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11th Regular Weekly Meeting

September 27, 2023 * Pinnacle Hotel & Suites * 12:00NN

Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Ester Gahol
- Invocation.....PP JL Solivio
- 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
- Introduction of Guest of Honor
& Speaker.....VP Miracel Shimizutani
- S P E E C H.....Ms. Irene M. Santiago
- President's Time.....Pres. Ester Gahol

III. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Rtn. Jay-R Tomines
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

God of peace, we invite You to preside over this meeting. Even if we have different opinions, give us unity of spirit. Help us to each listen politely as others share their points of view. Help us to work as a unified team in combining ideas for a great outcome. Help us to work as a whole, rather than as individuals trying to promote their own agendas. May we have a spirit of camaraderie in this room and work together on our shared mission.

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 Foundation Trustees establish targeted funds to aid Morocco

The Rotary Foundation Trustees established a new Morocco Earthquake Response Fund in September 2023 to support immediate relief efforts for people affected by the devastating earthquakes. Donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotary members.

Contributions will be accepted until 31 December 2023. Districts can apply for grants from the funds until 21 September 2024 or until the funds have all been allocated. Any contributions that haven't been spent by 21 September 2024 will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund, to be made available for disasters worldwide.

How to contribute

You can give online, by check, or by transferring District Designated Funds:

- **To contribute online, use my.rotary.org/disaster-response-fund.**
- To give by check, make it payable to The Rotary Foundation or to an associate foundation and include a completed **contribution form**. In the DESIGNATION/PURPOSE section, choose Other and write the fund name (Morocco Earthquake Response Fund).
- To allocate District Designated Funds, district leaders can use the **DDF contribution form**.

How to raise money to support these funds

Anyone can start a fundraiser for the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund on **Raise for Rotary**. Remember that:

- **Raise for Rotary** currently accepts 12 currencies and is available only in English.

- Donations made through fundraisers for the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund on Raise for Rotary will be credited and recognized as described below.
- Any fundraisers on a third-party platform such as Facebook or GoFundMe won't offer these specific fund options and aren't eligible for Foundation credit and recognition.

How contributions are credited and recognized

Gifts to the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund:

- Count toward a donor's total cumulative giving
- Factor into Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and Arch Klumph Society recognition
- Help the donor's club achieve the 100% Foundation Giving Club banner
- Are not credited toward a club's Annual Fund giving, toward per capita or SHARE calculations, or toward generating DDF

Learn more about how gifts to the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund are credited and recognized.

How to apply for disaster response grants

Disaster response grants are available to District 9010 to support communities affected by the Moroccan earthquake. The district governor and district Rotary Foundation chair of this district need to complete the disaster response grant application, which is available on the Grant Center landing page. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000, based on the availability of funds, and the district may have two open grants at a time.



Secretary's Report

Harold Abellana

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05	04
PRESENT	12	17
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	10	06
MADE UP	00	05
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23	23
WEEK AVERAGE	55.00%	97.00%

Thank you for making-up:

PP Max Lozano IPP Virgie Albaera Dir. Bhing Shimizutani
 PP Maeng Tabije Sec. Harold Abellana

Guests & Visiting Rotarians:

Ms. Kristine Claire Tar – Hiyas sa Kadayawan 2023
 Rtr. Mycah Perez Edward Pelotos

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 10 – Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai
 19 – Sp. Ana Abellana
 20 – Sp. Bing Chua

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 09 – PP Arthur & Sp. Kathy Uy
 20 – PP Max & Sp. Marselle Lozano
 23 – PP Ony & Sp. Nelia Partoza

Reminder:

Oct. 2, 2023 – Walk for Pink
 6:30AM, Freedom Park
 Oct. 6, 2023 – Pink October "Breast
 10AM Screening & Art Exhibit"
 12NN Lunch @ Cabalen
 Oct. 8&15, 2023 – Bowling Tournament
 Oct. 18, 2023 – Governor's Visit
 12:00NN, Pinnacle Hotel



President's Message

Ester T. Gahol

Club President

Congratulations to all! We have successfully sold our used clothing, shoes at the Garage sale last Sept 23 and 24.. I have heard that there must be a follow up maybe before Christmas. This time it must be on a Friday and Saturday. Sunday is too precious for Filipinos and most just stay home. It was a nice experience overall and most of all I am happy to say that we did raise funds for our cause. We are invited to go to Datu Salumay in Marilog. I would like to ask the club if you are interested in driving 2.5 hours to do a Medical mission. We can contribute in providing anesthesia to 20 patients to pull their teeth. I will meet with the Presidents this afternoon and discuss this.but I need to know our answer.

