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Via Zoom, Davao City

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*19th Regular Weekly Meeting
Via Zoom*

January 26, 2022 * 7:00 PM

Program

I. Opening:

Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai

Ecumenical Prayer, National Anthem &
Rotary Hymn

Recitation of the 4-Way Test
& Object of Rotary.....PE Virgie Albaera

Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Ester Gahol

II. Programme Proper

Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Ester Gahol

President's Time Pres. Michael Chellathurai

III. Other Matters

IV. Closing: Announcements / Adjournment

PDDG/PP Arthur Uy
Master of Ceremonies

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.

INVOCATION

Tonight, dear Father, we beseech You, grant us the gift of understanding of the faith required of us and the guidance to practice this faith through deeds, thereby honoring Rotary and above all, honoring You, the Supreme Head of all service organizations.

You taught us the Christian is not merely an emotion or a purely intellectual conviction or an adherence to a moral and religious code, nor is a belief in a man-made God. Christian faith is, first of all, an encounter with God. It is love brought to mankind by the Son of God. It is also an act of trust made in Christ as a living person, as someone in the truth of whose words and life we can believe. And finally, it is a commitment, a free and conscious participation, as the people of God, in God's mission to save the world.

Grant us, therefore, the privilege of encountering and recognizing Your divine person in the Rotary, among its members, the fellowship with them, and in the service of our fellowmen. May this human encounter with our fellow Rotarians and the people we serve straighten our love and trust in You. And finally, give us the courage to fulfill our commitment to "serve others above self," which is the Rotary's way of expressing Your mission to save all men. Given this kind of faith, with Your divine assistance, we will surely honor Rotary. We will surely honor You. Amen.

Rotary Information...

Community Spirit

by Brad Webber

Fearing for his safety, Than Hre, a student whose activism had attracted the attention of Myanmar's military government, fled his homeland in 2000. He made his way from Hakha, the capital of the country's mountainous Chin State, to Guam, where he would wait two years before securing permission to immigrate to the U.S. mainland. Hre eventually settled in Indiana, followed by his wife and young son. They joined thousands of other Burmese refugees, most of them Chin tribal people whose ancestors had converted to Christianity around the end of the 19th century, incurring enmity and persecution in their Buddhist-majority homeland.

In his new home, Hre relished his freedom to worship, assimilate, and prosper. He worked at a warehouse and ran a cleaning business. In 2008, he took over an Indian grocery store, stocking it with goods he knew would appeal to the Chin people living on the south side of Indianapolis — a population that has grown from a few hundred in the 1990s to more than 20,000 today. The store and Hre's adjacent Chin Brothers restaurant now serve as a community hub for refugees in and around Southport — a city situated within the boundaries of Indianapolis that is at the heart of what the residents have dubbed "Chindianapolis."

The Rotary Club of Indianapolis took notice of the refugees, and in 2016, the club's foundation made a five-year, \$250,000 grant to the Chin Community of Indiana (CCI), a nonprofit that helps newcomers find jobs, language training, and access to government services. The grant, extended through 2023 with an additional \$150,000, has allowed the community center, which serves as many as 40 people a day, to hire full-time staff. The Marion County Health Department agreed to fund the salary of an executive director for the center after county officials learned about the funding from the Rotary club.

The newly professionalized community center turned heads. "I thought, what kind of business is this Rotary club?" recalls Hre, who serves on the center's board. "That's a lot of money. How can they fund it? Why did they do it?" He wanted to learn more — and once he did, he decided to help create a satellite club that would bring together people from within and outside of the Chin community to forge a unique path to service.

Championed by Jeff Lake, a past president of the Indianapolis club, and Tim Lee and Charles Shumate, past governors of District 6560, the Rotary Club of Southport International was chartered as a full-fledged club in 2020. For Rotary, Shumate notes, "the idea of reaching out to other groups has fantastic potential for growth."

