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Potential club members are everywhere.
But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and
imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman.



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August is designated in our Rotary Calendar as Membership and New Club Development Month, a time to recognize our members and the incredible work they do in our communities. This year, many Rotarians around the world are working together to curb the pandemic through providing PPE (personal protective equipment's) and vaccination drives. After a long year of uncertainty, hope is on the horizon.

In this issue we want it to be informative and entertaining, at times contrary, but above all useful. Inside you'll find a mixture of features and regular columns on a wide range of Rotary-related topics and sometimes National & International issues affecting Rotary. We have also have featured rotary clubs and past district governor in the district.

I hope you enjoy the maiden issue and do let us know if there are any topics you'd like to see covered in the future.

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

- 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?

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.

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

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OUR CLUBS SHAPE THE KIND OF ROTARIANS WE HAVE

"The world needs Rotary, and Rotary needs strong clubs and engaged members in order to do more good," said RI President 2018-2019 Barry Rassin.

It is not enough that we recruit more members. We must keep them engaged and motivated to do more good in the world.

We make our clubs strong by doing meaningful projects that serve our communities and have fun along the way. Service and fellowship must go together in Rotary.

So the quality we seek from each member is the quality of heart — the commitment to serve above self; the positive energy to work for others and with others; the ability to contribute new and creative ways to solve social problems; and the capacity to build better friendships.

It should not be hard to convince people with these qualities to join Rotary and stay in Rotary.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers who belong to more than 35,000 clubs working together to promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and their children; support education; and grow local economies.

The more than 110-year legacy of Rotary making a difference in the world is impressive enough to get more people to become Rotarians. But what will make them remain Rotarians for a long time is the responsibility of the club they belong to.

That is why it is important for our clubs to practice what Rotary preaches. When members see the disconnect between what Rotary stands for and what their club actually does, being a Rotarian becomes meaningless and the club loses members.

When members do not feel heard and valued, they withdraw. When members do not feel included and supported, they disengage. When attending Rotary events and activities become boring, stressful, and members are not having fun, they will not participate.

when your club starts losing members, it will have low morale, and recruiting new members will be more challenging.

So the quality of Rotarians we offer the world starts with your Rotary club. Is your club doing a good job of taking care of each member? If you are able to keep the members you already have happy and proud to be Rotarians, then it should not be hard to get others to join you.

Editorial

Marina Bello-Ruivivar
RC Downtown Davao

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we Serve to Change Lives, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you grow more, you will be able to do more. Let us keep empowering girls through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to Serve to Change Lives.

Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22
August 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE **FOUNDATION CHAIR**

In August, we focus on membership — exploring ways we can expand Rotary's ranks and reach. As we form new clubs and answer RI President Shekhar Mehta's call of Each One, Bring One, let's consider how these efforts will have a positive impact at every level of our organization.

Rotary's two greatest assets are its members and The Rotary Foundation, and they are linked. Our organization is made up of more than 48,000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs, and without our dedicated club members, we can't perform service. Our members also carry out the Foundation's mission of doing good in the world, by working on grassroots projects and making contributions that support countless Foundation programs and grants.

With more members in Rotary, the Foundation could do even more good in the world. We would have more hands to set up water, sanitation, and hygiene projects, so that more people could access clean water. We would have more minds to plan global grants projects that support prenatal services, so that more babies could live. We could fund more district grants that support literacy, so that more people could learn to read.

Today, roughly a third of our members actively support the Foundation through annual giving or other means. Imagine how we could extend Rotary's reach if we were to increase that engagement, even by just a little. More Rotarian contributions would mean additional funding for the Rotary Peace Centers, as well as more matched contributions to help eradicate polio, thanks to our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a powerful force that efficiently carries out impactful and sustainable projects around the world; Charity Navigator has recognized The Rotary Foundation with a four-star rating annually for 13 consecutive years. All Rotary members can be proud of this. And how great it would be if all Rotarians would support the Foundation in whatever way they could.

I have a simple request this month. Please take 10 minutes during your next club meeting to discuss ways to get more involved in the Foundation this year. It could be planning an online fundraiser to benefit the Foundation or partnering with other clubs for a global grant project.

