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**35th Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom**

March 17, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Programme

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Inggy Bertelsen
- Invocation & Recitation of the 4-Way
Test & Object of Rotary.....Dir. Miracel Shimizutani
- 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 Nomi Monfort
- S P E E C H.....Mr. Olaf Miguel S. Bautista
- President's Time Pres. Inggy Bertelsen

III. Closing

Announcements / Adjournment

PP Gerry Munda
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

You do not have all knowledge and all wisdom without it unfolding gradually from within. Life is a constant unfoldment. When you were a child, you had to learn certain fundamental lessons. When you put your hand out to touch the fire, you were told that it was hot and would burn you. But if you failed to obey and went your own way and touched the fire, you were burnt and found it very painful. However, it taught you not to touch it again. In this spiritual life, you have to learn certain fundamental lessons, and if they are not adhered to, you have to take the consequences. Some people learn at great speed and are ready to move on to greater lessons, until eventually they find they are so in tune, they no longer have to learn lessons, but flow with life in perfect harmony and oneness with everything. It is the ultimate state of consciousness to be reached by everyone. 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 clubs fight COVID-19 in a big way

By Quentin Wodon, Rotary Club of Washington Global, USA

How do we measure the magnitude of the investments made by Rotary clubs in the battle against COVID-19? This is not an easy question to answer, but in my Rotary and professional life, I often deal with assessing impacts. So the question intrigues me.

Back in June of 2020, Rotary International released a statement that it had allocated \$20 million in grants to fight the pandemic. ([Read how Rotary is encouraging clubs to cooperate with local governments and health organizations on the rollout of COVID vaccines](#)). But we all know that that amount is just the tip of the iceberg.

Club foundations

A few years ago, I estimated that there were close to 4,000 local foundations at the level of Rotary clubs and districts just in the United States alone. At the time, the assets of The Rotary Foundation were just above one billion dollar. Local Rotary foundations filing forms 990 with the Internal Revenue Service had close to \$775 million in assets. This did not include assets owned by 1,854 local Rotary foundations that did not file a form 990 because they have gross annual income/receipts of less than \$50,000.

It is likely that annual charitable donations by local Rotary foundations in the U.S. exceed those of The Rotary Foundation simply because they distribute a larger share of the funds they raise the same year. And many club and district foundations focused their charitable work on the pandemic in the last year. Hence the total funding provided by the Rotary community was undoubtedly much higher than \$20 million.

A few examples

I can share a few examples anecdotally of what Rotary clubs in my area of Maryland and Washington, D.C., have been doing:

- The Rotary Club of Metro Bethesda provided \$53,000 to support three local nonprofits on the frontlines.

- The Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center donated nearly \$60,000 worth of personal protective equipment to local senior care facilities, nine of which are in Howard County.
- The Rotary Club of South Frederick County aimed to give \$60,000 to meet the county's needs.
- The Rotary Club of Annapolis organized its yearly crab fest as a drive through. It typically raises each year \$45,000 to \$65,000 depending on the weather for nonprofits around Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, again in the past year with some focus on COVID-19 responses.
- The Rotary Club of Baltimore launched a \$30,000 initiative to help feed first responders during the crisis.
- As for the Rotary Club of College Park, it mobilized hundreds of volunteers to distribute meals.

It would be interesting to know what the total amount donated by Rotary organizations and Rotarians globally to fight COVID-19 has been so far, as well as how many volunteer hours have been committed by members in their community's response toward the pandemic. I would not recommend sending a survey to all Rotarians, or even to all clubs, as we already receive enough surveys, and there is no need to run such "censuses" where everybody is asked to respond. Rather, at the level of a country or internationally, sampling methods could be employed.

The big picture

But the more important take away is this: Rotary has been contributing in a big way to the fight against COVID-19. And we all have a role to play in communicating the good that we are doing. Apart from statistically measuring what we are doing, we should share our stories. Rotary leadership is encouraging clubs to share your efforts on [Rotary Showcase](#). And you can promote what you are doing through your local media.

We belong to a great organization. Let's continue to roll up our sleeves and help the world turn the corner on this pandemic. And let's invite others to join us.

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Secretary's Report

An Dharling Jane Gripo

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	29	29
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04
PRESENT	07	10
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	18	15
MADE UP	01	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	25	25
WEEK AVERAGE	32.00%	48.00%

Thank you for making-up:

PE Michael Chellathurai
SE Ester Gahol

Guest:

Mrs. Cristina Jalad
Rtr. Neil Ontong
Mr. Harry

Happy Birthday!!!

