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# GOLDEN ROTA NEWS



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## EDITOR'S NOTE :



**ARNOLD M. NICOLAS, PHF +7**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rotary Opens Opportunities: 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 friendship, 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 latest information to people of the different activities and information about Rotary.

Similarly, in the human society, civilization 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 take 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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Tagum North  
**Rotary**  
Club



### Club Profile

Date Chartered	December 9, 1988
Sponsor	Rotary Club of Tagum
Charter President	Seng Beng "Danny" Lee
Club No.	26110
Current No. of Members	33
Meets Every	Tuesday @ 7:00PM
Meeting Place	Miko's Brew, Apokon Road, Tagum City
Facebook Page	Rotary Club of Tagum North

## Editorial Board

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# EDITORIAL

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

**Teachers Training :** We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.

**Adult Literacy :** Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.

**Mentoring Students:** Rotary club pairs students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.

**Rotary Scholarships:** Rotary members invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our communities.

**Educating Refugees:** A university president and Rotary club fight Boko Haram to bring education and food to refugees in Nigeria.

**Coaching Teachers:** Realizing that getting children into school isn't enough, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers.

## Rotary Club of Tagum North

Council Member : Provincial Advisory Council Davao del Norte  
Provincial Police Office  
Council Member : Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and  
Management Council of Davao del Norte  
Council Member : Local School Board – Tagum City  
Council Member : Pink Tagum

# Program

## ROTARY CLUB OF TAGUM NORTH 12th Regular Weekly Meeting September 15, 2020, 7:30PM

Call to Order	Pres. Mae T. Dalisay,PHF+5
Invocation	Audio Visual Presentation
National Anthem	Audio Visual Presentation
Rotary Hymn	Audio Visual Presentation
Object or Rotary & 4 Way Test	Audio Visual Presentation
Introduction of Guests & Rotarians	PP Jong D. Magat,PHF+2
Rotary Information	Rtn. Albert Ng, Sr.,PHF
Treasurer's Time	PAG Arnold M. Nicolas,PHF+8
Secretary Time	Sec. Marluo P. Fulo,RFSM6
Presidents Time	Pres. Mae T. Dalisay, PHF+4
Adjournment	Pres. Mae T. Dalisay, PHF+4
Emcee	Rtn. Dan A. Bagarra,RFSM

### Updates:

Water for Life  
Housing Project funded by RC Godeok  
Breast Cancer Awareness Program  
Tree Planting  
Mangrove Planting  
Membership Seminar

### Prayer :

*Let us Pray. Lord of the Universe: One of your wise ministers said recently, You can judge a person by his checkbook stubs. As Rotarians, we are generally blessed with lives of relative luxury, and opportunities unknown to many. Help us to review our checkbooks, and, indeed, the registers of our lives with honesty as we consider our priorities, and our opportunity to help others. Open our hearts, and our accounts, to those in need, while still providing us with appropriate fruits of our own labors. Help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership, and creativity to make our city, our nation, and our world, a better place filled with the peace and love that you can bring through us. Amen. Joseph D. Coons Bellingham WA*





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Rotary International President  
RY 2020-2021



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District Governor, District 3860  
RY 2020-2021



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RY 2020-2021



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RY 2020-2021



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Club Administration



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The Rotary Foundation



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Club Adviser



Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.



**HOLGER KNAACK**

President 2020-2021

**September 2020**

## Trustee Chair's Message

In late 1914, Europe was divided by hundreds of miles of trenches. British and French forces on one side were within shouting distance of German troops on the other. The pope made a plea for a Christmas truce, but the shooting continued.

Then, on Christmas Eve, soldiers from behind British lines heard an unexpected sound — not gunfire, but singing. Next, they heard a single voice shout out, "English soldier, merry Christmas!" followed by "English soldier, come out to join us!"

Both sides cautiously emerged over the parapet into the no man's land between the trenches. Before long, the soldiers realized that it was a real truce. They fraternized, singing Christmas carols, exchanging souvenirs and whiskey, and even taking up a friendly soccer match.