Whatever you do, remember that our members — all of us — drive Rotary's efforts and sustain our Foundation

John F. Germ
Trustee Chair 2021-22
July 2021





Caroline Lee Andrade
District Secretary

Dearest Rotarians,

The awaited club invoice for the 1st semester of RY 2021-2022 was finally released by Rotary International sometime third week of July. The clubs thru their respective secretary and treasurer should have received it thru email. A gentle reminder that due date is 60 days from invoice date. My suggestion to settle District dues, Rotary Levy and Philippine Rotary Magazine subscription as well. Once payment is remitted, please refer to the guide on whom to email proof of payment.

Where to send your validated deposit slip?

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I am happy to share the good news that the district website is now live! Do check out the special features at www.rotarydistrict3860.org. Monthly report for service projects, meetings and other activities is due on the 15th of the succeeding month. For the month of July 2021, report is due on August 15, 2021. Only President or the Secretary can submit the report. Happy Reporting!

Caroline “Caycay” Andrade
District Secretary
Rotary Year 2021-2022

Spotlight:
Past District Governor Fernando A. Almeda, Jr

By: PAG Teddy Amores



Metamorphosis: What motivated you to join Rotary?

PDG Jun Almeda: Serendipity brought me to the folds of Rotary. I had stayed away from civic organizations, except the Press and Radio Club which I founded, such as the Jaycees because of the politically-charged atmosphere during martial law that pervaded civic clubs. But the late Dr. Josephino 'Peping' Miranda, Charter President of the Rotary Club of Metro Surigao (RCMS), my club up to now; our family physician who took care of my wife when she delivered all three of my children, requested me to help him write and formulate the policies, rules and guidelines, including its concept, for nominating and selecting Outstanding Surigaonon and recognizing them for their exemplary life-achievements, I could not refuse. Thus, the Rotary Outstanding Surigaonon Award (ROSA), an acronym I coined, was born. Up to now, ROSA is a defining aspect of our club which I eventually joined because of it. Looking back, I believe it was my instinctive sense of "Service Above Self" that made me embrace Rotary. Ironically, I hold the distinction of being the only Metronian who was awarded the ROSA which disqualifies club members from being its recipient.

Metamorphosis: What is your greatest accomplishment in Rotary?

PDG Jun Almeda: My greatest accomplishment in Rotary and as a Rotarian is having become a District Governor. The first and so far only Rotarian from our club and province to have attained this position. I was also lucky to have been a Centennial Governor. I was inducted as Governor-Elect, along with others throughout the Rotary world, during the Centennial of Rotary in 2005 at the World Convention in Chicago, Ill. U.S.A.

Metamorphosis: Tell me about your memorable Rotary experience?

PDG Jun Almeda: During my term, if I'm not mistaken, we had the highest increase per capita in individual membership among the 10 Rotary Districts. Among the top five in increase of new clubs. We had about 100 or 101 clubs then. Am proud of the achievement due to our team work. In addition, despite the resignation of our Foundation Chair, some three months into my term, our foundation contribution surpassed the \$150,000 mark. A record at that time. Our replacement Foundation Chair was Rotarian Dave Sharp from Cebu. He was the first Foundation Chair who was not a PDG.

Metamorphosis: What is the most difficult part of being a District Governor?

PDG Jun Almeda: All avenues of service are challenging. But I believe Membership Development and Recruitment should be given more attention by every Governor. A bad Rotarian is like a spoiled fruit in the basket. The community, more often than not judges a club through the exception rather than the rule. So let's take care that every member who joins our clubs gets to be Rotarized and become a role model in the community.

Metamorphosis: What was the most significant achievement of the District during your term?

PDG Jun Almeda: In retrospect, I think our DisCon in Butuan City, the first held there, was a fitting and memorable climax to my Governorship. I feel warm inside when I hear Rotarian friends up to now, tell me: "It was an affair to remember!" I recall that we all danced under the stars until the wee hours of the morning. I wanted fellow Rotarians to enjoy DisCon rather than be an audience to programs and shows. DisCon is one time of the year when all of us Rotarians in the district gather and be together as friends.

