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**28th Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom**

January 27, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Programme

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Inggy Bertelsen
- Invocation & Recitation of the 4-Way
- Test & Object of Rotary.....PE Michael Chellathurai
- Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Jane Gripo

II. Programme Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Jane Gripo
- Introduction of Guest of Honor
& Speaker.....Dir. Annie Faye Singson
- S P E E C H.....Atty. Mark Peñalver
- President's Time Pres. Inggy Bertelsen

III. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Dir. Apple Adora
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Do you realize that what you do, how you live and how you think can help or hinder the state of the world? Cease being drawn into the whirlpool of chaos and confusion, of destruction and devastation, and start right now concentrating on the wonder and beauty of the world around you. Give thanks for everything. Bless all those souls whom you contact. Refuse to see the worst in people, in things or in conditions, and seek always for the very best. It is not being like an ostrich hiding your head in the sand and refusing to face the realities of the world. It is simply looking for and concentrating on the very best in everything and everyone. You are a tiny world within yourself. When there is peace, harmony, love and understanding right there deep within your little world, it will be reflected in the outer world all around you. When you can do it, you are beginning to help the whole vast situation in the world. Amen.

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 to 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.

FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1st Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2nd Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3rd Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4th Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of community.
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
6. Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

Rotary Information...

Rotary at the start of the United Nations

Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world.

During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. Materials such as the booklet "From Here On!" and articles in *The Rotarian* helped members understand the UN before it was formally established and follow its work after its charter.

Many countries were fighting the war when the term "United Nations" was first used officially in the 1942 "Declaration by United Nations." The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom the previous year of the common principles "on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world."

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The next year, representatives of those countries plus China held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. Those sessions became known as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

After the conference, Rotary published "What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?" It included the proposed charter, talking points, and suggestions for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary's goal of advancing international understanding. It also emphasized the importance of having a plan ready for when the war ended, rather than waiting until the fighting stopped.

After World War I, "proposals for international cooperation failed because of lack of enlightened public opinion to support them," it explained. Discussions among members "will help to create an informed public opinion."

"Timely Questions on Dumbarton Oaks" followed to help Rotarians understand the complexities of the proposed charter. The flyer presented different perspectives on the security council and other aspects of the UN as topics for Rotary club programs or discussions. At the same time, governments around the world were carefully studying and reacting to the work done at Dumbarton Oaks.

From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco conference). Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the editor of *The Rotarian*, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Just before the meetings began, Rotary International published and distributed the "Pattern for the San Francisco Conference" pamphlet. "It is a splendid opportunity for the individual Rotarian to fulfill the objective of International Service," the document proclaimed, "by taking part in the debate on this scheme of world government."

After the UN was established, the 95-page booklet "[From Here On!](#)" contained the exact text of the UN Charter on one side of every two-page spread with annotations and questions designed to stimulate discussion on the other. With this layout, Rotarians could use it to learn and lead club discussions.

The Charter, it explained, would be effective only if "free citizens" worldwide were determined to give it vitality. "The Rotarian faithfully following these pages," the booklet said, "will find himself treading the path to service."

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

[Rotary Day at the United Nations](#) each year celebrates the organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.



Secretary's Report

An Dharling Jane Gripo
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	29	29	29
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04	04
PRESENT	11	14	13
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	14	11	12
MADE UP	00	00	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	25	25	25
WEEK AVERAGE	44.00%	56.00%	52.00%

Guests:

Dr. Felipe Balingit, Jr.

Rtr. Neil Ontong

Reminder:

Jan. 29– Books Donation to Alternative Learning System in Maco South District
Maco, Davao de Oro. 10:00AM to 12:00NN

Feb. 3 – RCSD 29th Virtual Meeting
Speaker: Mr. James Allen, Project Director
Rotary Give Every Child a Future

Feb. 4 – Joint Webinar with RC Makati Mckinley, One A-Teams
Consultants Singapore, Asian Institute of Management Alumni
Association and Standard Chartered Bank Singapore presents a
webinar on “Borderless Opportunities in 2021: Global Market
Outlook & Philippine Business Prospects”
6:00 to 8:00PM

Feb. 12 – RC South Davao 53rd Charter Anniversary



The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

My fellow Rotarians,

I am happy to do a project again. I hope some other people can join us to go to Maco. After that I will visit our mangrove project in Mati. I was listening yesterday to a UN conference about preparing for climate change and one of the main solutions was planting mangroves. So I think we should focus on this for the rest of the year. Lets see how we can get some funds to plant more mangroves!

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Atty. Mark Peñalver

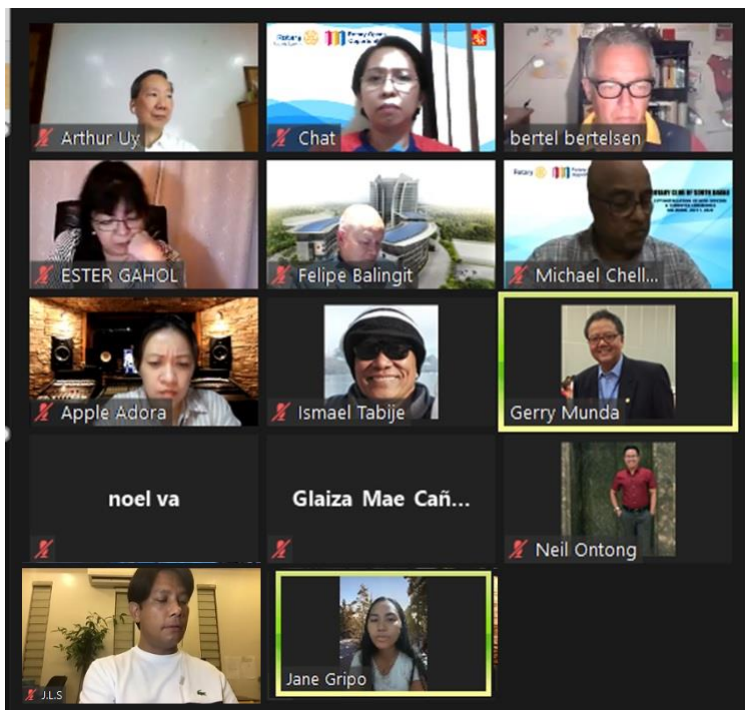
Atty. Mark Peñalver is a graduate of University of Mindanao College of Legal Education and successfully passed the Philippine BAR in 2017. Currently, he specializes in environmental law practice. As an environmental lawyer, he dedicates his expertise to upholding environmental laws in Mindanao.

Mark is the former Program Coordinator of Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS), Inc., a Davao-based NGO advocating for clean water and healthy watersheds. Now, he leads the organization as the new Executive Director. As a lawyer, he provides oversight and ensures that enabling watershed policies are crafted, lobbied, passed, and strictly implemented. He represents the organization in local special bodies validating compliance of businesses in conservation areas and monitoring strict policy implementation on the ground. He also provides policy recommendations to facilitate immediate resolution to reported environmental violations.

He is also an alumnus of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellow in the Environmental Sustainability Cohort 2020.

RC South Davao 27th E-Meeting...

With guest speaker Dr. Felipe G. Balingit, Jr., Vice-President & Chief Academic Officer of LPU-Davao. Jan. 20, 2021



Spouse Merelyne Chellathurai sorting out the books to be turnover to Alternative Learning System in Maco, Davao Oriental on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021.

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