The cease-fire continued only two days before the troops returned to their trenches, resuming bloodshed for nearly four long years. But the story of the Christmas truce reminds us that peace is possible, if we choose to accept it. If peace can last a few days, could it not also last months or years? And how do we prevent conflict in the first place?

In his Nobel Peace Prize lecture in 1964, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace."

With Positive Peace, our society's structures, policies, and everyday attitudes and actions promote justice at all levels, sustaining a peaceful coexistence. It's an answer to the calls for justice and peace we have heard on the streets in protests from Minneapolis to Paris this year.

Positive Peace, studied at our Rotary Peace Centers around the world, is not just an academic idea for the Rotary Peace Fellows. Through Rotary's partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, the Rotary Positive Peace Academy offers free training to every Rotary member on how to wage Positive Peace in every project we do at the grassroots level, including Foundation grants.

Positive Peace resonates at all levels of The Rotary Foundation. Our literacy projects help children gain equal access to literacy, so opposing sides on an issue can understand each other better. Through our Foundation grants that provide clean water, communities gain stability, as more children stay in school rather than fetching water for hours on end.

Our role as civil society leaders who wage Positive Peace will continue to expand, not only through partnerships and more grants, but also through our hearts, minds, and hands as we offer our gifts to make the world a better place.



**K.R. Ravindran**  
Trustee Chair 2020-21

September 2020



## President's Corner



**MAE T. DALISAY, PHF+5**  
Transforming President

In the light of the "New Normal," each one of us has adapted to the transformation of Rotary meetings and activities into online conversations through ZOOM; and we have included Messenger Group Chats in trying to connect with each other. There might seem to be "something" lacking, but the essence of "bonding" is not lost and we learn to adapt to new scenarios outside of our comfort zones. Hence, I enjoin everyone to attend our weekly Club Meetings through ZOOM as we discuss how we can help to alleviate some of the problems in our communities and the nearby provinces.

On September 19, 2020, Saturday at 1p.m., there will be a Membership Training Seminar by Virtual ZOOM Meeting. May I remind our Membership Chair, PP Charles Aldwin Carpio, and the other key officers of our Club to attend.

We are also looking forward to the activities that October 2020 will bring in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness, dubbed as "#PINK ENCOUNTERS." The said event will cover: Stories of Hope from breast cancer survivors, Consultation on Air with a Cancer Expert, Virtual Veggie Cooking by a reknowned Chef in Tagum City, and a Virtual Pink & Fit Zumba.

At this point, I would like to thank the Rotarians who have paid their Club dues, including their contributions to RI, TRF, and End Polio. Your contribution is indeed a big help for the continuous help that we bring to our community, the nearby communities, and the world itself.

## Secretary's Corner

### Regular Weekly Meeting Attendance Report

September, 2020	Dates				
	03	08	15	22	29
Member Actually Present	09	06			
Member with valid make-up	10	12			
Member Size (Excluding Honorary members)	04	04			
Rule 85	02	02			
Net membership Base	33	33			
Tota Attendance divided by net membership	63.63%	60.60%			



**Marlou P. Fulo**  
Transforming Secretary

#### **Attendance: September 8, 2020**

AG Neal M. Ararao  
Rtn. Dexter C. Consolacion  
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay  
PP Tony I. Inguillo  
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas  
IPP Renie P. Siscon

#### **Visiting Guests :**

Spouse Gina Siscon

## Make-up

#### **Sunshine Visit, September 9, 2020**

AG Neal M. Ararao  
Rtn. Bryan A. Briones  
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio  
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay  
Rtn. Rommel B. Gomito  
PP Ramel A. Lintuan  
Rtn. Albert Ng  
RYLA Chair Arnold M. Nicolas  
PN Revedor R. Pereyras  
PP Darwin B. Ravelo  
IPP Renie P. Siscon  
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio

#### **Prospective Rotarians :**

##### **Mervin Jay Suaybaguio**

Sponsor

##### **Eduardo Dinglasan, Jr.**

Sponsor

##### **Provincial Information Officer**

Davao del Norte  
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay

##### **Executive Chef**

Eduardo's Kitchen  
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas



## ***Treasurer's Corner***



PAG Arnold M. Nicolas, PHF+8  
Treasurer

### ***Congratulations to the following Rotarians Pay in Full Annual Club Dues***

Rtn. Borg Baldonado  
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio  
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay  
PE Andy P. Gentugaya  
Rtn. Rommel Gomito  
PP Ramel A. Lintuan  
Albert L. Ng, Sr.  
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas  
PP Darwin B. Ravelo  
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio

