

GOLDEN ROTAnews



SITIO TAPAYANON

Tagum North
Rotary
Club



EDITOR'S NOTE:

ARTEMIO IAN D. PALIJO III
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Rotary Connects The World: this rotary years theme aims to lead and live as an inspiration to humanities. We connect passionate people with diverse perspectives to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships, and, above all, take action to change the world.

The Rotanews of Rotary club of Tagum North provides information and activities of the club. This is also one of our avenue to provide information to people of the different activities and information about Rotary.

Similarly, in the human society, civilisation can evolve only if people with the right thought and right action pool in their resources together to move towards the right direction. When an engineer takes care of the construction of the new cellphone tower, he needs the cooperation of the associate engineers, product suppliers, transporters, people in the vicinity of the tower and of course, his friends and family. Once again, we are talking about togetherness making a difference.

When people come together for the right purpose and under the right leadership, what results is sheer magic. Right values are necessary if togetherness or unity is to yield the right results.

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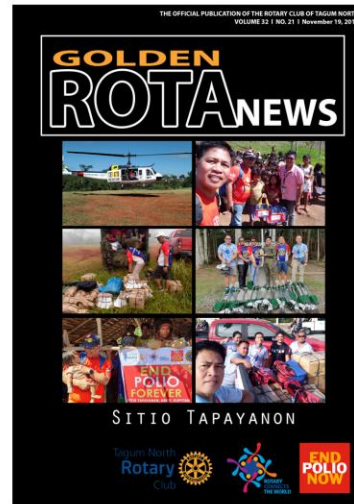


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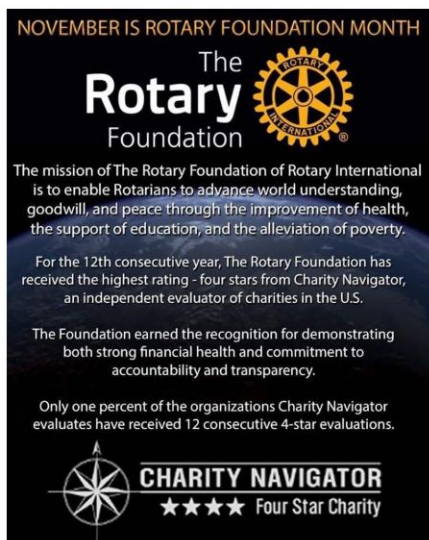
The Golden ROTANEWS cover showcases Sitio tapayanon is a new discovered community, an ATA MANUBO far flung tribal village situated along the benches of the pantaron range in the tri-boudary portion of Davao del Norte, Bukidnon and Agusan del Sur. Isolated, no roads lead to the area, making it inaccessible, military, Govt agencies and NGO's are now working hand in hand to help these deprived 500-600 (300-400 children) and 159 families resident to Sitio Tapayanon.

Editorial



What is Rotary Institute?

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Council Member : Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and
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Council Member : Local School Board – Tagum City
Council Member : Pink Tagum

Program

21th Regular Weekly Meeting

Miko's Brew, Tagum City

November 19, 2019

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Emcee	PP Darwin B. Ravelo

Updates:

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Tapayanon Whole-Of-Nation Service Convergence Camp
Charter Anniversary Celebration
Manila Rotary Institute
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Rotary Exchange Visit Outbound

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November 2019



Rotary Day at the United Nations, which we celebrate each November, is an important reminder of the historic relationship between our organizations. But this year's event is even more important than usual, because we are building up to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in June 2020.

You might ask, why celebrate this anniversary? For Rotary, it is entirely appropriate, because we played such a critical leadership role in the San Francisco Conference that formed the United Nations in 1945. Throughout World War II, Rotary published materials about the importance of forming such an organization to preserve world peace.

Not only did Rotary help influence the formation of the UN, but this magazine also played a leading part in communicating its ideals. Rotary educated members about plans to create the UN through numerous articles in *The Rotarian* and through a booklet titled *From Here On!* When the time came to write the UN charter, Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the current and several past presidents, and the editor of *The Rotarian*. In addition, Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of or consultants to their own nations' delegations.

We have a deep and lasting relationship with the UN that deserves to be celebrated and appreciated. To recognize this relationship, Rotary will host five special events between now and June: Rotary Day at the UN in New York on the 9th of this month; three presidential conferences next year in Santiago, Chile, in Paris, and in Rome; and a final celebration just before the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

The focus on the UN in the year ahead is not only about the past; it also lights a path to our future. There are so many parallels between the work we do through our areas of focus and the work of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While those goals are indeed incredibly ambitious, they provide inspiration and direction — and are similar to many Rotary goals, which have proven to create lasting, positive change in our world. The goals can be achieved, but only if undertaken with the same long-term commitment and tenacity that Rotary understands so well. Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all, we cannot eliminate hunger, we cannot eradicate polio. But together with partners like the United Nations, of course we can.

Please consider attending one of our five UN celebrations. I look forward to sharing news of these special events with you throughout the year.

Trustee chair's message



Gary C.K. Huang

Trustee Chair 2019-20

November 2019

Ni hao, Rotarians!

We just had our first-ever fundraiser in Taiwan for The Rotary Foundation — and it was a great success.

The Taiwan AKS Members Association organized the event in August in Taipei. We were treated to an inspirational speech by Ravishankar Dakoju of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards, India, in District 3190. He shared why he contributes his time and money — and why he's an organ donor. His generosity is legendary, and he wants to help the world in any way he can. His speech touched everyone who attended the event.

We are pleased and honored to announce that the final total for the fundraiser was \$5.5 million. We have 11 new Arch Klumph Society members contributing at the Chair's Circle level (\$500,000 to \$999,999) and 14 at the Trustees Circle level (\$250,000 to \$499,999). Thank you to our generous donors in Taiwan!

At great events like this one, I am reminded how Rotary gives us something good that we can all do together. Our service puts us in touch with so many interesting people from all over the world. When we meet, we hear about projects of all kinds, and it is always inspirational. And we never stop learning from one another.

This provides such a wonderful lesson to our children. We share with them the importance of fellowship and forming new bonds with other people. We also show them what is really important in life: making connections, improving life for those in need, and doing all we can for others. Rotary is the best education a family can have.