The Chin center's president, Peter Thawngmung, is a member of the Southport International club, as is one of his brothers, John Thawngmung. Ruth Olson, who heads an adult basic education program whose students are predominantly Chin, is also in the club. You'll often find Lake and Lee either volunteering at the CCI office or eating at Chin Brothers, which is renowned for dishes such as sabuti, a corn and meat soup. Lee, known among locals by his honorary name of Pek Thang, also raves about the goat curry.

"How cool is it?" enthuses Hre. "We plan together, we help each other. It's a better community because of Rotary."

The club was meant to be international from the start, says Olson, a first-time Rotarian and the

current president, adding: "That sounded right up my alley." The Thawngmung brothers, who came to Michigan from Myanmar as children in 1980, felt a similar tug. "I thought I could be a good bridge between communities," John says.

The club's can-do spirit was noted by Shumate when he bestowed on it one of District 6560's Club of the Year awards for 2020-21. Even though the new club had to find its footing during a global pandemic, the Rotarians got things done. They distributed tons of food to low-income households on the south side of Indianapolis, with the supplies donated from local food banks and pantries, including Indy's Community Food Co Op, as well as from the temporary Farmers to Families food box program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"There are some areas in the Chin community that are in need," says Amy Lee, a club member and Tim Lee's wife. The club finds ways to deliver: In late 2020, it teamed with a local barbecue restaurant to raise \$1,200 for several families who had been displaced by an apartment fire. A handful of members faithfully contribute to the club's coffers through a program at Lucas Oil Stadium that pays community groups whose members help run concession stands during concerts and professional football games.

Southport International members also raise funds by holding 50/50 raffles at club meetings, a routine source of spirited fun, as when some participants are asked to perform a quick dance before drawing a playing card from the deck. "We have great attitudes, a lot of laughter. We always have lots of fun," says Olson.

That laid-back vibe, along with the evening meeting time, is what drew Ben Johnson from his former club. "There's no self-aggrandizing," he says, "no self-importance."

As the club seeks continued participation from the Chin community, John Thawngmung says he is seeing members' mentality shift to that of benefactors who enjoy taking part in service.

Amy Lee notes that when the club started, many Chin people wondered why they needed Rotary in their community when they already took care of their own. "Now," she says, "they are seeing the bigger picture of Rotary."

Vital statistics

Chartered: 28 September 2020, with 21 members

Current membership: 23

Step by step: The Rotary Club of Southport International began in 2019 as a satellite club of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis. Charter members included leaders from the sponsor club and from District 6560, leaders of the Chin Community of Indiana, and other internationally minded people with an interest in learning more about their neighbors.

A casual affair: The club set annual dues of \$160. Its meetings, at 6 p.m. every other Tuesday, are generally held in restaurants, though attendees can choose not to order food, giving them the option of lowering their cost.

Redefining the melting pot: More than half of the club's members are from Chin State in Myanmar. Of the roughly 2 million residents of metropolitan Indianapolis, close to 145,000, or 7 percent, were born outside the United States.



Secretary's Report

Ester Gahol
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	18	18
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05
PRESENT	06	05
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	12	13
MADE UP	03	01
ATTENDANCE % BASE	18	18
WEEK AVERAGE	50.00%	33.33%

Guests:

Lisa Valerio – Fenixia Foundation, Inc.
Robbie Jean Jimenez - Fenixia Foundation, Inc.

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 ,

Due to the present situation we are facing today with this menacing Covid 19 which has changed our daily routine and making it impossible for us to do many things which we love to do eg. Fellowships and face to face meeting to bring in new members to our club.

It's very hearting to know members are really trying their very best to recruit people to our club but facing an issue.

The issue here is that potential members do not like zoom meetings they prefer to have a face to face meeting which is not possible during this time.

Hopefully we can do our face to face meetings ASAP so that our potential new members will join our club.

Fellow Rotarians who have any suggestion or ideas to recruit new members please share with us.

Let's Grow our Club.

Thank you fellow Rotarians

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With Ms. Lisa Valerio of Fenixia Foundation, Inc.

Jan. 19, 2022

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