Metamorphosis: Imagine your life without Rotary?

PDG Jun Almeda: Life without Rotary would, of course, go on like now in Covid time. But I terribly miss Rotary fellowship. Specially, during the "change venue" fellowship where "bottoms-up" or "Kampai!" becomes the fellowship cry. I also miss that sense of service to the community and being there in action helping shape a brighter and better world, specially for those neglected by society and crying to be heard like the aboriginal Mamanwa in their forest domain. Rotary really gives meaning and purpose to human life. Rotary, in more ways than one, defined my life. I'm proud and humbled to be known as a Rotarian and it feels good to be greeted: "Hi... Gov. Jun"



Metamorphosis: Now that you are one of the “Past District Governors”, what advise you can give to upcoming District Governors or to the upcoming leaders of the Clubs to support their DG’s?

PDG Jun Almeda: Be faithful to the 4-way test. And to the tenets of Rotary: “Service Above Self” and “He Profits Most Who Serves Best”. Be role models in the community. Walk, head held high, as a good Rotarian and human being. Above all, be a servant Rotary Leader.

Metamorphosis: What keeps you active nowadays with your spouse Mam Luz?

PDG Jun Almeda: Our home is located on top of a hill. So I climb the equivalent of a three-storey building every day. Thus, thanks God! My legs are strong. But my third leg has aged, I must admit. Hehe! Joke lang. I write mostly about Surigaonon history. Do research about our “Mamanwa Ancestors” known as the Southern Negritos and the original and oldest people in our country. I’m expanding and updating a paper I presented in 1918 before an International Conference of Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS) at the Sains University in Penang, Malaysia the title of which is: “A Mamanwa Tale of Woe” (An on-going tragedy). When I’m not day-dreaming and writing (some poems when I’m inspired) I feed the tiny City Birds’ and Swifts in our garden and front yard. I imagine them to be angels. Lady Luz is a consultant of various educational institutions and delivers virtual lecture regularly to domestics and foreign audiences. Right now, she is designing a curriculum on the Mamanwa Studies which she will propose to a local university. But our garden remains her consuming passion. At break of day, you will see her watering the flowers and plants. Sometimes, including me when I’m nearby watching.



Metamorphosis: If you are to be described to other book authors, whom would you be closely be described with?

PDG Jun Almeda: Honestly, I’m happy being known as I am: “Jun Almeda”. There’s no other me. It would be vain-glorious on my part to be likened to a famous author. Let’s just say, I’m influenced by epic authors like Leo Tolstoy (War and Peace); Sir Winston Churchill (Finest Hour) and, of course, Ernest Hemingway (The Old Man and the Sea).

Metamorphosis: What advise would you give to Rotarians to be fit in your age now?

PDG Jun Almeda: My advice to Rotarian on the way to old age: “Be young at heart”. When you reach 70 or 80 yrs. old start counting in reverse. Laugh at every turn. Laughter is truly the best medicine. Never forget, we all have each only one life to live. Share it with others who need help the most. Touch lives and have faith in God. And when your wife calls: “Honey!!” reply promptly: “Oo Day!”

Metamorphosis: What suggestions would you make to Clubs with older members to enable them to add new members who better reflect their communities?

PDG Jun Almeda: Pass on the torch of leadership... to the young ones. No one is indispensable. When the “Shadows are Lengthening”, it’s time to move on. Rotary leadership age should begin at 40. That’s also when life is supposed to begin. Focus on recruiting middle-aged Rotarians. This is the time when a Rotarian comes of age.

Metamorphosis: What do you like to do in your free time?

PDG Jun Almeda: I’m not the active guy anymore. I used to play nine holes of golf before. But not anymore. The nearest golf course to Surigao is in Butuan City, some 127 kms. away. With Covid, travel is a problem. I read, write and swim at our beachouse: Rockview at Lipata during week-ends. Do light exercise, calisthenics and leisurely walking around our home. I do meditation: “Seek nothing; just sit” and be silent. This is voiceless form of prayer; deeply meditative and calming to the spirit.

Metamorphosis: What is your favorite all-time favorite song?