I am excited that Rotary President Mark Daniel Maloney has made expanding the family of Rotary a priority. We must bring our family members to Rotary events and do all we can to encourage them to be part of this wonderful organization. And through The Rotary Foundation, we can make these family connections part of our legacy. You are never too young or too old for Rotary.

So give your high-five to Rotary and find ways to bring your family into Rotary. It's the most wonderful gift you can share with the people you love.



***RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convener, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute***



Welcome to what will definitely be an enjoyable and very educational Rotary Institute which will be held at the Marriott Grand Ballroom facilities in the ResortsWorld complex across from the NAIA (Ninoy Aquino International Airport) Terminal 3, which are used by Cathay Pacific, Cebu Pacific, Emirates, Delta, and Philippine Airlines..

Within walking distance from the Marriott Grand Ballroom, the ResortsWorld complex includes in excess of 3,500 hotel rooms in numerous hotels that include the Marriott hotel itself, the Maxim hotel, The Holiday Inn Express, the Sheraton, the Savoy, Hilton - Manila, Hotel Okura - Manila and the Belmont. These hotels service the casino facilities of the ResortsWorld, the first large scale casino gaming operation in the Philippines.

The Marriott Grand Ballroom has a seating capacity of 2,000 which will accommodate one of the largest Rotary Institutes ever.

There are numerous smaller rooms where the GETS, GNTS, DTTS, RRFS, and Spouses forum will be held.

The golf tournament will be conveniently held at the Villamor Golf Course which is just adjacent to the ResortsWorld complex.

And we have a line up of world class Rotary experts talking on topics that have not been discussed in past Rotary meetings.

The 2019 Manila Rotary Institute organisational committee led by PDG Isidro "Sd" Garcia, is working hard to bring you the best Rotary institute ever.

So get ready for an experience to remember. Immerse yourselves in an experience of a lifetime.

Welcome to Manila!



PDG ISIDRO "SID" GARCIA
Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute



Dear Delegates and friends,

Welcome to the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute!

This is actually an early welcome, since the 2019 Institute will yet be taking place on November 29 to December 1 2019 in Marriott Grand Ballroom Resortsworld Complex, Pasay City, Philippines. Those of us who have attended a Zone Institute in the past know what an institute is and what to expect. Those who have not would probably be wondering what it is and what good a Rotarian would get from attending it.

The Zone Institute is an annual event that brings together past, present and future district governors and senior leaders from one or more zones, to share information, exchange ideas about Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and build new connections and fortify old ones. The last one we hosted was in 2015 and that was 4 years ago.

The 2019 institute will bring together past, present and future presidents and directors of RI, trustees of TRF, regional leaders, as well as future district governors from Zones 1B, 9 and 10. The Philippines falls under Zone 10A. This year's program will consist of plenary sessions where outstanding speakers will talk about RI and TRF programs, and workshops on best practices in the six areas of focus, updates on membership growth.

By happy coincidence, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the polio program that started with an immunization project in Makati in 1979 and grew into a global initiative to eradicate polio in the world. We shall be celebrating Rotary's success in getting rid of the disease in every country except two—Nigeria and Afghanistan. This will be a special highlight of the institute.

And as in all Rotary functions, the institute offers Rotarians a rich chance not only to learn from each other but to make friends and forge relationships. Each friendship, each relationship constitutes a link that will contribute to reinforcing the strength of Rotary and affirming its chance to be able to carry on with its mission of service for another hundred years.

For Philippine Rotarians, this is our chance to put our best foot forward, to share our Rotary ideas and achievements, and showcase the hospitality that Filipinos are known for the world over. Again our warm welcome to all the delegates and guests of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute!

Yours in Rotary,



Renie P. Siscon, PHF
Champion President



President's Corner

The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.

Gifts of any size to The Rotary Foundation are appreciated and will support educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs and projects throughout the world. By donating to The Rotary Foundation, you support Rotary's areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Contributions to the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

I'm encouraging everyone to give at least \$US 100.00 to the foundation before the month ends.

The Whole-Of-Nation Convergence Camp last November 12-14, 2019 at Sitio Tapayanon is very successful except for some volunteer stranded in the camp for 3 days due to Huey Chopper mechanical defects. But totally it was a very successful camp. Congratulations to all the volunteers.

Also, my sincere thanks to all the Rotarians, spouse and rotaractors who join the 1st batch of the Earthquake Relief Operation in Makilala, North Cotabato. Special thanks to PP Ramel & Spouse Lorena, Rtn. Borg & Jessa Baldonado for spearheading the relief operation.

Thank you everyone!

Secretary's Corner

Regular Weekly Meeting Attendance Report

October, 2019	Dates				
	05	12	19	26	
Member Actually Present	19	08			
Member with valid make-up	07	10			
Member Size (Excluding Honorary members)	04	04			
Rule 85	02	02			
Net membership Base	33	33			
Tota Attendance divided by net membership	84.84%	60.60%			



Marlou P. Fulo
Champion Secretary

Visiting Guests 20th Regular Weekly Meeting

Spouse Rose Osorio

Make-up

Earthquake Relief Operation Committee Meeting @ Dubai , UAE, November 9, 2019

PP Neal M. Ararao
PP Ronald S. Bordios
PE Mae T. Dalisay
IPP Ramel A. Lintuan
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas
Pres. Renie P. Sison
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio
PP Aiss Sison, Past President, RAC Tagum North
Palm City Chapter
Pres. Joyce Sison, President, RAC Tagum North,
UM Tagum Chapter
Dr. Melther Fe H. Perdido, GSE Alumni
Spouse Leslie Bueno
Spouse Lorena C. Lintuan
Spouse Gina A. Sison

Relief Operation @ Makilala, North Cotabato ,No- vember 16, 2019

PP Ramel A. Lintuan
Rtn. Borg Baldonado
Sec. Marlou Fulo
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas
Spouse Jessa Baldonado
Spouse Lorena Lintuan
RAC Tagum North Palm City Chapter






Rotary
District 3860

Save the date!