### ***Congratulations to the following Rotarians Pay in Full Semi Annual Club Dues***

Rtn. Irvin Dick C. Emia  
Rtn. Philip S. Villanueva

### ***The Rotary Foundation Goals as of September 15, 2020***

	<b><i>Goals</i></b>	<b><i>Actual</i></b>	<b><i>Percentage</i></b>
<b>Annual Fund</b>	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,700.00	116%
<b>Polio Fund</b>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	120%

## The Rotary Foundation Donors Rotary Year 2020-21 as of September 15, 2020

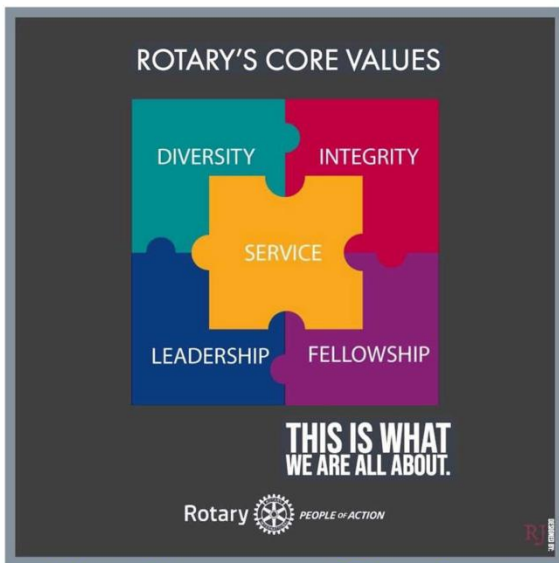
### Congratulations The Rotary Foundation Donors Early Bird.

Name	Amount	New Status
PP Darwin B. Ravelo	\$ 1,000.00	Paul Harris Fellow+7
PP Ramil A. Lintuan	1,000.00	Paul Harris Fellow+4
Rtn. Rommel Gomito	1,000.00	New Paul Harris Fellow
PAG Arnold M. Nicolas	500.00	Paul Harris Fellow+8
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay	500.00	Paul Harris Fellow+5
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio	300.00	Paul Harris Fellow+3
AG Neal M. Ararao	300.00	Paul Harris Fellow+2
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio	200.00	continuing PHF+3
PP Ronald S. Bordios	100.00	continuing PHF+1
IPP Renie P. Sison	100.00	continuing PHF+1
PE Andy P. Gentugaya	100.00	continuing PHF+1
Jess M. Osorio	100.00	RFSM6
Total Donations	\$ 5,200.00	

### Congratulations!!!

PAG Arnold M. Nicolas	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow + 8
PP Darwin B. Ravelo	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow + 7
Pres. Mae T. Dalisay	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow + 5
PP Ramil A. Lintuan	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow+4
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow+3
AG Neal M. Ararao	Rotarian	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Rtn. Rommel B. Gomito	Rotarian	New Paul Harris Fellow
Marissa Gomito	Spouse	New Paul Harris Fellow
Ramel Brandon C. Lintuan	Rotaractor	New Paul Harris Fellow
Precious Shannel D. Ravelo	Rotakids	New Paul Harris Fellow





## 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.



## Announcement

# ROTARY Family



Rtn. Ervin Dick C. Emia 01  
 IPP Renie P. Siscon 03  
 Rtn. Excelses Deo Baldonado 17