PDG Jun Almeda: My favorite song is: “The Wonder of You”. Dedicated to my only wife of 51 years and going.

Metamorphosis: If you had the world’s attention for 30 seconds, what would you say to Rotarians on this Covid Pandemic?

PDG Jun Almeda: I would say this to every Rotarian today in this fearful Covid time: “Lead the Way! Be the first to help and save lives”



A FOUNTAIN OF SERVICES FROM A TO E



Anti-Rabies
Autism Awareness



Blood Letting
Breast Cancer Awareness



Child Protection
Cleft Palate



Dengue Awareness
Domestic Violence
Dental Care
Disaster Efforts



Environment
Enterprise
Education
Eye Care

Chartered on Oct. 29, 1982
Meets Every
Monday @ 7:30 PM
Casino Español, Ranudo St.,
Cebu City, Philippines

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www.rccebufuente.org

"Quick Questions with RC Cebu Fuente's Pres Bernz Amago"

By PE Emmanuel M. Hernandez
RC Banilad Metro

1. It's great to catch up with you, Pres. Berns! I know you want to talk about your two flagship advocacies. Could you briefly describe the same for our readers?

At the outset, just allow me to point out that RC Cebu Fuente (RCCF) has been heralding the ABCDE Caravan initiative for a long time now. While I will continue to advance such, I want to highlight during my term as President the worthy causes of Autism and Breast Cancer Awareness as they are what RC Cebu Fuente has truly trailblazed.

On one hand, our Autism Awareness Campaign seeks to facilitate proper understanding and genuine acceptance of the varying spectrum of this disorder so a more inclusive and kinder world can be created for individuals living with autism. On the other hand, our Breast Cancer Awareness endeavors to empower women facing this Big C to be more open about their struggles so they may inspire others to be mindful of this reality and be encouraged to have themselves examined for the possibility. In both conditions, early detection leads to early intervention and that could result in saving more lives.

2. That's very interesting. Let's start with Autism. Why is your club so passionate about this? What's the backstory?

RC Cebu Fuente's passion for this cause stems from our power couple, PDG Yumi Espina and Spouse Sandra, who have been blessed with a son, Zach, who courageously faces autism. Sympathetic to the plight of families living with autism, they rallied for early detection and intervention as key for a functional life of those afflicted with such disorder. RCCF saw the significance of this cause and presented a platform in spreading accurate information about autism and in encouraging better comprehension of the varying responses to such condition. Up until now, PDG Yumi and Spouse Sandra actively move the wheels of RCCF in advancing this advocacy.



3. RCCF's campaign on Breast Cancer is pretty visible especially in Cebu during your "Pink October" campaign. Digging deeper, what is the root of this passionate advocacy?

No pun intended, but this one is close to RCCF's heart because of PDG Meanne Solomon's successfully fight against Breast Cancer. Armed with the lessons from her personal experience, PDG Meanne roused RCCF to champion for fact-based appreciation of Breast Cancer and to educate the public of the smart and medically-proven ways of preventing, detecting, and living with such cancer. PDG Meanne continues to usher RCCF in bringing this advocacy to wider and broader arena and holding steadfastly that early detection is the best prevention; early detection saves lives.

4. How have you been creative in promoting your advocacies in these unique times?

Considering that physical distancing is the call of the times, my creativity in promoting RCCF's advocacies hinges on the use of technology and exploration of the virtual field. I intend to exploit the wide reach and open access features of social media in exhibiting RCCF's initiatives and efforts in forwarding our advocacies. The challenge now is just how to make virtual activities more interactive and engaging.

5. You have very vibrant Rotaract partners, could you tell me about them and how they tie in with your Club's flagship advocacies?

RCCF cradles three (3) Rotaract Clubs, one (1) community-based chapter composed mostly of young professionals and two (2) school-based chapters, from USC and UV. They have been our partners in showcasing RCCF's causes with their continued assistance and attendance in the implementation of our service projects. Likewise, they independently organize their separate activities aligned with the ideals of Rotary International. While there is expectation of coordination with RCCF, we encourage them to pursue their own causes to harness their sense of responsibility and identity.

