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*9th Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom*

September 22, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai
- Invocation, Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn
& Recitation of the 4-Way Test
& Object of Rotary.....Rtn. Harold Abellana
- Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians

II. Programme Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Ester Gahol
- President's Time Pres. Michael Chellathurai

III. Club Assembly

IV. Closing

Announcements / Adjournment

VP Apple Adora
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Invocation

LORD JESUS, our Divine Physician and Healer of body and spirit, we come to You in behalf of our suffering brothers and sisters. During Your stay here on earth, You never hesitated to touch the sick and the dying to heal their brokenness and to restore them to life. We beg You, now that You have risen, to touch our sick relatives and friends with Your healing hands.

May the pain (or illness) our friends are experiencing become a way of uniting him/her with Your passion and suffering. Let this be an occasion for him/her to grow in trust and confidence in Your care, and to hope that all shall be well.

Guide the attending physicians of our friends so that they may become instruments of Your healing power. As we reflect on Your healing miracles, strengthen our feeble faith so that through our prayers, our friend will be restored to wholeness.

Finally, loving Lord, we fervently thank You for the manifold blessings You have showered upon us especially the gift of life and good health. 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...

Philippine WASH project delivers toilets, hygiene education to villages Rotary gets the job done where others failed

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo erupted after 600 years of inactivity and destroyed homes and farms, displacing many indigenous Aeta living in the highlands of central Luzon, Philippines.

While Aeta can refer to several different related ethnic groups, the Aeta here are descendants of Mag-Antsi, who following the eruption, were resettled by the government. Since then, many have returned to their ancestral lands to rebuild and reestablish their communities.



Lack of sanitation where least expected

The world governments have been making progress on increasing access to safe drinking water, but progress on sanitation lags. People lack basic facilities in places you might not expect.

The roughly 43 families in Flora and 79 in nearby Kawayan make a living farming. While Aeta in other areas have been granted title to their ancestral land by the government, these Aeta have seen their lands shrink and their source of livelihood suffer as people from the lowlands staked competing claims during their resettlement years.

Like more than **10 million households in the Philippines**, they lack sanitation facilities. The Philippines government has made progress in extending water to its 109 million inhabitants, but long-term plans to expand sanitation are running behind, especially in rural regions. This reduced access to personal hygiene exposes communities to diseases like diarrhea and cholera, and can lead to decreased school attendance, malnutrition, poor oral health, and fear of violence in women who must practice personal hygiene outdoors, according to a [report by UNICEF](#).

- 1,000
Number of children who die each day due to preventable water and sanitation-related diarrheal diseases.

- 892
million
Number of people who continue to practice open defecation.

Source: [United Nations](#)

To combat these problems, the Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila developed a water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project that installed 25 toilets in the Aeta communities of Flora and Kawayan and three in Babo. Rotary members made visits

to the community to learn about and understand current hygiene practices, willingness to work on the project, and the communities desire for toilets.

Before a single brick was shipped, Rotary developed friendships and gained buy-in from the community. Rotary was able to leverage an existing profile of Flora and Kawayan to guide the project, including information on race, history, socio-economic conditions, family units, source of livelihood, and means of transportation.

Behavior change is hard. You're asking people to do something different from what they were comfortable doing before.

"On our first visit, one of the leaders said that nongovernment organizations and politicians had visited them often, promising to build toilets," recalls Floren Naguit, project manager and member of the Intramuros Rotary Club. "But none had ever been built." Until now.

Work began in Flora in early 2018 during the dry season, December through April, when roads are most passable. Together with their international partner, the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Australia, the club organized three-person work crews and local volunteers to haul materials by Jeep and carabao-pulled carts up mountain roads and across 26 rivers.

Septic tanks were installed, foundations set, walls and roofs built, tiles laid, toilet bowls inserted, solar lamps added, and use and care signs hung. Construction in Kawayan began after Flora was completed, with the total project dedicated in early 2020.

The project paid local teachers, hired by the government, a small stipend to lead three small workshops for clusters of two to three families, and include education on safe hygiene in their lesson plans to encourage behavior change.

Vere Gray (with yellow ribbon), a member of the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Australia, gets a tour of the project site by Floren Naguit (light blue shirt), Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila, during a dedication ceremony in early 2020.

"Behavior change is hard," says Mark Balla, vice chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, "You're asking people to do something different from what they were comfortable doing before." But without it, people can slip back into past habits and toilets can fall into neglect or disrepair.

Perhaps most importantly, Balla stresses the need for patience.

"You are going to get imperfect results. There are no perfect projects," he said. "We need to understand that we are striving for continual improvement."

Knowing that monitoring and measurement are critical, the Rotarians performed follow up surveys with the Aeta, asking questions about toilet use and handwashing behavior.

Although visits were suspended in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and then from September to December when the rainy season makes roads impassable, they are scheduled to resume in 2021.



