club in the country on that year to be given such an award by the Rotary International.



Not resting on this distinguished recognition, the club looked for more service opportunities and eventually helped organize the Rotary Club of Calbayog in 1988 during the incumbency of Pres. Noel Siozon and the Rotary Club of Limasawa Maasin in 1989 during the tenure of Pres. Pabs Quianzon.





As this young club grew, its collective efforts become known in the district. This recognition led its second president and one of the original five, Graciano "Naning" Militante, to become the first "Waray-Waray" District Governor of RI District 3860 RY 1980-1981.



Five years later, 1982-1983 Club President Roque Tiu followed suit and was elected District Governor in Rotary Year 1986-1987. The 3rd San Juanico Rotarian who occupied the highest position in District 3860 as District Governor for Rotary Year 2002-2003 is PP Pablo "Pabs" P. Quianzon.



Over the years, the Rotary Club of San Juanico has grown and served various indigent families without fail, from just being a challenge and an answer to a question almost of a century one and a half quarter of a century ago, the Rotary Club of San Juanico has carved a niche in rotary history. It will continue to create its own distinction, as its members remain steadfast in answering calls for service and earn for themselves the honor of being called "ROTARIANS."





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?