6. For you, what's the most endearing thing about RCCF?

RCCF boasts sincerity in service fostered by friendship and fellowship. Almost all of our advocacies are borne out of the personal causes of our members that have been shared to the club and then unanimously adopted by all the members. Each RCCF Rotarian harbors a common goal to make a significant difference in the community that we grow more united as we advance more causes. This just makes me so proud to be in RCCF.



**Interview with
President Bernardino
"Bernz" T. Amago IV
Rotary Club
of Cebu Fuente**



7. What is the leadership style of Atty. Bernz Amago, the millennial Rotarian lawyer?

At the times that I have been tasked to lead, I have chosen to inspire by example. I intend not to deviate from such. I believe that by working on and experiencing the task itself not only enriches one as a leader but also motivates your followers to contribute more. I know that I do not have the monopoly of brilliant ideas so constant solicitation for cooperation and collaboration from my members is a must for me.

8. Happy almost 40th Anniversary, by the way. What's the future of RCCF for you?

In finance jargon, that RCCF will remain to be a "going concern" for another 40 years...strengthened with dignity and proven by legacy.

9. As we wrap this up, what is the last phrase you want us to remember about RCCF?

Serve kindness because you can and not because you must...that is the RCCF way!

Thank you so much, Pres. Bernz for your time. May you have more years of service and fellowship with RC Cebu Fuente!





ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST DAVAO
Growing
younger
@55



IT started with a few good men, 24 to be exact who committed and signed as charter members of what is now known to be the Rotary Club of East Davao.

The year was 1965. Then the District Governor was Governor Alfonso Oboza, together with the incumbent President of the Rotary Club of Davao, Pres. Leon Garcia who thought that the time was right for another club to rise in the ever growing economic landscape of Davao City.

And so, On December 1, 1965, the charter was officially presented during a very memorable ceremony at the Davao Insular Hotel, the home of the club from its inception until the year 2007 when the club decided to transfer its regular weekly meetings at the Marco Polo Hotel Davao.

We take pride in owning the distinction of having the most number of Past District Governors in our club. Hence, the Rotary Club of East Davao is home of the past and future District Governors.

Our List of Past District Governors are as follows:

- 1975-1976 Salvador "Bading" Angala - President RY 1970-71
- 1983-1984 Honesto "Totoy" Cabarroguis - President RY 1975-76
- 1989-1990 Herminio "Hermie" Villano - President RY 1979-80
- 1995-1996 Reynaldo "Boy" Reyes - President RY 1983-84
- 1999-2000 Raoul E. Hilario+ - President RY 1989-90
- 2001-2002 Ramon "Monet" Tirol+ - Charter President RC Central Davao RY 1975-1976
- 2020-2021 Rodel Riezl "Riz" S. Reyes - President RY 2005-06

As the clubs way of paying it forward, RCED did its part in making sure it's brand of service is expanded as much as possible, and so to this end, RCED indeed has worked so hard and caused for the chartering the following clubs:

- Rotary Club of Central Davao – August 25, 1975 with PDG Ramon Tirol a member of RCED as Charter President
- Rotary Club of Metro Tagum – April 11, 1990
- Rotary Club of Waling Waling Davao – January 22, 1992 the first All-Female Club in District 3860
- Rotary Club of Mati East – October 26, 2005

Through the years, the club has embarked on numerous community projects, i.e. donated artesian wells, school buildings, books, clothing's, scholarships, etc. beneficial to the less fortunate.

The signature project of the club is its extensive medical and dental missions in several remote areas in the whole Island of Mindanao. Through the TRF Matching Grants the club manufactured a Mobile Operating Van which is used during these missions with volunteer doctors and surgeons from the Maharlika Charity Foundation Inc. under the leadership of Past President Rizal D. Aportadera.



As a spin-off of these medical missions we have also provided Ambulances for 2 provinces with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Wakayangi thru its active leader PAG Atsushi Sasaki.

Another worthwhile project that has been going on for years is the college-scholarship at the Holy Cross of Davao College / University of Southeastern Philippines funded by the Oikawa Scholarship Fund (RC Ishinomaki South), San Josue Scholarship (Joe Tesado), AY Foundation(RCBC) and the club benevolent members. The scholars eventually become teachers and become agents to educate the growing populace in our communities. To date we have 30 successful graduates and now teaching in different schools here around the city.

