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Via Zoom, Davao City

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*18th Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom*

January 19, 2022 * 7:00 PM

Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai
- Invocation, National Anthem &
Rotary Hymn & Recitation of the 4-Way Test
& Object of Rotary.....Dir. Miracel Shimizutani
- Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Ester Gahol

II. Programme Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Ester Gahol
- Turnover of Cheque Donation to Fenixia Foundation, Inc.
- President's Time Pres. Michael Chellathurai

III. Other Matters

IV. Closing: Announcements / Adjournment

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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 of 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 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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Rotary Information...

PolioPlus is engaging reluctant communities by addressing basic needs

by Diana Schoberg

Khadim Solangi Goth, a community on the outskirts of Karachi, Pakistan, sits in one of the last remaining polio reservoirs on the planet. More than 40,000 people live in improvised dwellings made of earth or other found materials. For some, a cotton sheet is all that protects them from the hot sun and monsoon rains. "The poorest of the poor are living in this area," says Asher Ali, the project manager for the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee.

Polio is especially resilient in this community, which has been one of the most resistant to eradication efforts; the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has designated Khadim Solangi Goth one of its highest-priority areas. And the Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative classifies Gadap Union Council 4, the administrative district that the community is a part of, as "super high risk."

What makes polio thrive in this place? The piles of trash and open sewers are one reason; the poliovirus gets transmitted through contaminated water. But another major factor is the area's low vaccination rate. In a community whose basic needs aren't met, residents see the polio vaccine as a low priority. "The refusals are not for the sake of religion but because civic amenities are missing," says Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. "They ask us, 'What are you doing here? You come again and again and again to give us polio drops. You never tell us how you're going to help us with electricity, roads, or clean water.'"

Still, the polio eradication program has seen a boost to its credibility in the past couple of years, thanks to the installation of water filtration plants in Karachi and several other areas of the country, including in Khadim Solangi Goth in December 2020 — part of the GPEI's effort

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to install a total of 36 such plants in Pakistan. Since 2012, Rotary members have been working to install plants through a variety of channels, including a partnership with Coca-Cola Pakistan, Rotary Foundation global grant projects, PolioPlus Partners grants, and partnerships with Rotary districts or other entities. More construction is in progress or in the planning stages.

“Now that the community has access to clean water, polio workers are giving us feedback that when they are going to homes, the mothers bring their children to be vaccinated. The workers now have easy access to get into the area,” says Ali.

Reaching Khadim Solangi Goth had been a challenge because of security concerns. But the polio workers persevered. Rotary members met with elders, women, and other stakeholders in the community to find out what they needed most and how Rotary could help. “Once we gained their confidence, then we moved forward,” Ali says.

Safe drinking water was a high priority among Khadim Solangi Goth residents, so Coca-Cola Pakistan and Rotary in Pakistan — whose decade-long partnership has brought clean water to tens of thousands of people in the country — installed a water filtration plant in the community. Rotary members also trained residents to operate and maintain the equipment, and worked with the community to provide education in hygiene and handwashing. “We gradually gained the respect of the people and gained success,” Ali says.

The work ties into the GPEI’s new strategic plan, which launched in June 2021. One of the objectives is to speed progress toward polio eradication by integrating that work with efforts to address other community needs — “in other words, not just focusing on polio alone,” explains Michael K. McGovern, chair of the International Polio-Plus Committee.

In a report issued the same month, the Independent Monitoring Board, a group of experts who assess progress toward a polio-free world, highlighted the slow progress toward improving water and sanitation in parts of Pakistan deemed “super high risk.” The board called directly on Rotary to help bridge the gap between the polio program and other programs and funders. “Rotary International is greatly respected as

having a ‘can-do’ capability in advancing practical action of this kind,” the report stated.

While the improvement of water and sanitation in these areas helps stop the spread of polio, the new infrastructure helps build goodwill for the polio program. “It all ties together,” McGovern says.

Hence the “plus” in PolioPlus, Rotary’s program that provides communities with benefits beyond vaccination — such as clean water, medical treatments, bed nets, and soap. In northern Nigeria, for example, Rotary and its partners sponsored more than 30 solar-powered boreholes, which helped develop trust among the vulnerable residents. The strategy worked: Nigeria reported its last case of polio in 2016, and the World Health Organization certified the Africa region free of wild polio in 2020.

In Pakistan, Memon says, Rotary members complement the water projects with health camps that assist families with other medical needs. “Health camps also send a very positive signal,” he says. “It shows that our main focus is not polio alone, it’s PolioPlus.”

In Hassan Brohi Goth, another community in the Karachi metropolitan area, many people make their living by producing bricks in kilns. A smoky haze envelops the area, exacerbating breathing difficulties among health-challenged residents. The community lacks medical facilities. Its drinking water comes from a pipeline — which is broken, making the water unsafe to drink — or from vendors who charge more than many people can afford.

Rotary members worked with a kiln owner to provide a site for a water filtration plant. The plant, installed as part of a Rotary Foundation global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Karachi and Maysville, North Carolina, went online in August.

“Through this water filtration plant, we’ve gained credibility and the confidence of the people,” Ali says. “The people know us. It gives me a lot of happiness. The polio teams, whether from WHO or the government, all are welcomed.”

This story originally appeared in the December 2021 issue of [Rotary](#) magazine.



Secretary's Report

Ester Gahol
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Jan. 12
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	18
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	06
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	12
MADE UP	03
ATTENDANCE % BASE	18
WEEK AVERAGE	50.00%

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 26 – Rtn. Sonja Garcia



Reminder:

Feb. 12 – RCSD 54th Charter Anniversary



The President's Corner

Michael Gerard Chellathurai
Club President

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

The covid 19 pandemic is on the rise again. I would love to have face to face Meetings and fellowships due to the circumstances.

Its better for us to be on the safe side and do our meetings by zoom for this month.

Hopefully we can have face to face meetings and fellowships next month Feb onwards.

Thank you fellow Rotarians for your understanding and support.

God bless us all.

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