DISCON

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

5-7

MARCH 2020

RADISSON BLU, CEBU CITY

MARCH
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GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Announcement

ROTARY

Family

Birthday Celebrators

- 07 PAG Glenn A. Pono
- 17 Philip S. Villanueva
- 17 Jess M. Osorio
- 18 AG Tweet Malbog
- 25 Spouse Debbie Bagarra

Wedding Anniversary

- 08 Pres. Renie P. Siscon & Spouse Gina A. Siscon

Organizer

November

- 04 Aloha Rotary & Luau Festival, Makati Sports Club
- 05 19th Regular Weekly Meeting @ Miko's Brew, 6:30PM
- 08 TRF Dinner at Cebu
- 09 Committee Meeting at Dubai, U.A.E.
- 12 20th Regular Weekly Meeting @ Miko's Brew, 6:30PM
- 14 Tapayanon Whole-Of-Nation Service Convergence Camp
- 15 Pink Tagum TWG meeting , 2pm at City Budget Office Conference Hall
- 16 Earthquake Relief Operation at North Cotabato Batch 1
- 19 21st Regular Weekly Meeting @ Miko's Brew, 6:30PM
- 23 Lighting of the Giant Christmas Tree, November 23, 2019, 6:30PM
- 26 22nd Regular Weekly Meeting @ Miko's Brew, 6:30PM
- 29 1001st Anniversary
- 29 6th Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- 30 Manila Rotary Institute @ Marriot Hotel, Manila

Rotary The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?

Five Avenues of Service

For years, Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self has been channeled through the five Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity. To get started on a project, think broadly about how your club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

Club Service

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the smooth functioning of Rotary clubs. Learn about effective club service in Membership and Training.



Vocational Service

Vocational Service involves club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations, and they inspire others in the process.



Community Service

Community Service is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.



International Service

International Service encompasses efforts to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to PolioPlus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.



New Generations Service

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.



HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.



NOTABLE ROTARIANS

Rotarians are your neighbors, your community leaders and some of the world's greatest history-makers:

Warren G. Harding, U.S. president
Jean Sibelius, Finnish composer
Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder of Mayo Clinic
Guglielmo Marconi, Italian inventor of the wireless radio and Nobel laureate
Thomas Mann, German novelist and Nobel laureate
Friedrich Bergius, German chemist and Nobel laureate
Admiral Richard E. Byrd, American explorer
Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia
H.E. Soleiman Frangieh, president of Lebanon
Dianne Feinstein, U.S. senator
Manny Pacquiao, Filipino world-champion boxer and congressman
Richard Lugar, U.S. senator
Frank Borman, American astronaut
Edgar A. Guest, American poet and journalist
Sir Harry Lauder, Scottish entertainer
Franz Lehar, Austrian composer
Lennart Nilsson, Swedish photographer
James Cash Penney, founder of JC Penney Co.

ROTARY HYMN



I want to be a Rotarian for the world,
Make the Rotary flag be a flag of peace unfurled;

I will serve my community,
Help to seek international unity.
Through Rotary, I will dedicate my all,
World understanding shall be my cherished goal.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
I will pursue my quest
And if I, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then I won't have lived in vain.

I'll 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.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't 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 to divide.

We shall all understand, while the good
Lord is our guide.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.

Peace be achieved,
So we won't have lived in vain.



The price of polio Meet five Rotarians who understand the disease's long-term consequences as told to Vanessa Glavinskas photography by Frank Ishman

When you go to your Rotary club meeting this week, look around at your fellow members and think about this: In North America, anyone younger than 70 likely doesn't remember a time before the polio vaccine. Those under 40 were born after polio was no longer endemic in the United States. And among your club's youngest members, the very word "polio" probably conjures a bygone age when children regularly died of diseases like measles, smallpox, or whooping cough. Now, however, we know that measles is staging a comeback. Tuberculosis, which might bring to mind 19th-century sanitariums, is gaining greater resistance to treatment. Until a disease is really gone, eradicated, extirpated from the planet, it will always be looking for ways to come back, for breaches in our defenses.

We've come very far in the 64 years since the introduction of Jonas Salk's vaccine — and especially in the 40 years since Rotary decided to take on polio. Every day it gets easier to forget why it's so critical that we eradicate this disease. Most of us don't see polio in our daily lives. Whole generations have never experienced its terrifying power.

We let our guard down when we think that polio is a disease that happens only in faraway places, or that almost eradicated is good enough. But if we stop and remember what it was like when polio was everywhere and people felt powerless against it, we know that if we don't finish the fight, we'll soon be back where we started.

In the following segments, five Rotarians share their experiences with polio. Thanks to their willingness to recount painful memories, we know that we must keep fighting until polio is gone forever.



Ann Wade
Rotary Club of New Tampa, Florida

I felt like I was entering another world. Beds with paralyzed children lined every wall. I was put into a big room. There were rows and rows of children, probably about 50 children, and three or four nurses to care for us. I was seven when I was transferred to Hope Haven children's hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, where I spent four months learning how to walk again. I missed my mother so much. When she would visit, I'd ask her why she couldn't come more often. But parents were only allowed to visit on Wednesdays and Sundays. I still don't know why. I'd cry myself to sleep every night. The nurses used to get so mad at me. They'd say I was too old to cry.

I spent Thanksgiving, Christmas, and my birthday in that hospital. At first, I was bedridden. Polio had affected my legs, and I couldn't walk. When I got the virus, I had extreme pain all over my body and a high fever. I couldn't stand up. That was very scary.

My parents took me to the doctor on a Saturday morning; he examined me and immediately sent me to an isolation ward. I had my own room there, but only the nurses could be with me. There was a balcony that extended around the building, and each room had a window. There were two chairs on the balcony outside every room, and that's where parents would sit and talk to their child, through the window. No one was allowed into my room, and I was not allowed out.

Once my fever broke and I wasn't contagious anymore, I was moved to Hope Haven to learn to walk again. The therapies were painful. They would put hot, wet wool towels on my legs and then exercise the muscles. The nurses would also massage my legs with oil. Sometimes they'd use these electrical shock-type things to shock the muscles into use. They would take all of us to therapy once or twice per day. In between, teachers came in and we had school. They'd roll my bed to a huge room, and the teachers would be in there teaching. It was the beginning of second grade for me.