Through the efforts of PDG Boy Reyes, PDG Raoul Hilario, and PP Mickey Miyake, match club arrangements with Japanese Clubs RC Wakayanagi, RC Funabashi West, RC Ishinomaki South and RC Funabashi West were arranged resulting to the annual exchange of goodwill visits and the flow of donations from Japan for our projects. An offshoot of these goodwill visits is the establishment of a short-term Youth Exchange where sons/daughters of our club members go to Japan on summer vacations and are hosted by our match clubs.



The club is a consistent supporter of The Rotary Foundation being the "100% All Paul Harris Club" having in its roster 8 Major Donors, 30 Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, 131 PHFs and 62 PHSMs. In recognition of the numerous club projects and services of its members, the club has been a consistent recipient of awards from RI.

RCED is also a recipient of numerous RI and District citations such as the prestigious RI Asia Pacific Presidential plaque given by RI Pres. Frank Devlyn. The Club was one of the top 10 clubs worldwide recognized as a recipient of the Global Quest award for membership growth in Zone 7. PP Mickey Miyake was awarded by RI the highest award to a Rotarian, the RI Service Above Self Award in 2004. Our Presidents and Club Secretaries have also been consistent awardees during DISTAS. Our club bulletin has been consistently recognized as the Most Outstanding Club Bulletin for a number of years.

The strength of the club lies in its membership mix and the members' passion for service. In its roster is an Englishman, an American, and three Japanese. For some time, the honorable consuls of Japan, Indonesia, and Malaysia were honorary members. The awards RCED received are challenges to do more for the community and mankind. The succeeding decades will surely find the Rotary Club of East Davao in the forefront of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and the Implementation of the District Governor's and RI President's Challenges.

Fully aware of our short but colorful history. Cognizant of our simple but hard fought accomplishments. As we move forward in serving the humanity, we commit to measure our success by the number of lives we are able to change and the communities we helped and shaped as a club, as the Rotary Club of East Davao we are committed to help change the world one life at a time.

That one life, will help change one family and that family will help better the community!

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ROTARY CLUB OF TAGBILARAN: MOVING FORWARD FOR RY 2021-22

This Rotary Year 2021-2022, Rotary Club of Tagbilaran is aiming at doing a minimum of one (1) project for each of the seven (7) areas of focus of Rotary International. This Rotary Year, however, under the leadership of Pres. Rey Collin Jubac and in line with the theme: Serve to Change Lives, the club decided to concentrate more on two (2) areas of focus, namely: Community Economic Development and Support for the Environment. This decision will ensure that the initiatives followed by the previous Rotary year under Immediate Past Pres. Alex Nale Bongawan will be continued.



A visit at Land Thai Hills, Barangay Lombog, Guindulman, Bohol

Community Economic Development

At the start of Rotary Year 2020-2021, even still with no vaccine on sight, the Rotary Club of Tagbilaran, held fellowship meetings in some little known in-province tourist spots, restaurants & farms. Aside from being afforded with very fresh air common in those spots - which sometimes are located on hilltops, or in the middle of the greeneries of a garden or beside streams with crystal clear water - it is also very easy to implement the Covid-19 prevention protocols. Club members and guests stay safe while having the much-needed "face to face" fellowship.

Among the places visited by the club in the previous year included: Kangcaramel Cave, Edith Grand Garden Resort and Adventure Park, Barangay Tanday, Baclayon, Bohol; Bung-aw Eco Farm in Barangay Bugtong Bod, Clarin, Bohol; Barangay Laca, Jagna, Bohol – a future Wind-Boarding site; MUSFA Bohol

Organic & Strawberry Farm in Barangay Mayana, Jagna, Bohol; RJ Javier Farms, Barangay Cagawasan, Pilar, Bohol, Masagana Farms, Barangay Marawis, Valencia, Bohol; Land Thai Hills, Barangay Lombog, Guindulman, Bohol; the rain-fed rice farms in Barangay Tausion, Valencia, Bohol and the Sikatuna Mirror of the World, Barangay Libjo, Sikatuna, Bohol. Along the way to the sites, the group, most of the time, passed by several make-shift plant and flower stores where the members took time to visit and to buy plants, etc displayed

A flower store along the way to Laca, Jagna, Bohol, Philippines



To the delight of the vendors and owners. The club promoted these stores thru Facebook and other social-media platforms hoping that other plant enthusiasts will come and buy plants from their stores.

