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31st Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom

February 17, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Programme

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Inggy Bertelsen
- Invocation & Recitation of the 4-Way
- Test & Object of Rotary.....Aud. Ester Gahol
- 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.....PP Norma Monfort
- S P E E C H.....Dr. Christopher Puttock
Founding Director, ESRAG
- President's Time Pres. Inggy Bertelsen

III. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

PP Gerry Munda
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

When you are willing to surrender your all to me and hold nothing back, then your every need will be wonderfully met and your life will flow with abundance, for you open the flood gates when you surrender all to me. Absorb this law into your whole being until it becomes part of you and you vibrate with that rhythm of all life and know the meaning of wholeness, of being in tune with the whole of creation, and therefore in tune with me. I am the creator of all creation, I am the wholeness of all life. Raise your consciousness, and realize that I am within you, that this wholeness is here within you, and that nothing can separate you from the wonder of it except your own limited consciousness. Why not let go and let it expand? Allow nothing to stop that expansion of consciousness until you can accept that I am in you, and you are in me, and we are One.. 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 dignity 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...

RI President-elect announces 2021-22 presidential theme

by **Ryan Hyland**

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. "I truly understood the plight of my brethren," he said.

Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

"Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

Mehta encouraged district governors-elect to lead by example during their term and inspire Rotary and Rotaract members to participate in projects that have measurable and sustainable impacts. He's asking each club to conduct a Rotary Day of Service.

"At the end of your term as district governor, you should feel that because of your leadership, because of your inspiration to Rotarians and Rotaractors, the world has changed for the better because of the service done by them during the year," he said.

Focusing on diversity, membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

"There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have," he said.

To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership, Mehta said. Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta's Each One, Bring One initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. "And that should excite you," Mehta said. "Rotarians love challenges."



Secretary's Report

An Dharling Jane Gripo
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

| | Feb. 3 | Feb. 13 |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| CLUB MEMBERSHIP | 29 | 29 |
| HONORARY MEMBER | 04 | 04 |
| PRESENT | 09 | 17 |
| ON LEAVE | 00 | 00 |
| ABSENT | 16 | 08 |
| MADE UP | 02 | 00 |
| ATTENDANCE % BASE | 25 | 25 |
| WEEK AVERAGE | 44.00% | 68.00% |

Guests:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Sp. Marselle Lozano | Sp. Kathy Uy | Mark Estefanio |
| Sp. Ana Abellana | Isaiah Simms | Angelie Estefanio |
| Sp. Lynda Tabije | Alice Percales | Edwardson Pelotos |
| Sp. Ely Torno | Reza Baneke | Letty Tecson |

Happy Birthday!!!

Feb. 19 – Dir. Nikki Razonable



Reminder:

Feb. 24 – RCSD 32nd E-meeting
Speaker:
MR. TEODORO MALLANAO, JR.
Head Sales
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The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

My fellow Rotarians,

That was a strange day last Saturday. It was good to see each other again in such big numbers. But strange that we needed to be on the lookout for people that might inform the police of our party. And that we could not be as loud as we wanted to be.

But all in all it was a great party. A lot of us stayed even after the official part was closed to dance and chismis with each other. I hope we can do one more party during my term. Let's pray for that.

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Our Guest of Honor & Speaker...

Dr. Christopher Puttock



Dr. Christopher (Chris) Puttock has been presenting talks to Rotary on the Environment for the past 15 years. He is a botanist with four decades experience in environmental conservation and habitat restoration. He is particularly concerned with the maintenance of ecosystems to function naturally, sustainably, and in preventing demise of ecological services by human exploitation reaching past the tipping point where nature is not permanently damaged.

Chris has been a Rotarian since 2004, Paul Harris Fellow, President of the Rotary Club of College Park-Maryland (2016-2017), District 7620 Environmental Committee Chair (2010-2014, 2020+), and member of the District Global Grants Committee and District International Service Committee. He has attended every Rotary International Convention since 2010 (Montreal). He is a founding Director of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) and is its current Chair.

Since moving to Maryland from Hawai'i in 2008 Chris has been a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institute, National Museum of Natural History, President of the Maryland Native Plant Society, and Executive Director and CEO of Chesapeake Natives, Inc., the only local ecotype nursery producing hundreds of species of plants to sustain the native flora and fauna of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. He has supervised more than 40 environmental grants, including Rotary Global Grants with environmental components.

Chris is a regular speaker at meetings of Rotary Clubs, botanical and native plant societies, master gardeners, master naturalist and garden clubs. He can speak on anything to do with the environment, biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, sustainable food production, environmental resilience, global warming, Rotary's areas of focus, and now in implementing Rotary projects "protecting the environment".

RC South Davao 29th E-Meeting...

With the Project Director of Rotary Give Every Child a Future
Mr. James Allen as guest speaker. Feb. 3, 2021



Turnover of special wheelchair to hydrocephalus orphan in Missionaries of Charity in partnership with the Spouses' Circle in commemoration with RC South Davao 53rd Charter Anniversary. Feb. 12, 2021

RCSD 53rd Charter Anniversary...

Feb. 13, 2021 at Chateau Del Mar





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