Once I started walking, I was released from the hospital, but I didn't return to my old school until third grade. After I left the hospital, I tried to put it out of my mind. Then the vaccine was released, and everyone went to get it. It was being given at a school on a Sunday afternoon. They called it Sabin Sunday, after Albert Sabin, who invented the oral vaccine, and I remember standing in a really long line, thinking, "Do I really need to do this? I've already had polio." But my mother was adamant that my brother and I get vaccinated.

Since then, I've done most everything I wanted to do in life. I became a teacher. I married a wonderful guy 53 years ago who is also in Rotary. I have three children and 10 grandchildren. Not many people know I had polio, except that one of my legs is smaller than the other and I have a slight limp. About 12 years ago, I fell and broke the hip in my bad leg. After surgery, I was able to learn to walk again, so now I can say I've learned to walk three times.

This year, I'm president of my Rotary club. I'm eager to make eradicating polio a priority and to raise money for End Polio Now. Until now, I haven't told many people my story, but if it can help the eradication effort, it seems like a good time to start.



Carl Chinnery Rotary Club of Lee's Summit, Missouri

There were five children in my family, all boys. In 1942, every one of us got polio. My oldest brother, George, died. My middle brother spent months in an iron lung. I was so young that I don't remember having the virus, but I grew up with its effects on our family all around me. George's photograph sat on our fireplace mantel. He had been afraid of the dark, so my parents plugged in a nightlight next to it.

But as time went on, few people even knew I had had the disease. In 1999, I was appointed PolioPlus chair for my district. That's when I asked my mother to tell me about our family's experience with polio. At first, she said she couldn't talk about it. It was too painful. But a few weeks later, she surprised me with a letter. I'm sharing it now in the hope that our story will help my fellow Rotarians understand why we must continue to fight this disease until it's eradicated.

It must have been August 7, 1942, when Bill came in and announced he had "poliomyelitis." I didn't know where he had heard of such a thing, but I said, "If you have poliomyelitis, you go straight up to bed and stay there" ... and he did! He really did feel bad! Then George became ill. I called Dr. Eldridge, our pediatrician. On the night of August 11, George couldn't swallow his medication. It came back through his nose. I called the doctor again and he came right over. (Dad was on the road.) Dr. Eldridge took George and me to old General Hospital. (No other hospital in Kansas City would accept us.) They took George, but they wouldn't let me stay. I went home and called Dad. He started home immediately, drove all night, and went to the hospital about 4 a.m., but they wouldn't let him in either. At about 7 a.m. the hospital called us and said George was dying. When we arrived, George was already gone.

By that time, Richard, Larry, and Carl had also become sick, and when I got home from the hospital, Richard was much worse and we rushed him to the hospital. When we marched in, I informed them I was staying ... I had lost one child and I was staying, no matter what! Dad and I took turns so Richard always had one of us there. One of Dad's aunts had come to help us and stayed with Bill, Larry, and Carl.

Dad sent someone to take me to the funeral home to see George. When I got back to the hospital, Richard wasn't doing well, and in the night, I saw his skin sink into his chest. All I could see were bones covered with skin, drawn tight. I ran as fast as I could down the hall, calling the intern. We ran back and this man picked Richard up and plunked him into an iron lung. His lungs had collapsed.

When we went home, we had to start the "Kenny" treatments. We had to tear wool blankets into strips and put them in boiling water, run them through a tight wringer, and place them on each child for so many minutes, and then off for so many minutes, then on, etc. Dad put a hot plate in an upstairs bathroom to boil the water. He put an old wringer over the tub with stacks of wool strips handy. Bill was on his way to recovery, but Richard, Larry, and Carl were the sick ones now. Dad hired nurses to help during the day, and my dear mother drove from California to help. People came from everywhere to give us hope and offer to help, but they couldn't come in the house.

When the boys were well enough, we had to start therapy, compliments of the March of Dimes. I took my children and another lady in leg braces and her little boy three times a week. Richard has one leg a little shorter than the other. Carl's chest didn't fill out. Bill had many problems. And, of course, we have one little boy angel in heaven.



Jim Ferguson Rotary Club of Bluefield, West Virginia

My mother was in her 30s when she contracted polio. I don't remember her having the disease, but I do remember her coming home with a cast on her left foot after she'd had a corrective surgery. I was about four years old, and I remember her getting out the drill to make holes in the legs of a kitchen chair so she could screw casters into it. She sat in it and rolled herself around our kitchen while she cooked, rather than hobble on her crutch.

The surgeon had put a plate in her foot in an attempt to straighten it, but it didn't work, and it left her in pain. Doctors wanted to amputate her foot, but she refused. These were the days before the Americans With Disabilities Act. Nothing was accessible. She would struggle on one crutch up and down the stairs to our apartment, down the street to the store, up the steps to get on public transportation. I only saw her ask for help if she really needed it. I really don't know how she managed to raise nine of us children. Before she got polio, she was raising my older siblings during the Great Depression and while my father was away fighting in World War II.

We all grew up here in Bluefield, West Virginia. In the 1950s, people were afraid of polio and the atomic bomb. A nearby town, Wytheville, had more cases of polio per capita than any other place in the country. People would keep their windows closed and hold their breath just to drive through Wytheville. Everyone was terrified because they didn't understand how the virus was being transmitted. City workers sprayed insecticide all over the trees and houses in case insects carried polio. All public places were closed — movie theaters, pools. Kids were quarantined at home. There's still a museum in Wytheville that documents its polio epidemic.

I joined Rotary when I found out about their work to eradicate polio, because I thought it would be a way to make my mother proud. She died of lung cancer at age 56, though she never smoked. I wasn't interested in networking; I joined Rotary to help immunize children against polio, and in 2011, I traveled to India to do that. We went to a little town between the Ganges River and Nepal where we immunized about 45 children who had been missed by previous vaccination campaigns. While there, I met a 16-year-old girl who had crawled her entire life because of polio. She was getting fitted for leg braces so she could take her first steps at age 16. I still get emotional thinking about her.

After that trip, I became an advocate for PolioPlus. I gave presentations across our district, raised money, and served as our district's PolioPlus chair. I didn't have any of those aspirations when I joined, but I can be very driven, like my mother: Even though polio left her physically damaged, it never took her spirit.



