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20th Regular Weekly Meeting

February 28, 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 Father, we know that You are present with us at this very moment in this room. We were thought that prayers is a conversation with You. And Your son told us two thousand years ago.

Allow us, therefore, to converse with You as children do with parents. You must have observed how wonderful it is for Rotarians to meet every week in an atmosphere of friendship and joy, sharing and learning about all things and the welfare of their community and their country. You must have noticed, too, everybody putting his best foot forward, wishing each other well, and extending a helping hand to the needy and the poor. Father, You are most powerful and infinitely persuasive of all – can You not make this spirit and atmosphere prevail amongst our national leaders? That is our fervent prayer.

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 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...

District 2232 is working to identify needs, connect with Rotary clubs worldwide, and support those affected by the war

By Arnold R. Grahl

Two years after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Rotary members around the globe continue to raise funds and send medicine, fuel, and other essential supplies to those affected by the conflict.

A special relief fund created by The Rotary Foundation, now closed to contributions, raised more than US\$17.4 million from donors around the world and has funded 375 grants that have allowed Rotary members to provide different kinds of help.

In addition, many Rotary clubs and districts have organized local humanitarian response initiatives. Guided by District 2232 (Ukraine), these efforts have directed shipments of medicine, medical equipment, ambulances, generators, heating fuel, winter supplies, and other relief to communities in need.

Mykola Stebljanko, a past governor of District 2232, says the huge response since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has strengthened Rotary in Ukraine.

"We have become more active, more effective. We are a more solid organization now," Stebljanko says. "We receive a lot of requests from our communities. Lots of outside clubs want to help us. People see this and ... want to join Rotary."

Stebjanko says clubs in Ukraine have added more than 500 new members in the past two years. The growth has been so rapid, in fact, that the district spends comparatively little time on intentional efforts to attract members. It uses that time instead to help new members understand what it means to be a member of Rotary so they will remain engaged.

The increased service efforts have also drawn media attention.

"Before the war, the media did not want to mention us in the news," Stebljanko says. "At the moment, they like to tell about Rotary because of the help we are giving and because our activities are very impactful."

Myron Uhrn, 2023-24 governor of District 2232, has spent months collecting detailed reports from all regions of Ukraine to document and guide the relief efforts. These analytics, he says, will help his district collaborate with members outside Ukraine who want to help — but may not know how.

District 2232 has also formed a committee to help organize the efforts of clubs and districts outside the country, connecting them with clubs in Ukraine to support those affected by the war. Uhrn says he receives dozens of letters every day from people all over the world offering their assistance. On a recent video call, he held up a stack of mail he had received just that morning. "It is why we started collecting analytics," he says. "It is very useful to understand the total situation and exchange information. It makes us more effective, more able to have an impact. We want to continue our network and partnership with other Rotary clubs and districts."

[Learn how you can support Rotary's humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.](#)

Listen to the Rotary podcast: [Why should we care about Russia's war against Ukraine?](#)

ROTARY WEEK 2024: 119th Anniversary of Rotary International

Motorcade & Thanksgiving
Mass at Abreeza Mall.
Feb. 18, 2024



Rotary Showcase Exhibit ribbon cutting with DG Twinkle Gamboa at Abreeza Mall. Feb. 18, 2024



Empowering Women with Ms. Diana Vandenoek as guest speaker at Talikala Inc.. Feb. 19, 2024





Mangrove Planting at Brgy. Matina Aplaya. Feb. 20, 2024



Declaration of Rotary Week during the City Council Session. Feb. 20, 2024



Badminton Tournament at Las Terrazas.
Feb. 22, 2024



Peace Forum at Abreeza Mall.
Feb. 23, 2024



Job Fair in partnership with PESO, DOLE and NCCC at NCCC Mall Victoria Plaza. Feb. 24, 2024



RCSD 56th Charter Anniversary...
Feb. 12, 2024, Hotel Tropika





Secretary's Report

Harold Abellana

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Feb. 6	Feb. 12
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21	21
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04
PRESENT	08	15
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	13	06
MADE UP	02	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21	21
WEEK AVERAGE	48.00%	71.42%

Thank you for making-up

PP Michael Chellathurai

PP Arthur Uy

Guests:

PP Nonoy Aquino
Sp. Linda Aquino
PP Espie Aparis
PP Jing Quijada

Sp. Ana Abellana
Sp. Marselle Lozano
Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai
Sp. Lynda Tabije

Sp. Ely Torno Rtr. Mycah P.
Sp. Kathy Uy Edward Pelotos
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Happy Birthday!

March 15 – Sp. Ely Torno
25 – PP Rudy Abellana
26 – PP Braul Lim



Reminder:

Mar. 6, 2024 – Regular Meeting
"Spouses' Day"

April 11-13, 2024 – PETS/SETS/DTA
Bethel Guest House
Dumaguete City

May 3-4, 2024 – DISCON 2024
Dusit Thani & Azuela Cove

May 25-29, 2024 – RI Convention in
Singapore



President's Message

Ester T. Gahol

Club President

Last week was Rotary week Feb 18-24, 2024. That was the longest week in Rotary activities. Let me tell you about it. On Feb. 18, Sunday we had a motorcade of about 20 cars. We started at Magsaysay fruit stand and ended in Abreeza. All the presidents attended the 1030am mass and gave fruits during the offertory. Ribbon cutting for our exhibit in Abreeza near DIY was at 1pm. It was attended by Governor Twinkle Gamboa.

On Feb. 19, Monday was the rehabilitation for the Tanikala center near Assumption church. We had Katrina Diano, a Psychologist as our speaker to 25 women who listened to her. We gave 5 kilo rice to each participant and offered snacks. I wanted to know what kind of occupation they are interested in doing. Many said caregiver, dressmaking and saleslady. So they wrote it down with their name and cell number, in case we can come up with a program to help them.

On Feb. 20, Tuesday was mangrove planting. We gave 25 mangroves for each club to plant in Matina Aplaya. Then we went to Sangguniang building to meet with the Davao City Councilors. Each President was introduced and our activities mentioned. It was great to be recognized and applauded for what we are doing.

On Feb 21 Wednesday was our rest day or visit our Exhibit in Abreeza day. On Feb 22, Thursday was our Sportsfest for basketball and badminton tournaments in Las Terrazas. We had Neil Ontong as our representative for badminton. Thank you Neil for your support.

On Feb 23, Friday was a Peace Forum at 1-3pm in Abreeza. There were 2 speakers, speaking about our peace situation.

On Feb 24, Saturday we had job fair in partnership with NCCC and Peso. It was from 7-5pm. Many job applicants came and many companies were also looking for applicants. There were 4 applicants that were hired on the spot by 10am. Governor Twinkle Gamboa gave a message to everyone about Rotary. This is a fantastic way to spread our clubs name and our mission.

Overall, it was a fulfilling week especially we had a fellowship night on the 24th. We sang and danced the night away. Thank you for your support.

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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.*