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**32nd Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom**

February 24, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Programme

I. Opening:

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

II. Programme Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Jane Gripo
- President's Time Pres. Inggy Bertelsen

III. Club Assembly

IV. Closing

Announcements / Adjournment

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Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

What is right for one soul may not be right for another. That is why it is important that you seek your own inner direction and act on it without trying to follow in anyone else's footsteps. You have free choice, for I have given all human beings free will. You are not like a puppet that cannot move without having the strings pulled. You can seek and find what is right for you, and then it is up to you what you do about it. You only find real peace of heart and mind when you follow what you know is right for you, so seek and go on seeking until you have found your specific way and then follow it. It may mean having to stand on your own and do something strange in the eyes of others, but be not daunted. Do whatever it is because you know within that it is right for you and that only the very best will come out of it.. 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...

In a challenging time, Rotary members and partners have shown drive in overcoming challenges

by **Diana Schoberg**

It was May 1997, and Sam Okudzeto, then a member of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee from Ghana, was flying to Sierra Leone for what he anticipated would be a routine annual meeting about polio eradication in Africa. But when his plane touched down and he looked out the window, he saw that soldiers, guns drawn, had flooded the tarmac.

As Okudzeto made his way to passport control, he asked an airport official what was going on. "Listen carefully," he was told. "You can hear the guns." There had been a coup that morning.

"All we heard was boom, boom, boom," Okudzeto recalls. "Then I realized that the aircraft that had brought us had gone."

With no taxis running, Okudzeto and the other meeting participants who had been on the plane walked to a nearby hotel. "We all went to our rooms and put our luggage down and then went to the restaurant," he recalls. "I asked for the biggest and juiciest sole fish I had ever had in my life, because it might be my last supper." (Luckily it wasn't, and four days later, Okudzeto and the others caught a helicopter out of the country.)

"There is an enemy in life — and it's fear," he says now. "For those who are not afraid, it's amazing what you can do. It's fantastic to see the result now: Africa is [wild] polio-free."

In August 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) certified the [African region free of wild poliovirus](#), the culmination of a decades-long effort involving millions of Rotary members, health workers, government officials, traditional and religious leaders, and

parents. Since 1996, a year when wild polio paralyzed an estimated 75,000 children across Africa, health workers have given more than 9 billion doses of the oral polio vaccine, preventing 1.8 million wild polio cases.

"Everybody chipped in," says Gaston Kaba, longtime chair of the Niger PolioPlus Committee (he retired from the position in June 2019). "Volunteers, town criers, many other people were involved. Nobody knows about them. They worked quietly to get the job done."

The 47 countries that make up WHO's African region are home to nearly 1,400 Rotary clubs and 32,000 members, many of whom have dedicated time and resources to the effort. Rotary members around the world have contributed nearly \$890 million toward eradicating polio in the region, advocated for support from their governments, mobilized communities around National Immunization Days, and held events for [World Polio Day](#) to raise public awareness.

The legacy of those efforts is a health care infrastructure that is playing an important role in the COVID-19 pandemic and is poised to respond to future public health emergencies. The laboratory and surveillance networks developed to track the poliovirus are being used to monitor other diseases. Polio workers bolster an array of routine immunizations, deliver deworming medicines and oral rehydration salts, and provide other health services. And they continue to vaccinate children against polio, because until the virus is eradicated from the earth, it remains a threat everywhere. "Being declared free of polio is an amazing success," says Teguest Yilma, Ethiopia PolioPlus Committee chair. "I am happy — but I'm still not relaxed."

In a time of extraordinary challenges, we can celebrate the eradication of wild polio in the African region. Here are just a few of the stories of the drive and determination Rotary members and our partners have shown in overcoming challenges and setbacks.



Secretary's Report

An Dharling Jane Gripo
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Feb. 3	Feb. 13	Feb. 17
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	29	29	29
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04	04
PRESENT	09	17	08
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	16	08	17
MADE UP	02	00	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	25	25	25
WEEK AVERAGE	44.00%	68.00%	40.00%

Thank you for making up:

PDDG/PP Arthur Uy

Pres. Inggy Bertelsen

Guest:

Dr. Christopher Puttock – Project Director of ESRAG



The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

My fellow Rotarians,

First good news. After a couple of months I brokered a deal between the Aboitiz Foundation and Rotary Club of Manila. Why not our own Rotary club? Well since this is a project that will involve tree planting I thought it was better to have the MOA signed between these two parties. We will be in a later stage a recipient so now we are involved but it doesn't impose a burden on the club that people might not want.

My second news is more a question. For the next months I want your help with speakers. I have a lot of people in my notebook that wanted to speak for our club before the pandemic but are now not so eager to speak over zoom. I think a lot of people are a bit zoom tired. So if anybody has a nice speaker. just get in touch with me and I will follow up your lead.

Looking forward to this.

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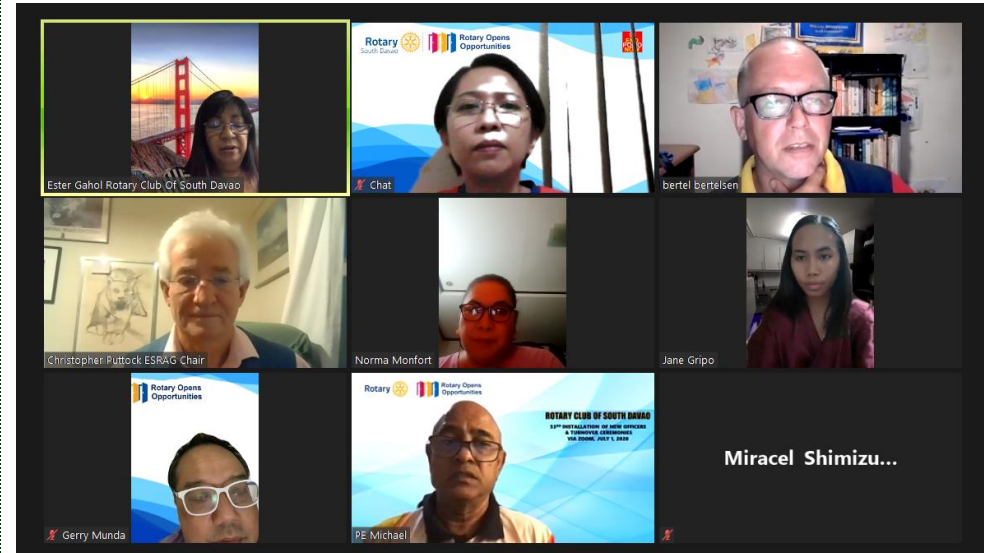
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RC South Davao 31st E-Meeting...

With guest speaker Dr. Christopher Puttock, Founding Director of ESRAG. Feb. 17, 2021



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