Secretary's Report

Ester Gahol
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Sept. 4	Sept. 8	Sept. 15
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	19	19	19
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05	05
PRESENT	14	09	10
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	05	10	09
MADE UP	00	00	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	19	19	19
WEEK AVERAGE	74.00%	47.36%	58.00%

Thank you for making up:

PP Noel Villa-Abrille

PE Virgie Albaera

Guests:

Ms. Sonja Garcia

Mr. Jimmy Laking

Reminder:

Sept. 25 (Sat.) - District Tree Planting in Marilog

Oct. 2 (Sat.) - Governor's Visit at Roadway Inn
6:00 to 8:00 PM



The President's Corner

Michael Gerard Chellathurai
Club President

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

It was a very wonderful Brigada Eskwela and Adopt-A-School Program September 2021. Principals and staff of the schools that received the donations were very grateful. Children the beneficiaries of the donations will definitely benefit the most out of it.

My fellow Rotarians I Thank you for your priceless donation to the Brigada Eskwela and Adopt-A-School Program 2021.

As we Rotarians approach the month of October 2021 it is the End Polio and The rotary Foundation donation Drive. let's continue to do our part to "END POLIO" which we are almost there and to donate to "The Rotary Foundation" to Change Lives around the World.

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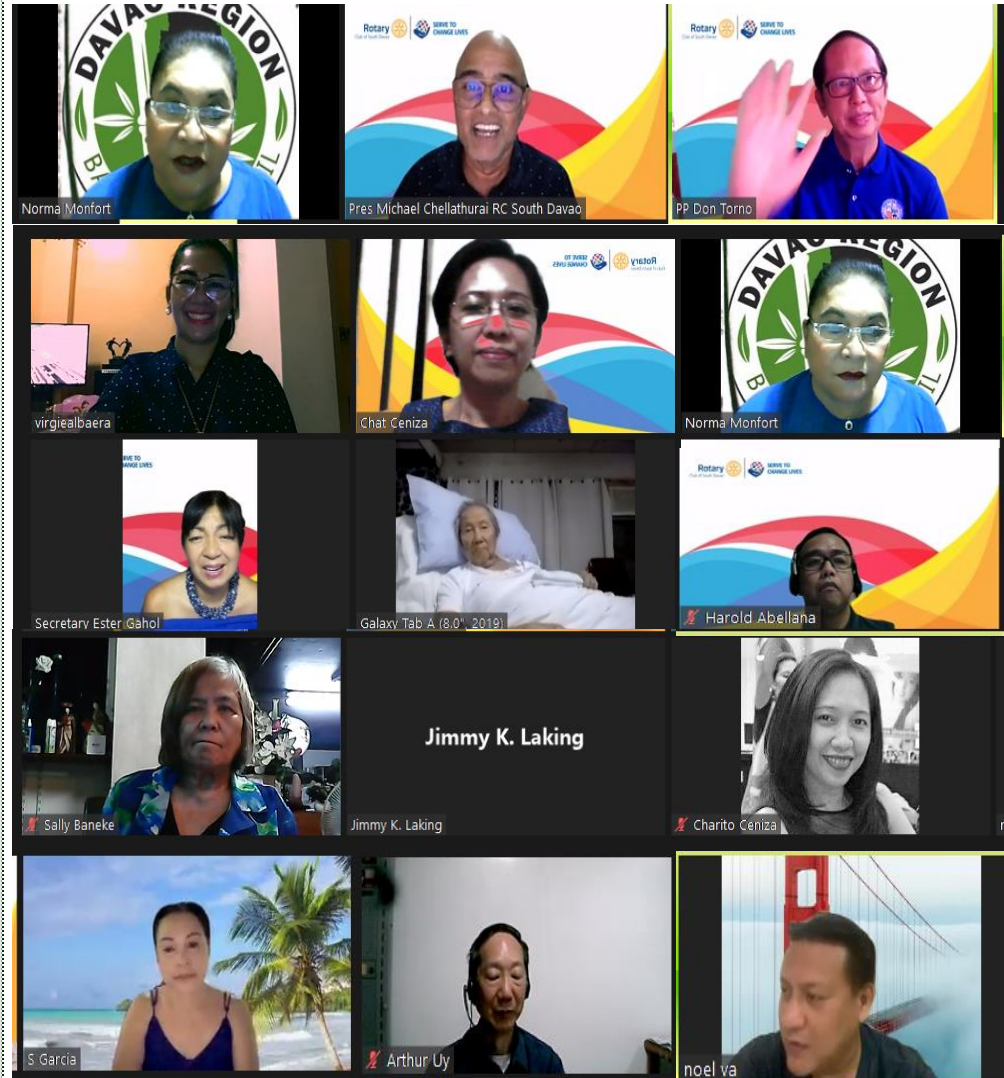
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RCSD 8th E-meeting... With PP Norma Monfort as guest speaker

Sept. 15, 2021





Turnover of 40 reams of bond paper, 1 gal. of glue and 1 gal. of alcohol to Elias B. Lopez Memorial National High School donated by PE Virgie Albaera. Sept. 16, 2021



ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
New Leadership Month 26-30 – District bloodletting activity	Membership & New Club Development 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

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