PP Darwin & Spouse Elma Ravelo 26  
 PP Charles Aldwin & Spouse Odessa Carpio 30

## Organizer

### September 2020

- 01 Tagum City Local School Board Special Meeting, City Mayor's Office
- 03 Kapihan sa DavNor TV Guesting, 10am, PTV 48
- 03 Committee Mtg. wt PIA, BIDA Project at Robinsons Place Tagum,
- 03 10th Regular Weekly Meeting, IPP Renie Siscon Residence (Face to Face)
- 04 Pre-Event Promotion, 2:00-4:00PM, City Information Studio
- 08 11th Regular Weekly Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
- 11 Recording of Health and Benefits for Breast Cancer @ PCSO & Philhealth
- 12 Mangrove Planting @ Panabo City
- 15 Pink Tagum Pre Event Radio Guesting, Tagumpay Radio, 10am
- 15 12th Regular Weekly Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
- 18 Recording on Veggie Cooking, 9-12NN, Eduardo's Kitchen
- 19 Membership Seminar, 1PM via Zoom
- 22 13th Regular Weekly Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
- 25 Deadline Submission of Video Making Contest
- 26 Tree Planting @ Nabunturan, Davao de Oro
- 28 Judging of Video Making Contest, CYD Conference Room
- 29 14th Regular Weekly Meeting & 4th Regular Monthly Board Meeting (Face to Face)

### October 2020

- 01 Pink Encounters, 12:30NN, 4th Floor, New City Hall
- 06 15th Regular Weekly Meeting, F2F
- 08 Airing Journey of Hope, 8:30-10:30Pm, 4th Floor AVR
- 08 Dibdibang Usapan/ Consultation on Air, 2PM-4PM, Love TV, New City Hall
- 13 16th Regular Weekly Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
- 20 17th Regular Weekly Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
- 22 Virtual Pink Cooking Demo, 2:00Pm, 4th Floor AVR
- 22 Virtual Pink N Fit Zumba, 4:30Pm, 4th Floor AVR
- 27 18th Regular Weekly Meeting and 4th Regular Monthly Board Meeting

# What it's like to survive through two pandemics

By Paul Engleman Illustrations by Fien Jorissen





Sixty-five years ago, in 1955, I was diagnosed with polio. I was two years old, so I was unaware of what it meant to have been infected with the poliovirus, but I became more aware of it in subtle ways as I got older. And at some point, I understood what my mother meant when she said I was “one of the lucky ones.”

My mother came from Jersey City, New Jersey, and she sounded like it all her life, aided and abetted by a daily regimen of unfiltered Kool cigarettes. She drove a supply truck as a civilian during World War II and delighted in telling a tale about a GI who tried to “get fresh” with her when she gave him a lift back to the base. When she told him she was married and her husband was deployed overseas, he said, “Baby, what’re you saving it for — the worms?”

She stopped the truck and told him, “Ride in back, buster!” I have no doubt that she used an expletive, although she never employed one in the retelling, Jersey accent notwithstanding. But she still thought “saving it for the worms” was the funniest line she had ever heard. She was a woman who could take things in stride, the quintessential “tough cookie.”

But there was one recollection that could unravel my mother like no other — the one that involved her youngest son being diagnosed with polio and the palpable fear that stalked parents across the country during the summers of the early 1950s. She could not stop her voice from cracking when she spoke about that time. That, along with her warnings about staying out of “polio puddles” after it rained, shaped my awareness of how frightening the epidemic had been.

Among my childhood memories, getting the oral polio vaccine is as vivid as the classroom drills that taught us to seek safety under our desks in case of a nuclear attack. While I can now joke about how sturdy school desks must have been back then, there’s no amusement in my recollection of lining up outside the local firehouse for the Sabin sugar cube — that was serious, important business. I knew it then, and I know it now.

My appreciation for having survived polio faded away over time, but returned in force about 12 years ago when I began writing for Rotary magazine. I had assumed polio had been eradicated — or, more accurately, I didn’t think about it. I have since had the opportunity to get to know, and be awed by, some of the Rotarian volunteers who are working to achieve that goal.

### **One of the lucky ones**

Now, as the novel coronavirus makes its way across the world, I feel a renewed gratitude for what it means to be one of the lucky ones — and a deeper understanding of how terrifying life was for many people six decades ago. As a 67-year-old former smoker, I’m among those now considered vulnerable — I have two adult children to keep reminding me of that — but I’m also among the privileged. My wife and I are able to work from home, we live in a single-family house with creature comforts, and we can afford to practice social distancing with little sacrifice.

