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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
- Community Singing

II. Program Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Harold Abellana
- Introduction of Guest of Honor
& Speaker
- S P E E C H.....Engr. Judy Ann T. Bernardino
- President's Time.....Pres. Ester Gahol

III. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Dear Lord and Father,

Thank You that You promise us that where two or three gathered You are there in the midst.

Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that You have lavished upon each of us.

We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love.

We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus.

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...

Rotary honors a tireless advocate for women and girls

The 2024 Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award recipient promotes women's health and empowerment

By Etelka Lehoczky

The 2024 recipient of **Rotary International's Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award** is a successful entrepreneur, a Rotary member of 20 years, and a tireless advocate for women and girls. Manjoo Phadke, of the Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana, Maharashtra, India, has helped more than 100,000 girls and women through her many projects.

"I've always felt that women think of themselves as 'lesser,'" she says. "I want to keep giving them confidence that they are not 'lesser,' and they can do whatever they set their minds to."

Phadke's Rotary colleagues praise her initiative and dedication.

"Manjoo's professional and social accomplishments, positive attitude, and passion have set her apart as an influential leader and catalyst for change," says Shailesh Narayan Palekar, the district Rotary Foundation chair for District 3131, who nominated Phadke for the award. "She is a lady who is very, very determined to work for young girls and women, and that is something that makes her exceptional."

Phadke has pursued numerous initiatives to support women's health, including organizing clinics to offer medical checkups and mammograms and leading campaigns to promote menstrual hygiene.

"Unfortunately, in India, women have this tendency of neglecting themselves," she says. "For example, if there is one liter of milk, women think it should be given to the men or the boys. We have to make them understand that if the woman of the house is healthy, the entire house can be healthy."

She has worked extensively to increase the rate of vaccination against human papillomaviruses (HPV), the cause of almost all cases of cervical cancer. Not only did she help to secure US\$800,000 in grants from The Rotary Foundation to pay for vaccinations, but she also negotiated their prices directly with vaccine suppliers. She ultimately helped secure savings of nearly two-thirds off the regular price per dose.

"The cost of two doses of the vaccine was ₹8,400 [about US\$100] in India at that time, which was very, very high," Palekar says. "We wanted to do about 10 global grants to vaccinate 25,000 girls. So, she used all her negotiating skills with the vaccine companies and brought the rate down to ₹3,400 [about US\$40] — about 40% of the actual rate in the



market." The project ultimately met its target, vaccinating approximately 25,000 girls in rural and tribal areas.

Phadke also helped design and launch Project Asmita, a program that uses specially made videos and booklets to educate girls in life skills such as financial, digital, and legal literacy, as well as self-defense, nutrition, and menstrual health. The project, which also distributes free vitamins and sanitary napkins, has reached an estimated 100,000 girls and has become one of her district's signature initiatives.

Designing the program was a natural step for Phadke, who runs a vocational education institute for lower-income students called SkillArbor. The institute takes a "learn while you earn" approach, connecting participants with employers on their first day in the program. As an entrepreneur herself, Phadke says, she has a special interest in helping women who want to run their own businesses. Her district recruited about 1,000 girls for a driver's education program that enabled the participants to go into business as delivery drivers.

"We thought that if girls can be taught to drive, they can be employed as delivery girls for supply chain companies," she says. "We also gave them some vans to ferry children to school."

Phadke has conducted free workshops for women entrepreneurs for more than a decade, working closely with organizations that include the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission, the Utkarsh Welfare Foundation, and the Indira Group of Institutes. Her favorite success story was from a 17-year-old who started a business teaching other girls martial arts.

"She just started offering martial arts classes, and her business went on to become very successful," Phadke says. "She told me, 'I've now grown into a big business, and I'm earning a respectable amount of money, and everybody around me is amazed at that.' It really touched my heart."

She also helps women understand the legal system and their rights. For six years she served on the women's safety committee of the Pune police commissioner, advising 10-12 women per week on legal literacy, financial planning, and conflict resolution.

"She's been a wonderful leader," Palekar says. "People are very comfortable interacting with her and working with her."