Julie Jenkins Rotary Club of Cambria, California

I had never heard anyone called a polio survivor until I became a Rotarian in 2005. For me, I had polio, and life went on.

I contracted the virus when I was eight months old. The disease left me with a limp. My left foot is a drop foot, which means I can't lift the front part, so I pick up my whole foot when walking to avoid dragging my toes on the ground. It was always clear that I was never going to be a lead dancer for the Bolshoi Ballet, but I chose my goals and went after them. I had a successful career in marketing for movie studios. It was always go, go, go, and there was a lot of travel. I left the industry at age 60 because the travel and hours were taking a toll on me physically. But at that point, I still hadn't consulted with a doctor who knew anything about polio.

My dad died in 2008 after being bedridden for years. He had contracted polio at the same time I did, but the impact on him was more severe. It affected his right leg and right arm. In his name, I traveled to India to take part in a National Immunization Day in 2010 and again in 2012. What really shocked me in India was seeing polio survivors on the street. There was a young man, I'm guessing he was in his early 20s, who I saw at St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi. He is burned in my memory because of the way he was forced to walk.

In the United States, you might occasionally see a polio survivor who limps. But it was completely different in India. Going on an NID showed me what a polio survivor living in poverty suffers. They can't work. Many are carried from place to place. It's devastating.

In 2013, I climbed Machu Picchu. That night, I remember taking a shower and trying to walk 50 feet to dinner. I could barely get there. I used my walking stick, but I had to keep stopping. It was so hard to move. A few months later, I consulted with a doctor who explained to me how polio initially kills off nerves. Some of the surviving nerves grow little sprouts, and when those die off, they don't regenerate. He said I should always use a wheelchair going through airports. He told me, "Your life is now a choice about what is worth killing nerve sprouts for." He advised me that I shouldn't do anything that I would need more than 20 minutes to recover from.

The biggest thing that concerns me today is that people here in the United States are not vaccinating. I've lived in Los Angeles for 38 years, and so many people come through this city. I worry about how easy it would be for the virus to travel back to the United States and affect a child who isn't vaccinated. Yes, I survived and lived a full life, but I would have done more physical activities if I hadn't had polio. I want every opportunity to be open to every child.



John Nanni Rotary Club of Middletown-Odessa, Delaware

When I was 10 months old, I was paralyzed from the neck down by polio. I had been in the hospital for about a week when my great-aunt came to visit. She was a nun and had spent most of her adult life working as a nurse in a polio ward. She looked at my chart and saw that the doctors weren't doing what they needed to do to prevent my muscles from atrophying. My great-aunt believed in a method developed by an Australian nurse named Sister Kenny. It was a physical therapy program for polio patients that manipulated and stretched the paralyzed muscles.

But at the hospital, they were putting kids in casts. It was the worst thing to do, but they didn't know. Not moving the paralyzed limb caused the muscles to shrink and weaken, and those children had to have many painful corrective surgeries.

After my great-aunt visited, my mom decided to bring me home and perform the Sister Kenny method herself. She said I would wail in pain every time she exercised my limbs, and she had to do it every other hour, all day and all night, for six months. She was pregnant at the time and also had my three-year-old brother to care for. Without her strong will and determination, I never would have walked. I'm blessed that she had the fortitude to do that.

A year later, I took my first step. As I grew up, most people never knew I had had polio. My mom did such a good job, very few of my muscles atrophied. I played baseball, basketball, and football. I worked in restaurants, which is very physically demanding. I started a business. At one time, if you went to a Burger King anywhere between Maine and South Carolina, your receipt was printed on paper from my paper and ribbon supply company.

But when I turned 40, I started to have weakness, pain, and extreme fatigue. It got so bad that I had to retire. I went to 10 different doctors over two years before a doctor identified it as post-polio syndrome. Hearing "polio" hit me like a ton of bricks. I thought it had come back. But the virus hadn't come back; the muscles that had compensated for my damaged muscles were starting to fail from overuse.

Now I'm in a wheelchair for all but about 200 to 300 steps per day. I'm in the chair to protect my ability to walk. I have to avoid overusing my muscles. I can't lift weights or do resistance exercises. About 70 percent of polio survivors have post-polio syndrome, yet it's still widely misunderstood and often misdiagnosed.

About four years ago, I attached a sign to my wheelchair that says, "This is what polio looks like when a child is not vaccinated." I did it because I want to bring attention to the need to eradicate polio — and to the importance of vaccinations. A lady came up to me at Yankee Stadium recently to ask if she could take a picture of my sign. I said, "Sure, but why?" She said her daughter-in-law refuses to vaccinate her children, and the woman wanted to show her this picture. Here in Delaware, the combined vaccination rate is 77 percent, which is well below herd immunity rates for many diseases. As I've gotten more and more involved with PolioPlus through Rotary, I've become concerned with the declining level of vaccination rates in the United States.

I'm in this chair because there wasn't a vaccine for polio when I got the virus in 1953. But no matter how dedicated Rotary members are to eradicating polio, many of them know very little about the disease. So I'm trying to do my part to educate people about my experience.

There is a lot of suffering for polio survivors. That's why we have to keep fighting this disease. So many positives are occurring in the eradication campaign right now. We are very close to a polio-free world. The money is not going down the drain. We have to keep fighting. We have to keep the promise that we made to the kids of the world back in 1985.