Although adults were not immune to polio — President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously contracted the disease at age 39 — most of its victims were young children. Today, COVID-19 appears to pose the most danger to people over 60 — that is, the same group that polio targeted 65 years ago. “There was a high level of fear in the country then, very similar to what we have now,” says Cort Vaughan, who is one of those volunteers I’m awed by. When we spoke in April, Vaughan and his wife, Tonya, had recently returned from participating in a polio vaccination campaign in India.

A member of the Rotary Club of Greater Bend, Oregon, and a past End Polio Now coordinator, Vaughan began his work on the polio front before he was even aware of it: He was a March of Dimes poster child in Riverside, California, when he was three years old. He still has a copy of an article from a local newspaper with a photo of him dressed as a cowboy guarding the spare change that people contributed during a fundraising drive in 1955.

Vaughan doesn’t remember contracting polio at age two in October 1954, but, he says, “I have clear memories of my parents relating stories about it, and I could feel the emotion in their voices about what they went through. For my mother, it was like she was reliving the fear and anxiety of having her child stricken with a potentially deadly disease. Their stories were so vivid, so palpable, they almost became my own memories.”

The darkest story starts with his mother discovering one morning that her toddler was suddenly unable to walk, calling the doctor, and rushing him to the hospital. "If you had to go to the hospital, there was a high probability of being crippled for life," Vaughan says. "Once my parents took me there, it was out of their hands." At that time, polio wards restricted visitors, and Vaughan's mother was desperate to be with him. "She discovered a women's group that was sending volunteers to hospitals. She joined the Junior League primarily to get to see me."

Vaughan's illness paralyzed his right leg from the knee down, requiring him to wear a brace and sentencing him to a childhood in which frequent trips to the hospital for physical therapy replaced playing outdoors with friends. "I didn't feel lucky then, but looking back, now I do," he says. He also believes that the knowledge that comes from living with the scars of polio has heightened his grasp of what is required to overcome the current pandemic. "I know what it's like to face a hidden threat, and I understand the need for people to stay vigilant and work together to prevent the spread," he says. "I was defending the stay-at-home order in Oregon early on, when friends and relatives were thinking it was not really serious."

### **Breaking the silence around polio**

If the term "tough cookie" ever makes it back into common parlance, Carol Ferguson could be its poster adult. It wasn't until her late 40s that she realized the pain and muscle weakness she was experiencing were post-polio syndrome linked to contracting the virus four decades earlier. Six years ago, Ferguson enlisted the help of three other polio survivors and five friends to launch the Pennsylvania Polio Survivors Network, a volunteer advocacy organization that shares people's stories, provides information about post-polio syndrome, and lobbies legislators to increase awareness of polio and of the need to prevent infectious diseases through immunization.

Ferguson, a member of the Rotary Club of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and District 7430 PolioPlus subcommittee chair, says the stories she began hearing at the start of the first wave of COVID-19 bear an eerie resemblance to those her fellow polio survivors tell: a girl hospitalized at age five who remembers weekly visits from her parents during which she could only wave to them through a window; a two-year-old boy who was turned away from a hospital because no beds were available.

Ferguson's own story is revealing for what her parents didn't tell her. "When I was two years old, I had the 'summer grippe,' which we now know to be polio," she says. "Ten years later, a doctor examined me and said I had a 'polio foot.' That was the only time that word was mentioned. My mother lived to be 92, but she didn't speak about polio until shortly before she died. My father died having never spoken the word. I realize now that this is a reflection of the fear that they felt."

Ferguson feels no such need for silence. Earlier this year, she spearheaded an initiative, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition and local Rotary clubs, to produce a vaccination information and resource card to distribute to new parents in the state.

When Jonas Salk announced the success of his historic vaccine trial in April 1955, there was widespread acceptance of the need for mass immunizations. At some point in the future, a modern-day Salk or Albert Sabin will emerge to announce a vaccine to control the spread of COVID-19. But it's anyone's guess how widely accepted that vaccine will be.