Phadke is governor of Rotary District 3131 and has served her club as president, Foundation chair, and membership chair. One of her favorite programs is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), which she has helped her district organize since she joined Rotary in 2003.

Meet last year's recipient of Rotary International's Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award.

*Our Guest of Honor
& Speaker...*

ENGR. JUDY ANN T. BERNARDINO
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Place of Birth : Davao City
Res. Address : Blk 1, Lot 34, Daffodil St., Green Meadows Subd.,
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Spouse : Emilio Dora Aller
Children : Eloise Johanne B. Diaz & Edgar Jason B. Diaz
Father : Angel Morales Bernardino, Sr. (deceased)
Mother : Teresita Cansana-Tapic Bernardino

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT:

Elementary : Jose Bastida Elem. School – 1973 to 1979 (Valedictorian)

Secondary : St. Peter College of Toril – 1979 to 1983
(1st Honorable Mention)

College : University of Mindanao – Bachelor of Science in
Civil Engineering - 1983 to 1988 (Silver Medallion)

Graduate Studies : University of Mindanao – MS in Engineering
Programming, Major in Environmental Engineering
2001 to 2003

CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY:

- RA 1080 (Civil Engineer) – Manila – May 12, 1990
- Career Service Sub Professional Examination – Davao City –
Aug. 3, 1986

RCSD 21st regular luncheon meeting...
“Spouses’ Day” , March 6, 2024, Pinnacle Hotel





Secretary's Report

Harold Abellana

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Mar. 6
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21
HONORARY MEMBER	04
PRESENT	12
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	09
MADE UP	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21
WEEK AVERAGE	57.14%

Guests:

PP Nonoy Aquino Sp. Kathy Uy Ms. Angelie Abellana
 Myrtle Onggao Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai

Happy Birthday!

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



Reminder:

Mar. 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting
 Mar. 27, 2024 – NO Meeting (Holy Wed)
 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

After 2 years of painstakingly raffling one card at a time, earning over 30,000 for the club and for the grand winner, BJ Antioquia deserves all of our congratulations! Everyone was so excited and waiting when there were only 2 cards left. We bought as many tickets as we could to win the jackpot. Spouses passed around the question of what are they going to do with money? BJ only had to say that he will give his winnings to his lovely wife. Then he won. What a lucky guy!

Some of us can be as lucky if you watched the fashion show "Catwalk for a Cause" last March 7. There were 9 Rotarians including me who walked the ramp for the benefit of children with deficiencies. Our gowns were enhanced by fabrics handwoven by the Lumdads of Marawi called Balud. This was done intentionally to help their livelihood as well. Rotary has increased its image and has reached more people by doing this fashion show.

Now that Discon is coming up on May 3-4. Those who signed up for the dance competition must practice starting March 20 & 22. Every Wednesday and Friday 6-8 pm till show time must practice. 25k is a good incentive but the recognition of being the best dancers of Rotary Club of South Davao is better.

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PP JOSE VALENZUELA, JR.

DON CESAREO VILLA-ABRILLE

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MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

AQUINO, ABDULAH + 5

CHUA, JACOB + 5

UY CHING SIONG + 4

VALENZUELA, JOSE JR. + 4

LOZANO, MAXIMO + 3

MA, WELKING + 3

NIMMO, SCOTT + 3

MONFORT, NORMA +3

CHELLATHURAI, MICHAEL +3

SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL +3

ABELLANA, RODOLFO +2

FERRAZZINI, JOHNNY + 2

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VILLA-ABRILLE, NOEL

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LIM, GEORGE + 1

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MA, RYAN + 2

MISA, GEORGE WALTER + 2

MUNDA, GERARDO + 2

NIMMO, RHODORA + 4

OBREGON, MICHAEL + 2

PIATOS, PABLO JR. + 6

PELAYO, RAMON + 2

PIATOS, MERLITA + 2

QUIJADA, VIRGILIO C. + 2

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TAN, ISIDRO + 1

UY, ARTHUR + 4

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VALDEZ, PAUL + 1

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 PARILLA, PABLITO "Billy"
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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.*