Anti-Smoking Billboards



Earthquake Relief Operation at North Cotabato Batch 1 with Aiza Seguira





TURN OVER
FARMING EQUIPMENT
 DISTRICT GRANT
 ROTARY FOUNDATION
SITIO TAPAYANON, BRGY. GUPITAN
 MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALONG, DAVAO DEL NORTE
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2019





Oplan Tutok-Kubeta



Turn-over of School Bags & Supplies

The Rotary Foundation

All Time Giving : US \$ 73,547.00 as of November 19, 2019

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows (Active Club Members)

PAG Glenn A. Pono, PHF+8	\$ 9,000.00
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas,PHF+6	7,420.02
PP Darwin B. Ravelo,PHF+5	6,400.00
PE Mae T. Dalisay,PHF3	4,000.00
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio,PHF+2	3,800.00
PP Joseph Nilo F. Parrenas,PHF+2	3,751.50
PP Ramel A. Lintuan,PHF+2	3,505.00
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio,PHF+2	3,425.00
PP Jong D. Magat,PHF+1	2,825.03
Revedor R. Pereyras,PHF+1	2,600.02
IPP Neal M. Ararao,PHF+1	2,305.00
PP Cock Chang F. Soo,PHF+1	2,061.50
PP Michael B. Malbog,PHF+1	2,051.50

Paul Harris Fellows (Active Club Members)

PP Ronald S. Bordios,PHF	1,601.93
PN Andres P. Gentugaya,PHF	1,600.00
Philip S. Villanueva,PHF	1,430.00
Renie P. Siscon,PHF	1,230.00
Artemio Ian D. Palijo III,PHF	1,030.00

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members (Active Club Members)

Dan A. Bagarra,RFSM	466.50
Marlou P. Fulo,RFSM	400.00
Mark Anthony Libuangan,RFSM	400.00
Kendric Jay Z. Tagorda,RFSM	300.00
Kevin Ahn,RFSM	200.00
Marc Arden Pude,RFSM	200.00
Azmat Hussain,RFSM	200.00
Jess M. Osorio,RFSM	200.00
Albert L. Ng,Sr., RFSM	200.00
Jess M. Osorio	200.00
Excelsis Deo Baldonado,RFSM	100.00
Irvin Dick Emia,RFSM	151.50

Paul Harris Society Members:

PAG Glenn A. Pono	4 yrs
PP Darwin B. Ravelo	3 yrs
PP Ramel A. Lintuan	2 yrs

Paul Harris Fellows (Former Members & Donors)

PAG Jim M. Osorio,PHF+4	\$ 5,026.50
PAG Leopoldo Diamante	3,210.00
PP Antonio R. Inguillo	3,200.00
+PP Saldy F. Dalisay	2,800.00
PP Reynaldo T. Salve	2,700.00
Mr. Philip A. Santiago, Jr.	2,027.00
PP Christopher Donayre	1,967.39
Mr. Alexander C. Cabahug	1,800.00
Dr. Asterio M. Ramiscal	1,610.00
PP Florencio B. Ibanez,Jr.	1,460.00
Mr. Allan L. Templa	1,405.00
PP Marty D. Briguez	1,305.00
Dr. Joel Mendoza	1,261.50
+Benjamin A. Arboso	1,210.00
PP Urbano D. Budtan	1,210.00
Engr. Bartolome A. Navalta	1,205.00
Mr. Bhagwan Chulani	1,100.00
Mr. Noel Navarro	1,110.00
Mr. Noel Navarro,Jr.	1,055.00
Engr. Gudillo R. Lapay	1,030.00
+PP Jesus Albacite	1,021.74
+Mr. Guy Polome	1,010.00
Mr. Herminigildo B. Apsay	1,005.00
+Atty. Jose T. Amacio	1,000.00
Mr. Hermis Bordios	1,000.00
Odessa Maglana-Carpio	1,000.00
Engr. Roy Castillo	1,000.00
Johann Calvin Pono Chieng	1,000.00
Mr. July A. Claveria	1,000.00
+PP Rogelio E. Israel	1,000.00
Engr. Carlo Lacson	1,000.00
+CP Sing Beng Lee	1,000.00
Engr. Eaco Buen J. Pondoc	1,000.00
Mr. Rey Pangilan	1,000.00
Mrs. Elma D. Ravelo	1,000.00
Mrs. Maricor Soo,RN	1,000.00
PP Rey T. Uy	1,000.00
De Carlo L. Uy	1,000.00