Although we now have the benefit of communications technology that people in the 1950s could hardly imagine, that technology can also allow misinformation — and disinformation — to spread as rapidly as a virus itself. Ferguson is hopeful that credible and accurate information about vaccines will prevail. Oh, do I hope she's right.

- This story originally appeared in the September 2020 issue of Rotary magazine.
- Paul Engleman is a polio survivor and a frequent contributor to Rotary magazine.



# Building a Stronger Future



I am so honored to serve as your president this year. We have important work ahead of us at Rotary, and we are going to have a lot of fun as we do it.

Last year, we launched our five-year Action Plan to build a stronger future for Rotary. We are working to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. The last several months have shown that we — as Rotarians and Rotaractors — can realize these goals as we forge a new path for the future.

Without question, COVID-19 has posed new and previously unimaginable challenges for Rotary. But within every challenge is perhaps an even greater opportunity. And while I could not have known what lay ahead when I selected my theme for the year, Rotary Opens Opportunities has even greater relevance as we begin our new Rotary year.

I am incredibly inspired by how our members have adapted and responded to COVID-19. This global pandemic has made it difficult for many of our clubs to operate as usual, but we persevered, and over the past few months, I've enjoyed connecting with my fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors in a new way: by visiting hundreds of clubs from my home. It's been fun to attend so many meetings virtually. If you haven't already, I encourage your club to try an online meeting or add an online component, like hosting a guest speaker from a Rotary or Rotaract club located in a different part of the world.

As we build a stronger future for our organization, it's good that we are reaching out to new people and introducing them to Rotary. It's important that our clubs reflect the communities we serve. More diverse voices in our clubs and in our leadership will help Rotary stay in touch with a changing world.

So let's find every opportunity to show we value each and every member. Let's seize this moment to build on what we've learned, to embrace our new reality, to welcome new faces, and to find additional ways to shine. This is how we will have a continuing impact on the world. And if you need assistance along the way, Rotary offers many resources that can help you reach your goals.

Rotary means different things in different parts of the world, but we are all united by our core values and by The Four-Way Test. Rotary may change, but our values remain constant.

I look forward to hearing about how you're finding new opportunities to engage and make an impact in your club and community. Rotary Opens Opportunities, both for the people we serve and for ourselves.

*Thank you.*  
*Holger Knaack RI President, 2020-21*

# Youth Exchange: Our Family Tradition



Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

*Holger Knaack  
Rotary International President, 2020-2021*



## HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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

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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 Lehár, 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 Rotary Foundation

**All Time Giving : US \$ 85,697.00 as of September 15, 2020**

## Multiple Paul Harris Fellows ( Active Club Members )

PAG Arnold M. Nicolas,PHF+8	\$ 9,330.02
PAG Glenn A. Pono, PHF+8	9,010.00
PE Mae T. Dalisay,PHF+7	8,800.00
PP Darwin B. Ravelo,PHF+7	8,410.00
PP Ramel A. Lintuan,PHF+4	5,505.00
PAG Jose Alvic P. Suaybagoio,PHF+3	4,610.00
PP Charles Aldwin M. Carpio,PHF+3	4,360.00
PP Antonio R. Inguillo,PHF+2	3,210.00
Revedor R. Pereyras,PHF+2	3,210.02
IPP Neal M. Ararao,PHF+2	3,170.00
PP Jong D. Magat,PHF+2	3,035.03
PP Ronald S. Bordios,PHF+1	2,510.93
PP Michael B. Malbog,PHF+1	2,261.50
PN Andres P. Gentugaya,PHF+1	2,210.00
PP Cock Chang F. Soo,PHF+1	2,096.50
Renie P. Siscon,PHF+1	2,040.00

## Paul Harris Fellows ( Active Club Members )

Philip S. Villanueva,PHF	1,465.00
Artemio Ian D. Palijo III,PHF	1,065.00
Albert L. Ng Sr.	1,010.00
Rommel Gomito	1,000.00

## Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members ( Active Club Members )

Mariou P. Fulo,RFSM	610.00
Jess M. Osorio,RFSM	610.00
Dan A. Bagarra,RFSM	500.50
Mark Anthony Libuangan,RFSM	410.00
Marc Arden Pude,RFSM	410.00
Kevin Ahn,RFSM	400.00
Azmat Hussain,RFSM	235.00
Irvin Dick Emia,RFSM	186.50
Excelsis Deo Baldonado,RFSM	135.00

