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9TH REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2024 @ RC Tacloban Clubhouse, Tacloban City

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

The spirit of Rotary is all about fellowship, service, and having a great time while making a difference! With that in mind, I'm thrilled to remind you of some exciting activities we have lined up, designed to keep us engaged, connected, and, of course, smiling from ear to ear!

First up, on September 21, we'll be welcoming our newest members at the Vibrant Seminar for New Rotarians and Rotaractors at Luxury Suites. Let's show them the warmest Rotary welcome! But before that, don't forget the Mooncake Festival on September 19—a sweet way to celebrate together! Then, get ready to aim and fire during our Fun Shoot on September 22 (tentative), and bring your family along for a fun-filled Family Day on October 27 at Shaun Havens Resort in San Miguel, Leyte. It's the perfect chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy each other's company.

Fast forward to next year—save the date for DISCON 2025 on May 30-31 at the People's Center, where we'll gather in full Rotary spirit! And for all the golfers, we've got a Golf Tournament on May 29, chaired by AG Paul and PP Bobby Andrade, so get those clubs ready!

As we continue our service projects, we're making strides with the Global Grant Project in Brgy. San Pablo, writing to NIA for a hydrology test that's key to moving things forward. Oh, and don't forget the Governor's Visit in the final month of the Rotary year let's show them what we've been up to!

I can't wait to see you all at these fantastic events. Let's keep the fun and fellowship rolling as we make a difference together!

Yours in dedicated Rotary Service,

Jose Antonio "Joey" Reyna





Secretary's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians.

As we continue to embrace the essence of Rotary, which is all about service above self, it's been wonderful to see our club come together for the benefit of the community. With so many exciting activities and projects ahead, it's the perfect time to celebrate our shared mission of making a positive impact while enjoying each other's company.

To those who've been actively participating in our recent activities—your dedication is truly appreciated! From helping out with the Public Image Project to supporting the Libreng Sakay for students, or simply showing up with enthusiasm, your contributions have truly made a difference. It's inspiring to witness how our collective efforts continue to strengthen our impact on the community.



Looking ahead, we have plenty of exciting events lined up, and it would be fantastic to see even more of us engaging and joining the fun. Your presence will not only strengthen our bond but also help amplify the impact we can make in our community.

Yours in cheerful Rotary Service, Neil M. Sia



















Jude A. Duarte PE / Vice President



Rotary International Presidential Message for September 2024

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by light-

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.

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Beyond truth vs. fiction in the media

Media literacy is crucial for healthy societies. Rotary members are teaching people to think critically about what they see and read

The first day at a new school can be disorienting for any teenager. But your first day at Virginia Hall High School is even stranger than most. Your grandfather claims he used to be a spy, your sister accuses some students of locking her in a closet, and everyone says a monster is stalking the hallways.

What is happening? Is any of this true? Instead of rushing off to fight the monster, you read about the weird recent events in the school newspaper. You ask yourself: Do these sources provide multiple pieces of evidence for their claims? Could they possibly be earning money because of what they're saying? Do their stories cast a negative light on people who disagree with them?

You ask all these questions because you're actually playing a video game designed to increase your media literacy. Co-created by Anahita Dalmia, a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Beach, California, USA, the game Agents of Influence is being developed to help 11- to 13-year-olds think critically about what they see on social media and in the news.

"We're teaching kids to understand media bias, logical fallacies, and confirmation bias. We teach things like reading closely — tools you can use to determine what to trust online," says Dalmia, the founder and CEO of game developer Alterea Inc.

Dalmia, a third-generation Rotarian, says the game's approach was inspired partly by Rotary's Four-Way Test.

"The first question is, 'Is it the truth?' And there's a reason that's the first question," Dalmia says. "If it's not the truth, you cannot make a strong judgment call based on any of the other questions, because you're starting on an unstable foundation."

"An unstable foundation" is one way to describe the current state of the media landscape. Experts say we're exposed to far more media than ever before. That includes both misinformation (unintentional untruths) and disinformation (deliberate falsehoods meant to mislead people). Although many outlets are responsible and credible, figuring out what to believe can take time and effort.

"Before the internet, if I went to get a newspaper, it was run by journalists for whom truth was an important standard. Of course newspapers were biased. But today, people who want to believe things just post stuff," says Alan Dennis, a professor of internet systems at Indiana University.

"There are active disinformation campaigns by foreign governments designed to influence voters in democratic countries. The actors have become much more sophisticated, and they have learned guite a bit about what messaging works."

People are aware of this problem, and they say they want to become savvier about the media they consume. A study released this year found that about seven in 10 Americans were interested in learning how to better distinguish between true and false information online. But media literacy is more than just separating fact from fiction.

"We need to be able to judge things like, 'What's the bias behind it? Who created it? Who's benefiting from it?' So there's not a simple fix here," says Jeff Share, a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a co-author of "The Critical Media Literacy Guide." "We need to slow down and investigate. It might mean it's going to take me a couple more minutes, but I can go to some different sources. I can also recognize that some are more legitimate than others."



























8th Regular Meeting SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE









































The Mid-Autumn Festival in the Philippines

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a big day for the overseas Chinese in the Philippines. When it arrives, Chinatown in Manila, the capital of the Philippines, is filled with an exciting and bustling atmosphere.

Various activities are held by the overseas Chinese to celebrate the festival, which lasts for two days. The main business blocks in the settlement of the overseas Chinese are decorated with lanterns and streamers. The main crossings and the bridges to Chinatown are covered in colorful fluttering streamers.

All kinds of mooncakes are sold in many stores. Some of them are made in Philippines, while others are imported from China. In addition, there are other interesting activities.

VARIOUS PARADES — EXOTIC CHINESE CUSTOMS

The celebrations include a dragon dance parade, an ethnic clothing parade, a lantern parade, and a float parade.

On the night of the Mid-Autumn Festival, many people wearing ethnic clothing hold different shaped lanterns and walk along the streets. There is also a dragon dance parade and a float parade, which normally displays a lantern resemblign Chang'e, being a typical symbol of one of the Mid-Autumn Festival's legends.

Every year, it attracts lots of people who gather and enjoy the festival. The happy and joyful festival atmosphere pervades the old China town.

PUA TIONG CHIU — A POPULAR DICE GAME

There is a popular activity called Pua Tiong Chiu (a dice game in the Hokkien dialect). It's peculiar to Chinese Filipinos, who play for mooncake prizes.

The game involves rolling six dice into a large bowl and winning prizes based dice combinations. Rolling 'fours' are especially good. To qualify for the largest piece of mooncake, rolling at least four 'fours' or five-of-a-kind is required.

The game is said to have originated in Fujian Province, China as most of the Chinese Filipinos are immigrants from south Fujian Province and took this tradition with them to the Philippines.

Upcoming Events

- SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 8TH REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 9TH REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 MOONCAKE FESTIVAL, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 11TH REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE

Birthday Celebrants

- SEPTEMBER 12 PP MAR FIGUEROA
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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:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 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;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- (3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?















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