THE PAST PRESIDENTS AND RI LOGOS



SING BENG LEE +
1988-1989



ROGELIO ISRAEL +
1989-1990



CRISANTO MANIWANG+
1990-1991



JESUS ALBACITE +
1991-1992



REGINO O. VERGARA +
1992-1993



JIM M. OSORIO
1993-1994



COCK CHANG F. SOO
1994-1995



JOEL RETERBA +
1995-1996



ALBERT NAVALLO
1996-1997



MACARIO BERMUDEZ, II
1997-1998



SAMUEL RAYMUNDO
1998-1999



REY T. UY
1999-2000



JOSEPH NILO F. PARREÑAS
2000-2001



GEORGE SILVOSA
2001-2002



CONRADO D. MAGAT
2002-2003



FLORENCIO I. IBAÑEZ, JR.
2003-2004



LEOPOLDO D. DIAMANTE
2004-2005



MARTELINO D. BRIGUEZ
2005-2006



JOSE ALVIC P. SUAYBAGUIO
2006-2007



REYNALDO T. SALVE
2007-2008



ARNOLD M. NICOLAS
2008-2009



SALDY F. DALISAY+
2009-2010



GLENN A. PONO
2010-2011



ANTONIO R. INGULLO
2011-2012



Charles Aldwin Carpio
2012-2013



Darwin B. Ravelo
2013-2014



Salvador Michael B. Malbog
2014-2015



Christopher Donayre
2017-2018



Ramel Lintuan, PHF+2
2017 - 2018



Neal Ararao, PHF+1
2018 - 2019

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

ROTARY ID	NAME	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE	MILESTONES
10653559	Norman Adlawan	Photography	Jane	New
10142164	Kevin Ahn,RFSM	Past Service	Malou	1
8721076	Neal M. Ararao,PHF1	Orthodontic Dentist	Leslie	6
8537322	Dan A. Bagarra,RFSM	Orthopedic Surgery	Debbie	7
10323897	Excelsis Deo Baldonado,RFSM	Farming	Jessa	1
10673853	Michael Bryan A. Briones	Sports Equipment Retail	Claire	New
2545425	Ronald S. Bordios,PHF	Mobile Phone Retailer		15
6986525	Charles Aldwin M. Carpio,PHF2	Nursing Service	Odessa	10
10673859	Dexter C. Consolacion	Commercial Banking		New
8921443	Mae T. Dalisay,PHF3	Pediatric		2
9470314	Irvin Dick Emia,RFSM	Transport Licensing	Nelma	3
9972836	Marlou P. Fulo,RFSM	Financing		2
5983987	Andres Gentugaya,PHF	Water Supply Consultancy	Nelly	13
9972844	Azmat Hussain,RFSM	Car Dealership	Dyesebel	2
10346959	Mark Anthony Libuangan,RFSM	Local Legislation	Sarah	1
8426668	Ramel A. Lintuan,PHF2	LPG Distribution	Lorena	7
10676722	Joseph D. Low	Pawnshop Management	Rose	New
3380633	Jong D. Magat,PHF+1	Construction	Rhoda	21
6377182	Michael B. Malbog,PHF1	Cosmetic Surgery	Tweet	14
10653586	Albert L. Ng, Sr., RFSM	Plywood Manufacturing	Wendy	New
5912929	Arnold M. Nicolas,PHF+6	Insurance Consultancy		16
10419717	Jess M. Osorio,RFSM	Architecture	Rose	1
8720381	Artemio Ian D. Palijo III,PHF	Electronics Engineer	Tata	6
2057033	Joseph Nilo F. Parrenas,PHF+2	Drug Rehabilitation	Tess	24
5881882	Revedor R. Pereyras,PHF+1	Tables & Chairs Rental	Elay	11
6812841	Glenn A. Pono, PHF+8	Adult Pulmonary Medicine		11
10346963	Marc Arden Pude,RFSM	Non-Life Insurance		1
6377179	Darwin B. Ravelo,PHF+5	Heavy Equipments Rental	Elma	14
8720375	Renie P. Siscon,PHF	Surplus Auto Parts	Gina	6
1510880	Cock Chang F. Soo,PHF	Real Estate Rental	Maricor	30
5912917	Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio,PHF+2	Sanitary Engineer	Aweng	16
10323893	Kendric Jay Z. Tagorda,RFSM	Retail Store		1
5250782	Philip S. Villanueva,PHF	Computer Supplies Retailing	Melissa	19

Honorary Members

10653633	Wendy Ng
1907065	PP Jim M. Osorio,PHF+
9341312	Gov. Jayvee Tyron L. Uy,PHF
5250782	PP Rey T. Uy, PHF

Club Partners:

Rotaract Club of Tagum North-UM Tagum Chapter March 15, 1993
 Rotaarct Club of Tagum North-Palm City Chapter September 19, 2012
 Interact Club of Tagum North-UM High School
 Interact Club of Tagum North-UM Senior High School
 Rotary Community Corp-Imelda



Rotary:

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Wikipedia

President: Mark Daniel Maloney (July 2019 - Present)

Motto: Service Above Self

Membership: 1.22 million

Publication: The Rotarian

Founder: Paul P. Harris

Founded: 23 February 1905, Unity Building, Chicago, Illinois, United States



Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 at Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, United States, and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 10,904 clubs spread around the world and 250,792 members in 184 countries. Wikipedia

Motto: Self Development - Fellowship Through Service

Membership: 291,006

Focus: Fellowship and Service

Origins: The Rotary International Family

Founded: 13 March 1968

Headquarters: Evanston, Illinois, United States



Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

Founder: Rotary International

Founded: 28 October 1962



Rotary Community Corps is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. Rotary Community Corps members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects but are not members of a Rotary club

WHY THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINS 1 JULY?



Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

MISSION AND VISION OF ROTARY

The Mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary Clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

The Vision of Rotary International is to be universally recognized for its commitment to Service Above Self to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace

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 of 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.

The Four Way Test
of the things we think, say and 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?

AVENUES OF SERVICE

The RCTN has continuously lived its zeal to make water as a natural resource accessible to everyone. It all first started with a simple water pump project, which later expanded into a "Spring Water Impounding System" (SWIS) in Magdum, Tagum Davao. In its unending passion to provide potable water for indigent families in the remote barangays of Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, the "Water For Life" became the Club's Centennial Project. It is a continuing project, which aims to install 100 water pumps these communities. To date, RCTN has installed a total of 81 pumps and one Water Reservoir.

The Club was a recipient of the Rotary Foundation 3-H Grant that provided the opportunity to launch the "Kasama Project" 2002. It has afforded a PhP240,000.00 soft loan to local residents that help develop and modernize and indigent-family's farm in Asuncion, Davao.

Its commitment to hasten the productivity of the local farming industry, the "Cable-Lift" project in 2004 has provided an ingeniously cable cart system used to transport farmers and convey their produce from one side to another side of the river in Asuncion, Davao del Norte.

Another community development project that RCTN took part includes "Oplan Flip Flops para sa Indigenous People" which provided 148 pairs of slippers in Barangay San Jose, Municipality of Sto. Tomas.

YOUTH PROJECTS

The RCTN has constantly helped many schools and universities organize the Rotaract and Interact clubs in this received the "Hall of Fame-Outstanding Club" award. The club President during that time was Arnold Nicolas who later garnered the honor of "Hall of Fame-Outstanding President" in RY 1993-94. Another Outstanding President of the club, Karlene Lariosa and Cyril Muring, also became DRR. Recently, the Rotaract Club of Tagum North co-hosted with RC Waling-waling & Pag-Asa Davao during the Mindanao Finals of the Voice of our Youth Impromptu Speaking Contest held at UM Davao City.



PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL

The RCTN is acknowledge to have endorsed the most number of sponsored representatives of Zone 2-D to the Group Study Exchange program in D3860. The out-bound team members include: Dr. Nanette Perido (Florida, USA in 2000-01), Maricar Zamora Apsay (Canada and USA in 2001-2002 Lorenzo Mendoza (Kentucky, USA 2006-07), Dr. Glenn A. Pono (Virginia, USA in 2007-08), Mr. Stephen Manangan (Washington, USA in 2008-09) and Dr. Alvin Concha (British Columbia, Canada in 2009-2010), Atty. Ruel Cayetano Sydney, Australia 2010-2011.

In 2000, Marjorie Osorio was the RCTN's endorsed delegate who qualified for the Out-Bound ROTEX exchange student, in exchange with In-Bound ROTEX student, in Samantha Gordin of West Palm Beach, Florida, USA.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

In 1999, the club achieved a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club and 2012 the club achieved 100% all Paul Harris Fellow Club. The club is proud to have (12) Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, (32) Paul Harris Fellows and thirty-five (35) Rotary Foundation is one of the Rotary clubs acknowledged by the Rotary Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program.