Our Global Grant is on the way. We already have a number. This is to provide surgeries and prosthetic devices to children with congenital limb defect which will have a greater potential for approval.

Regarding our Cataract mission, Corina Guerero said that for a one time mission is not difficult and we have time to do this by the time the President of Bentleigh Moorabin Central, our sister club from Melbourne, Australia Glenda Stahel arrives on Nov 29- Dec 4, 2023. My question is should we schedule the Cataract operation on Nov 30, Rizal day?

Thank you for your support.

*Our Guest of Honor
& Speaker...*

MS. IRENE M. SANTIAGO



Irene Morada Santiago has enjoyed an exceptional career in peace and development spanning over 40 years in the Philippines, as well as internationally. She has been a peace negotiator, peace agreement implementer, teacher and trainer, organizer, and thought leader.

Ms. Santiago has the distinction of being the only woman in the world today who has been both a member of a peace negotiating panel and chair of the body implementing a major peace agreement. She was a member of the Philippine Government peace panel negotiating with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front from 2001-2004; and in 2016 was the first chair of the panel implementing the Comprehensive Bangsamoro Peace Agreement.

Ms. Santiago is well-known internationally as head of the Secretariat of the historical NGO Forum on Women in China in 1995. As a parallel event to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, (the "Beijing Conference"), the NGO Forum was attended by 30,000 participants. It is considered the largest international conference on women in history. Prior to that, Ms. Santiago was the chief of the Asia/Pacific section of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in New York. In that position, Ms. Santiago was one of the early pioneers of "mainstreaming" gender in peace and development.

As an NGO leader, she co-founded the Mindanao Commission on Women, an organization composed of Moro, Christian and indigenous women leaders. She also founded the Mothers for Peace Movement and Women's Peace Tables Worldwide to advance the significant role of women in women, peace and security.

Currently, she is the Senior Adviser on Peacebuilding at the Local Government Academy of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) tasked with building local capacities for peace in areas suffering from long-term violent conflict. Ms. Santiago designed and implemented a peace process called "Peace 911" that successfully stopped a 40-year violent conflict in Paquibato district in Davao City within nine months of operations by building local peace capacities. Currently she is also directing a five-year project with DILG to mainstream "Positive Peace" in local government units throughout the Philippines. Positive Peace builds the pillars of a peaceful and resilient society with high levels of well-being and happiness. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the Boston-based CDA Collaborative, the action research and advisory organization famous for developing the "Do No Harm" framework. Ms. Santiago was a senior member of the faculty of the Rotary Peace Fellows Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok from 2006 to 2019. Recently she was invited to deliver the 3rd Adam Curle Memorial Lecture as part of the golden anniversary celebration of the prestigious Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford in the UK.

Ms. Santiago was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 as one of the 1000 outstanding women peacemakers and peacebuilders in the world. In 2020, she was named one of the top 10 women in the world for the Inaugural Women Building Peace Award of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in Washington, DC. She was also selected for the 2013 N-Peace Award as Role Model for Peace from the Philippines, an award that recognizes the leadership role of women and peace advocates from six conflict-affected countries in Asia/Pacific.

Ms. Santiago holds a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York where she was a Fulbright/Smith-Mundt scholar. She graduated with a liberal arts degree from the Philippine Women's College of Davao, *summa cum laude*.



RCSD 10th regular meeting with the Hiyas sa Kadayawan 2023 Ms. Kristina Claire Tar as guest speaker. Sept. 13, 2023 at the Pinnacle Hotel & Suites



Mangrove Planting & Coastal Clean-up... Sept. 16, 2023 at Matina Aplaya

Day 1: Rotarians Create Hope Garage Sale... "Garbage Mo, Treasure Ko" September 23-24, 2023 at Gahol Avenue



Day 2...



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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.*