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18th Regular Weekly Meeting

January 17, 2024 * The Pinnacle Hotel * 12:00NN

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. Club Assembly

IV. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to gather here today. Thank you for protecting us as we traveled and providing an opportunity to meet, learn, and grow. As we begin our meeting, we dedicate this time to you.

Your Word says in Colossians 3:17, *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* Thank you for blessing our time together. Help us make new connections and gain wisdom to do the work you’ve set before us.

We give you honor and glory, Lord.

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...

Partnership with the United Nations puts the focus on waterways

By Etelka Lehoczky

A new collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme empowers Rotary members to clean up, protect, and monitor their local waterways. The strategic partnership aligns with both the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Rotary's environment area of focus.

The partnership "brings together Rotary's community-based solutions and UNEP's technical expertise," RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick said when announcing the partnership on 10 January. She spoke at Rotary's International Assembly, the organization's gathering of incoming district governors.

At the center of the partnership is a program enabling Rotary and Rotaract clubs to make commitments to the health of their own nearby waterways. Called **Community Action for Fresh Water**, the program will encourage clubs to organize river cleanup days, raise awareness in their communities about the importance of healthy waterways, conduct basic water quality tests, and report their findings.

These locally based activities are crucial to protecting the environment on a global scale, says Rafael Peralta, regional director and representative for the UNEP's office for North America.

"The protection, management, and restoration of freshwater ecosystems is fundamental to combating the triple planetary crises: the crisis of climate change, the crisis of biodiversity loss, and the crisis of pollution and waste," Peralta said at the announcement ceremony. "As populations develop and economies expand, so too does the demand for fresh water. This puts freshwater ecosystems under increasing pressure."

This partnership builds on a pilot program, Adopt a River for Sustainable Development, begun in 2020 by UNEP and Rotary District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan). In addition, Rotary and Rotaract clubs around the world have often worked independently to clean up freshwater ecosystems.

"Healthy watersheds help biodiversity, forests, wetlands, and lakes. They help agriculture, help the economy, recharge the aquifers, and provide water to millions of people around the world," said Salvador Rico, a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. "A contaminated river and a damaged watershed make the area prone to fires, cause droughts, cause diseases, affect the economy of nearby communities, and contribute to climate change."

The Rotary Foundation is funding program costs over the course of three years, with the potential for continued support. Clubs can use district funds or apply for global grants to pay for their activities.

To participate, Rotary and Rotaract clubs can identify a local body of water (river, lake, wetland, or natural reservoir) and commit to protecting and restoring it. They can then engage with the local community and other relevant groups to identify any major threats to the body of water and ultimately develop a plan of action in coordination with nongovernmental organizations, private enterprises, or government agencies.

Congratulations!!!

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Secretary's Report

Harold Abellana

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Jan. 10
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21
HONORARY MEMBER	04
PRESENT	12
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	09
MADE UP	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21
WEEK AVERAGE	57.14%

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 26 – PN Sonja Garcia



Reminder:

Jan. 27, 2024 – Fellowship

Jan 28, 2024 – Governor's Night
Assessment: P1,000/head

Feb. 12, 2024 – RCSD Foundation Day

Feb. 18-24, 2024 – Rotary Week

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

The wheels are starting to turn again. Prepare for events like the Governor's Night, DISCON, Foundation day, Rotary week which includes activities like motorcade, exhibit, Job Fair, Fellowship and a Golf Tournament. I will send you more details whenever it is available.

With all these upcoming activities, all I'm asking is your support. The good thing about these activities is that it is mostly around the corner. Therefore, no excuses for not being able to go or get involved.

Let us not forget our 7 areas of Focus and our projects yet to do or have done:

1. Education and Literacy - Dental Medical Mission with education for children
2. Growing local Economy - Livelihood sale of hand woven shawls from Lumads
3. Promote Peace - Speaker for Peace, Refurbish Peace Monument
4. Preventing Disease - End Polio, Cataracts Medical Mission, donate vitamins
5. Clean Water – Paquibato
6. Maternal and Child - Provide Prosthetics to children born without limbs
7. Saving the Environment - Garage Sale

Any suggestions for projects are welcome. Therefore, let's move forward!

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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.*