## Paul Harris Society Members:

PAG Glenn A. Pono	4 yrs
PP Darwin B. Ravelo	4 yrs
PP Ramel A. Lintuan	3 yrs
Albert L. Ng Sr.	1 yr

## Paul Harris Fellows ( Former Members & Donors )

PAG Jim M. Osorio,PHF+4	\$ 5,026.50
PP Joseph Nilo F. Parrenas,PHF+2	3,751.50
PAG Leopoldo Diamante	3,210.00
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
Lorena Lintuan	1,200.00
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
Marisa Gomito	1,000.00
Engr. Carlo Lacson	1,000.00
Lorena Lintuan	1,000.00
Ramel Brandon Lintuan	1,000.00
+CP Sing Beng Lee	1,000.00
Engr. Eaco Buen J. Pondoc	1,000.00
Mr. Rey Pangilan	1,000.00
Sweet Dianne Ravelo	1,000.00
Precious Shannel Ravelo	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
Wendy Ng	1,000.00



# Rotary Club of Tagum North Groupings

## The Quenchers

*Man does not live by soap alone; and hygiene, or even health, is not much good unless you can take a healthy view of it or, better still, feel a healthy indifference to it.*

**Gilbert K. Chesterton**

Renei P. Sicson                      Group Leader

Arnold M. Nicolas

Kevin Ahn

Lyndon Melvi C. Sumiog

Albert Ng, Jr.

Philip S. Villanueva

Marc Pude

## The Mentors

*"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope."*

— **Kofi Anan**

Charles Aldwin M. Carpio              Group Leader

Darwin B. Ravelo

Ronald S. Bordios

Michael Bryan A. Briones

Joseph B. Low

Jong Magat

Glenn Pono

## The Planters

*"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."*

— **Lady Bird Johnson**

Jose Alvic P. Suaybaguio              Group Leader

Mae T. Dalisay

Dan Bagarra

Irvin Dick Emia

Rommel Gomito

Dexter Consolacion

Revedor Pereyras

Michael Salvador Malbog

## The Peacemakers

*War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*

— **Bertrand Russell**

Ramel A. Lintuan                      Group Leader

Andy P. Gentugaya

Marluo P. Fulo

Tony Inguillo

Mark Libuangan

Cock Chang Soo

Azmat Hussain

Excelses deo Baldonado

Neal M. Ararao

# Rotary



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## **THE FOUR-WAY TEST** of the things we think, say or do

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- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL  
& BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL  
to all concerned?





Rotary

# 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.**

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## Monthly Theme / Events

### **August 2020**

Membership and New Club Development Month

### **September 2020**

Basic Education and Literacy Month

### **October 2020**

Economic and Community Development Month

5-11 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October — World Polio Day

### **November 2020**

Rotary Foundation Month

2-8 November — World Interact Week

### **December 2020**

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December — Last day for early registration discount for the 2021 Rotary Convention

### **January 2021**

Vocational Service Month

### **February 2021**

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

7-11 February — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

### **March 2021**

Water and Sanitation Month

8-14 March — World Rotaract Week

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

### **April 2021**

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

### **May 2021**

Youth Service Month

### **June 2021**

Rotary Fellowships Month

11-12 June — Rotaract Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan

11-12 June — Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention, Taipei, Taiwan

12-16 June — Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

30 June — Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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A look ahead to international events. All dates are tentative.

### **2022**

16-20 January – International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

4-8 June – Rotary International Convention, Houston, Texas, USA



# Rotary Code of Conduct



## As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve Rotary
3. Conduct all my personal, business and professional affairs ethically encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work of the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community.
7. Honor trust that Rotary and other Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship



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

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

## Diversity and Rotary

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavor to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs. A club that reflects its community's diversity with regard to professional and business classifications, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key ingredients to its successful future.