March 15 – Sp. Ely Torno
19 – PP Nomi Monfort
25 – PP Rudy Abellana
26 – PP Braul Lim



Reminder:

VIRTUAL PETS-SETS 2021

March 18 – 7PM Breakout Sessions
March 19 – 7PM Closing Plenary & Graduation

Mar. 24 – RCSD 36th E-meeting
Speaker: **Mr. Clement Jacquot**
BioGrow Substrates Phils.

March 31 – NO MEETING
(Holy Wednesday)



The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

RAFI Inks Partnership with RCM for Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives

As the impact of climate change continues to intensify, civil society organizations have come together to implement advocacies and initiatives to address pressing issues concerning environmental enhancement and biodiversity conservation in the country.

Leading more people to become biodiversity champions, the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI), through its biodiversity conservation arm, One To Tree (OTT), signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), organizations sharing the same passion and vision of taking action through service to the community and the environment.

RAFI-OTT and RCM is working together to conserve the Philippine environment through reforestation initiatives such as, but not limited to, establishing forest parks, urban forests, or mini-forests. This partnership will help engage communities to protect and rehabilitate the environment through establishing native tree nurseries and tree plantations, in collaboration with different partner communities.

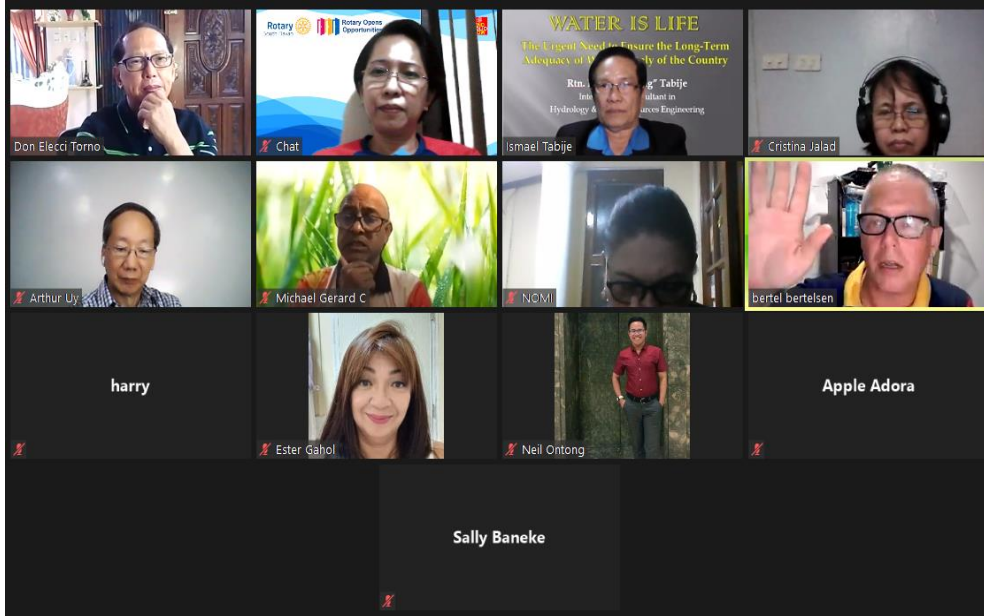
The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed last March 3 by RAFI-OTT's Executive Committee Chairperson David Aboitiz, and President of RCM Bobby Joseph, with RCM Immediate Past President and National Chairman of The Rotary Ecological and Environmental Strategem (TREES) Jackie Rodriguez, RC – South Davao President Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen, and RAFI-OTT Partnership and Portfolios Manager Miggo Bautista, as witnesses during the signing.

One To Tree (RAFI-OTT, formerly known as RAFI Biodiversity Conservation Unit (BCU)), has been active in reforestation and conservation for over two decades and has achieved a more than 80% survival rate for tree growing. RAFI-OTT also assists companies in the service delivery of Environmental Compliance Certificate requirements set by the Philippine Government, as well as helping them achieve their carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation goals.

For more information on the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI) One To Tree program, visit www.onetotree.org, www.rafi.org.ph, or www.facebook.com/rafi.org.ph.

RCSD 34th E-Meeting...

With PP Maeng Tabije as resource speaker. March 10, 2021



Our Guest of Honor & Speaker...



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Bachelor of Science in Tourism

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International Baccalaureate
John Veitch (Leadership) Award
Headmaster's List

Work Experience :

Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.
Partnerships & Portfolio Manager
Jul 2020 - Present

Leads the Partnerships and Portfolio team in developing and implementing fundraising and marketing strategies. Conceptualizes, develops, and implements partnership and engagement strategies to sustain the Biodiversity Conservation unit through corporate partnerships, individual donors, and grants. Key responsibilities include: planning and implementing fundraising goals and strategies, developing approaches and solutions to meet corporate and community partners' requirements, and contracts management.

Aboitiz Power Corporation

Community Projects Specialist

March 2019 - July 2020

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines

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