Tagum North has stood the test of time, remained strong, vibrant, and proud. The North will continue to dream and reach for greater heights. There is no doubt North is up!

ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION PROJECTS

In harmony with the preservation of the countryside environment and natural resources, the club ventured on Mangrove Tree It is a continuing to rehabilitate the in the coastline its neighboring Through funded by the 2790 Chiba, Japan, the club initiated the program on "Tutok Kubeta" in order to facilitate empowerment and self-reliance in producing locally made water-sealed toilet bowls among the less fortunate families in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley provinces. To date, the club handed out more than 6,000 units to these areas.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

The club has been supportive in promoting educational and skills development programs in the area. From the initiation of its Scholarship Program in 1999, the RCTN has administered Vocational Course Scholarship grants to at least 140 graduates at the Tagum National Trade School. The program has expanded into giving High School Scholarship grants to 10 students at the St. Augustine High School in 2002. The "Adopt A School Program" was commenced in 2008, identifying Rizal Elementary School as its beneficiary.

Its compassion for education its unstopable as its extended its coverage to 65 learners both out of school youths and young adults at Barangay New Balamban, Tagum City when the Alternative Learning System (ALS) was conceived in 2008.

Since 1998, RCTN helped in the promotion of a reliable livelihood program. The club organized its Basic Skills Training Program promoting Basic Electronics for "Differently-Abled" individuals; Cellular Phone, Radio and TV Repair and Basic Carpentry for the out-of-school youth. The club stretched its program to the women sector by conducting Livelihood Trainings in Meat Processing, Pillow Case and Curtain Making, Cosmetology and Basic Baking in 2008.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in An Introduction to Vocational Service and the Code of Conduct.

Providing avenues of learning started to be the prime commitment in its literacy program. In 1999, the club's generosity was measured when it donated, through the help of the WCS Project, from Chiba, Japan, a Braille Typewriter to the Maguppo Pilot Imelda SPED School. The compassion was contagious when RCTN further initiated and provided a brand new computer unit with printer to the Nueva Fuerza Elementary School and Maguppo Pilot ALS, Tagum City; assorted Math & Physics books for the Pipisan Maug National High School, Tagum City; and a Library, Tagum City. The club also donated Php 5,000.00 for the "Lakbay Aral para sa mga batang Lumadng Talaingod".



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The club has dedicated numerous innovative services to help develop and improve the conditions of its nearby communities. As a first club project of RCTN in 1988, the construction of the Rotary Landmark structure at the corner of Pioneer and Rizal Streets has repeatedly caught the attention of anybody who comes to visit Tagum City for the first time or just pass by at one of the busiest junctions of the city.

HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

The projects dedicated to Community Service brought the club an overwhelming recognition and praise from its neighborhood communities. Since its conception, the RCTN has incessantly conducted innumerable Surgical/ Medical Dental and Optical Missions to the less privileged members of the Tagum community, to the nearby underprivileged prisoners/ parolees, and even to its farthest neighborhood communities in Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley and Agusan del Sur Provinces. The club has established a program on "Botica sa Barangay" in Asuncion, Davao del Norte that helped a total of 26 remote barangays access to cheap but effective medicines.



In 1998, the club proudly launched the "Operation New Look" program. On its 14th year as a continuing project funded by Jerome Foundation, Inc., the program has generously provided sixty-nine (69) free cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries in addition to the previous indigent 600 patients.

"Hot Lunch Plus", a feeding program for malnourished elementary school pupils at the Rizal Elementary School II that was initiated in 1999, is another continuing project of the Club that became the recipient of United Nationals Millennium Development Award given by UNICEF in RY 2006-07. This year the program has extend its services to giving free medical consultation and PPD testing to the undernourished beneficiaries.

In 2001, the RCTN coordinated with the Pediatrics Department of Davao Regional Hospital and the City Government of Tagum City in carrying out the project - "Bantay Dengue Tagum", a dengue awareness and prevention campaign program that curbed the unprecedented and scaring rise of dengue cases in Davao del Norte Province.

The "Renal Care Foundation", another continuing program of the RCTN since 2003 enables indigent patients to avail of hemodialysis treatment at a very low and affordable cost of only PHP500.00 (~US 10.00) per session. Presently, the program is taking care of 15 End-Stage-Kidney Disease patients at the Davao Regional Hospital.

• **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects and this Community Service presentation (PPT).

• **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

• **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

The RC Tagum North has established its reputation in the district. It has likewise established linkages with other clubs in the local and international Rotary community by forging a Sisterhood Agreement with the Rotary Clubs of Acreage, Florida, USA; Port St. Lucie, Florida, U S A ; Nilai, Malaysia; Loyola Heights, Quezon City; Downtown Olongapo; Waling-Waling Davao, San Francisco and Pag-asa Davao. Recently, through the efforts of PP Arnold Nicolas, Tagum North is again expanding its horizon by building bonds of friendship with the Rotary Club of Tomioka, Japan.

The club received a manifold of matching grant projects and assistance from the various sponsoring international sister Rotary clubs of RC of Marine Sunrise, California, USAm, and from the RC of Port St. Lucie, Florida, USA. From these sister clubs, the RCTN received two (2) units of Neonatal Incubators and seven (7) units of Hemodialysis Machines which were donated to the Davao Regional Hospital, at tertiary Government Hospital in Tagum City. Through the assistance of the Rotaplant Foundation of the Rotary Club of Novato, California, USA, two (2) patients were successful beneficiaries of the Kidney Transplant Operations at the Davao Regional Hospital.

The club embarked on the Vitamin A Plus Seminar for Mindanao Rotary Clubs. Likewise, activities such as the Free Osteoporosis Screening Program, TB Screening by PPD Mantoux Testing at the Sagop Palad Foundation, Inc., Gloria Christi Regis Centers (homes for street and abandoned children), and at the Rizal Elementary School had been the main foci on disease prevention and management program.

Since 1998, the RCTN actively participated in the Anti-Drug Abuse Program for the youth through information dissemination and awareness campaign in layfara and assemblies throughout Davao Region.





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