



Sustainability, Leadership, and a Melody of Hope: RC San Juanico's Impactful February Initiatives

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Rotary International President February 2025 Message

This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate *The Magic of Rotary* — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change.

One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world.

For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries.

These centers cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact.

Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership.

His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts.

Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies *The Magic of Rotary* — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.

Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International President



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Message from the Club President

*D*ear Fellow San Juanico Rotarians,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your dedication and active participation in our impactful activities during the first half of February. Your unwavering commitment to **Service Above Self** continues to make a difference in our community and beyond.

Our participation in **Ecoblast 2025** showcased our strong commitment to environmental sustainability, reminding us of our responsibility to protect and preserve our planet for future generations. The **11th Joint Board and Regular Meeting** allowed us to realign our goals and strategies, ensuring that we continue to drive meaningful service and leadership within our club. Lastly, the **Martin Nievera Concert to End Polio** was not just a night of music and celebration but a powerful initiative in support of Rotary's fight against polio, proving that together, we can help change lives.

Thank you for your passion, service, and dedication. Let's keep the momentum going as we continue to Create Magic in the World of Rotary and bring lasting impact to those we serve!

Yours in Rotary,

Erwin Vincent G. Alcala
President, Rotary Club of San Juanico

ECOBLAST 2025 (February 1, 2025)



11th Regular Meeting (February 8, 2024)



Martin Nievera Concert to End Polio (February 14, 2024)



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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 ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

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?