Club of Tagum North  
Club No. 26110, Area 2D, District 3860  
Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines

## ROSTER OF MEMBERS

ROTARY ID	NAME	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE	MILESTONES
10653559	Norman Adlawan ,RFSM	Catering Services	Jane	1
10142164	Kevin Ahn,RFSM	Past Service	Malou	2
8721076	Neal M. Ararao,PHF+1	Dentistry Orthodontics	Leslie	7
8537322	Dan A. Bagarra,RFSM	Orthopedic Surgery	Debbie	8
10323897	Excelsis Deo Baldonado,RFSM	Bottle Gas Distribution	Jessa	2
10673853	Michael Bryan A. Briones,RFSM	Sports Equipment Retail	Claire	2
2545425	Ronald S. Bordios,PHF+1	Mobile Phone Retailer		16
6986525	Charles Aldwin M. Carpio,PHF+2	Nursing Service	Odessa	11
10673859	Dexter C. Consolacion,RFSM	Banking Commercial		2
8921443	Mae T. Dalisay,PHF+4	Medicine Pediatric		3
9470314	Irvin Dick Emia,RFSM	Transport Licensing	Nelma	4
9972836	Marlou P. Fulo,RFSM	Financing		3
5983987	Andres Gentugaya,PHF+1	Water Supply and Treatment	Nelly	14
6693871	Rommel Gomito	Engineering Civil	Marissa	New
9972844	Azmat Hussain,RFSM	Auto Sales Used	Dyesebel	3
2057027	Tony Inguillo	Farming	Dafnie	New
10346959	Mark Anthony Libuangan,RFSM	Governmental Relations	Sarah	2
8426668	Ramel A. Lintuan,PHF+3	Gas Services	Lorena	8
10676722	Joseph D. Low,RFSM	Pawnshop Management	Rose	1
3380633	Jong D. Magat,PHF+2	Contractors General	Rhoda	22
6377182	Michael B. Malbog,PHF+1	Cosmetic Surgery	Tweet	15
10653586	Albert L. Ng,Sr., PHF	Plywood Manufacturing	Wendy	1
5912929	Arnold M. Nicolas,PHF+7	Insurance Consultancy		17
10419717	Jess M. Osorio,RFSM	Architecture	Rose	2
8720381	Artemio Ian D. Palijo III,PHF	Engineering Electronics	Tata	7
5881882	Revedor R. Pereyras,PHF+2	Tables & Chairs Rental	Elay	12
6812841	Glenn A. Pono, PHF+8	Adult Pulmonary Medicine		12
10346963	Marc Arden Pude,RFSM	Insurance Non-Life		2
6377179	Darwin B. Ravelo,PHF+6	Heavy Equipments Rental	Elma	15
8720375	Renie P. Siscon,PHF+1	Auto Parts Surplus	Gina	7
1510880	Cock Chang F. Soo,PHF+1	Real Estate - Rentals	Maricor	31
5912917	Jose Alvic P. Suaybagueio,PHF+3	Engineering Sanitary	Aweng	17
8721068	Gedeon Tolentino	Gastro Surgery	Aidee	New
5250782	Philip S. Villanueva,PHF	Computer Retail	Melissa	20

### Honorary Members

10653633	Wendy Ng
2057033	Joseph Nilo F. Parrenas,PHF+2
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



## 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. INGUILLO**  
2011-2012



**Charles Aldwin Carpio**  
2012-2013



**Darwin B. Ravelo**  
2013-2014



**Salvador Michael B. Malbog**  
2014-2015



**Christopher Donayre**  
2017-2018



**Ramel Lintuan**  
2017 - 2018



**Neal Ararao**  
2018 - 2019



**Renie P. Siscon**  
2019-2020



# 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 P240,000.00 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 D3860. The outbound team 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 D3860. The outbound 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. Rucel 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 (REY) 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 Planting in 1992, project that helps rehabilitate the in the coastlines its neighboring areas. Through the project grant funded by the WCS from District 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 unstoppable 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 in Tagum City. 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 Magugpo 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 Magugpo 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 P5,000.00 for the "Lakbay Aral para sa mga batang Lumad ng 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, USA; 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, USA, 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 Rotaplan 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 focus 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 layora and assemblies throughout Davao Region.



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**Journey of HOPE**

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