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# 39<sup>th</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting Via Zoom

April 21, 2021 \* 7:00 PM

## Programme

I.	Opening:	
	Call to Order	Pres. Ingmar Bertelsen
	Invocation & Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary	PP Nomi Monfort
	Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Sec . Jane Gripo
II.	Programme Proper	

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## III. Closing

Announcements / Adjournment

**PP Gerry Munda** *Master of Ceremonies* 

# Invocation

There is a place for each individual in the world, but you must seek and find where your place is and where you fit in. If you are afraid to take this responsibility of bringing in the new, do not try to stop those souls who are willing to do it. Realize that those souls who have been trained and inspired to undertake this task will do so, for it is their work. Find your rightful place in the world vast plan, and if you are not in the front line do not let it disturb you. Remember, all sorts of people are needed to make up the whole. Simply accept your specific work and do what you know you have to do wholeheartedly, and allow those souls who have been placed in the position of leadership and responsibility to go ahead. Give them your full backing and complete loyalty; they need it and appreciate it. Lift up your heart in deep love, praise and gratitude for them, and always give of your very best. 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?

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of profession, I am expected to:

- 1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
- 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.
- 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;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
- 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;
- Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- 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...

# What every Rotary club should know about running Virtual/In-Person meetings

By Jim Marggraff, Entrepreneur and Member of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise, California, USA

Four years ago, my wife MJ surprised me with an unearthly question. "How can we keep Mars-bound astronauts connected with their loved ones on Earth?"

This question sparked a journey, though not yet to Mars... Instead, I embarked on a journey to understand social isolation on Earth, to develop new ways to connect remote loved ones using advanced technologies, to found another company, my seventh, <u>Kinoo.family</u>, and to **become even more deeply engaged with Rotary!** 

While few Rotarians are likely to find ourselves hurtling toward the red planet, many of us *do* understand the feeling, if not the risk, of social isolation, and the desire to remain close to our friends and families. Strikingly, within months of COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020, nearly 80% of Rotary clubs embraced Zoom, or other video conferencing software, to host virtual club meetings and stay connected.

Recognizing both an opportunity and a need, Rotary International commissioned a Presidential Task Force to look at **how virtual connectivity can be used in Rotary's future**, and I was honored to be invited to participate. As an inventor and entrepreneur, having created the LeapFrog learning system, LiveScribe smart pen, and most recently, an eye-tracking company, Eyefluence (initially funded by Rotarians) that we sold to Google in 2016, I am comfortable applying cutting edge technology to gnarly problems.

With Zoom meetings came the opportunity for resourceful clubs to recruit world-renowned distant speakers, bringing them into their meetings in a virtual setting. Some clubs even began *reimagining* meetings, creatively exploring the capabilities of virtual connectivity, rather than force-fitting incompatible, traditional, in-person activities into a small screen of headshots.

Inspired by our discussions within the Pandemic Task Force, I reached out to other Rotarians with an idea. I quickly found support from Rotary International, from my Lamorinda Sunrise Club in the San Francisco Bay Area, and from a Rotary nonprofit I had co-founded,\_The Global Impact Group TGIG.org. The idea was to produce a video to help clubs see how

easy it can be to host a "hybrid," or virtual/in-person (V/IP) meeting, one that brings people together physically, while giving remote members simultaneous access to the meeting.

We recognized that the emergence from lockdowns, with clubs returning to in-person meetings, would still leave some members uncomfortable or unsafe, rapidly returning to their club venue. Also, in cities around the world, surveys have shown that some Rotarians have embraced occasional remote participation while traveling, or to avert commute traffic. Finally, virtual connection has opened the door to some extraordinary remote speakers, who are delighted to present to Rotarians via video chat platforms, and to field questions remotely.

**So my wife and I cleaned out our garage**, and with some industrious, masked and socially distanced LSR club members, we transformed our garage into a studio to film a *live* virtual/in person meeting to show how easy it can be to bring remote virtual participants to an in-person gathering, and vice versa. This allowed us all to have fellowship and real time exchanges! We quickly realized, however, that our enthusiasm in mentoring clubs on hosting such hybrid V/IP meetings might not attract widespread viewing by clubs across Rotary. We knew we needed another hook to get more Rotarians to view our video and convince them to model our approach in their clubs.

Another spark! What if we could attract some legendary speakers to help Rotarians look in a mirror, to see who we really are at times of crisis, when the world needs us most?

On that thought, I reached out to my friend and colleague, Dr. Sten Vermund, Dean of the Yale School of Public Health, and within weeks, we created a lineup of Zoom interviews with global health experts and Rotary celebrities ranging from Dr. Anthony Fauci to Rotary CEO John Hewko and Rotary International President Holger Knaack.

Two resulting videos are available at <u>TGIG.org</u>. *Virtual/In-Person Meeting* is a 25-minute video of our garage meeting with the above celebrity speakers – and more, which is designed for you to show to your club. A second short 2-minute *Quick Start Video* shows you how easy it is to run an engaging Virtual/In-Person (V/IP) meeting. Thanks to Rotary International, this video is now available in eight languages!

So you need not be planning a trip to Mars, but dreaming of reaching the stars may spark a Rotary moment, and help you begin your own next Rotary journey!



# **Secretary's Report**

An Dharling Jane Gripo
Club Secretary

## Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Apr. 7	Apr. 14
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	29	29
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04
PRESENT	04	06
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	21	19
MADE UP	01	01
ATTENDANCE % BASE	25	21
WEEK AVERAGE	20.00%	28.00%

## Thank you for making up:

PE Michael Chellathurai

## **Happy Anniversary!!!**

April 27 – PP JL & Sp. Christine Solivio



## Reminder:

April 23, 24, 29 & 30 – District 3860 DISTAS 2021 via Zoom

June 4-6, 2021 – DISCON 2021 with the theme : "Opening Opportunities to a Whole New World".

June12-16, 2021 – 2021 Virtual RI Convention



# The President's Corner

Bertel Ingmar Bertelsen
Club President

My fellow Rotarians,

To clarify the message I send earlier this week. I will still finish my term and all that comes with it. At the moment that PE Michael is elected I will resign from the club.

Another clarification is the resigning of Jane. She wanted to resign already a year ago so she could work abroad but due to covid I convinced her to stay for another year.



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## MR. ANTONIO R. CASAS

Wholesale, Channels and Trade Marketing Head



Antonio Ramos Casas is the Head for Strategic Marketing of Eastern Communications. He has a working experience for both telecommunications and finance sector, ensuring customers find the most appropriate solutions for their pain points. He continues to share his experience moving forward as Eastern's lead for Marketing. out helping businesses consumers outside Metro Manila navigate through the now normal via Eastern's high tech and high touch ICT solutions.

Tonie as he is fondly called, graduated from the De La Salle University with a bachelor's degree in Economics and with a diploma in Marketing from the Ateneo de Manila University. He also brags of several international certifications for Digital Marketing, Cybersecurity and Enterprise Design Thinking.

## **ROTARY MONTHLY THEME**

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
	Membership & Extension Month	AREAS OF FOCUS Basic Education & Literacy	AREAS OF FOCUS Economic & Community Development
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Rotary Foundation Month	AREAS OF FOCUS Disease Prevention & Treatment	Vocational Service	AREAS OF FOCUS Peace and Conflict Prevention Resolution
MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
AREAS OF FOCUS Water and Sanitation	AREAS OF FOCUS Maternal and Child Health	Youth Service	Rotary Fellowship

South RC Davao distributed school modules and food packs with drinks to the street children (Alternative Delivery Mode students) partnership with the Spouses' Circle. April 16, 2021









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