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Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Ester Gahol
- Invocation
- Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &
Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary
- Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Harold Abellana

II. Program Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Harold Abellana
- President's Time.....Pres. Ester Gahol

III. Election of President-Elect

IV. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Loving Father, as we start a new year, give us the privilege to collaborate in Your divine work to “overcome evil by good.” John the Evangelist tells us: “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world. Not at all; the world is to be saved through Him.” (John 3:17).

Lord, it is a great honor to be part of Your work of Redemption in the challenging years that lie ahead.

Amen.

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?

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.

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...

Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary

RI president-elect announces 2024-25 presidential theme

By Etelka Lehoczky

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Prioritizing peace

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

Rotary has a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centers, Urchick noted. Located at top universities around the globe, the centers have trained nearly 1,800 peace fellows who are now working in more than 140 countries. The newest center, located at Bahçeşehir

University in Istanbul, Turkey, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025.

"The Rotary Peace Fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflict," Urchick said. "This conference will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together."

In addition to emphasizing peacebuilding, Urchick reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio. She urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help end the disease.

"Contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication," she said. "Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."

Balancing continuity and change

Urchick also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan.

"The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are."

She asked the governors to do whatever is needed to make the club experience irresistible to members.

"That might mean changing how things are done in your district," she said. "If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it's probably time to reassess. If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, maybe it's time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change."

One way to make positive change, she said, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs.

"I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."



Secretary's Report

Harold Abellana

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Dec. 2	Dec. 6
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21	21
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04
PRESENT	09	12
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	13	09
MADE UP	05	01
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21	21
WEEK AVERAGE	67.00%	62.00%

Thank you for making-up:

Rtn. Litho Mojares

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 26 – PN Sonja Garcia

Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 6 – PP Maeng & Sp. Lynda Tabije

Reminder:

Jan. 27, 2024 – Fellowship

Feb. 12, 2024 – RCSD Foundation Day

April 11-12, 2024 – PETS/SETS
Dumaguete City

April 12-13, 2024 – District Training
Assembly
Dumaguete City



President's Message

Ester T. Gahol

Club President

Happy New Year fellow members! Another year has passed and we are faced with new and exciting challenges.

Our new theme for 2024-2025 is The Magic of Rotary. The officers will be called the Irresistible Team. This is something to look forward to for our President Elect and his or her Irresistible team on how they will make The Magic of Rotary happen. Hopefully, it will not take a magician for us to come up with our next President Elect.

We are here today to do just that. Good luck to all and may we choose the right person to take the baton to the finish line. Being President is challenging especially with all the meetings and preparations for an event. My advice is to enjoy the ride because it is truly an experience to bond with your members, fellow Presidents, District Governor and her District officers. One thing for sure, you are doing a good thing for others. That is what life is all about. You are indeed a Rotarian.

Since our Governor is from Davao, our next Discon 2024 will be in Davao on May 3-4 at Dusit Thani and Azuela Cove. Just a reminder to please pay your dues on time. Help us to be current with all our financial responsibilities as well. If not, we may have to discuss raising our dues. Please look out for good contenders to become members of our club. The more members the merrier we all are.

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ROTARY HYMN

*I want to be a Rotarian for the world
 Make the Rotary flag as the flag of peace unfurled
 I shall serve my community
 Help achieve universal unity.*

*Through Rotary I shall dedicate my all
 World understanding shall be my cherished goal
 With the 4-Way Test, I'll pursue my quest
 And if I, in a way, help obtain peace in the world
 I shall not have lived in vain*

*I observe service above self
 Lend a hand to all who need my help
 I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
 And in Rotary ways I will train my family*

*With the 4-Way Test, we'll pursue our quest
 And if we, in a way, help obtain peace in the world
 We shall not have lived in vain*

*Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth
 Strengthened by nothing but the truth
 Let's join our hands, there's no reason we'll divide
 We shall all understand why the good Lord is our guide*

*With the 4-Way Test we'll pursue our quest
 And if I, in a way help obtain
 Peace in the world
 We shall not have lived in vain
 Peace be achieved we shall not have lived in vain.*