Now on its 50th Year of existence as a club and being challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic that has created financial havoc in the province, the members of the

Rotary Club of Tagbilaran decided to put up a gallant fight against poverty in the countryside. Aside from revisiting sites and places in order to monitor their progress and in order be able to continue promoting their products and services in the social media, this Rotary year, the club shall continue visiting other places in the province in order to discover new and probable areas for tourists in preparation for the “new normal.”

Organizing Rotary Community Corps for the Environment

In the previous Rotary year, the club conducted a Tree-Planting activity in Barangay Laca, Jagna, Bohol. In this activity the club employed locally-available labor to help plant 200 seedlings. They were also tasked to maintain the newly-planted trees until they could live on their own. This gave the club the idea of organizing Rotary Community Corps (RCC) for the environment. This led to the organization of the Bohol Enviro-friends Rotary Community Corps. Full operation of this RCC is targeted to start in the month of October 2021.

During the tree-planting activity conducted in Laca, Jagna, Bohol, the land planted with trees is owned by a couple-member. In the next tree-planting activities the club will, again, bank on the availability of idle lands owned by club members as the first option. The second option is to look for idle lands, suitable for tree planting, owned by non-Rotarians who will offer and give full consent to the activity thru the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. In all areas, Rotary Community Corps will be employed in tree planting and maintenance of newly-planted trees.

Preservation of Rain-fed Rice Farms and Promotion of Rice Farming

While distributing fertilizers to rice farmers in Barangay Tausion, Valencia, Bohol, Philippines, some club

RC Tagbilaran Rotarians & Rotaractors tried to discover if "Planting Rice Is Never Fun" is a reality by doing the actual work.



Members observed that the cultivated areas are getting smaller. Portions are becoming idle lands. This condition could be affected by climate change, however, a few members posted the question, "Who will continue to till the farms in the next generation?" Scarcity of rice farmers could be one cause of the decline of the cultivated areas. With society favoring employment in modern industries, thousands of farm lands will be neglected in the future. The club came to the realization that future farmers must be encouraged to remain and till the lands. Something has to be done to make rice farming as lucrative as the modern-industry jobs. Enhancing the public image of rice farmers as food providers must be done seriously, like how Rotary is promoting its public image to the world.

In order to motivate future rice farmers, club members decided to conduct a "Planting Rice" project on July 9, 2021. It was a fun activity with a lunch-picnic that was done on dry grounds beside the paddies. With good infrastructure and good amenities, like campsite equipped with good rest rooms, cooking areas, stores, etc., club members concluded that rain-fed-rice farming can be promoted for tourism. If realized it will boost the income of local rice farmers.

A Better Place for the Future Generation

Picnic on dry ground beside the rice paddies is fun and can be promoted for tourism in the countryside.



The Rotary Club of Catarman : @ 50 and Running

The Rotary Club of Catarman just celebrated its Golden Founding Anniversary being chartered on 07 October 1970 with Club No. 23123. Being one of the oldest clubs in District 3860 and despite the odds, it still remains strong and steadfast duly recognized by the local communities and government units as a highly respected socio-civic organization. The members belong to a wide variety of classifications which meet the standards of the Rotary International.

For the past 50 years of the club's existence, there have been numerous awards received by the club from District 3860; from being the Most Outstanding Club, to Outstanding President and Secretary, and some RI Presidential Citations. It has availed of Rotary Matching Grants, World Community Service (WCS) grants and District Designated Fund (DDF), among others. It has also established partnership with sister clubs such as the Rotary Club of Makati West for the wheelchair project, the Rotary Club of Makati McKinley for a medical mission and the Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Welland in Canada assisting the Home for Children and Adolescents (HCA) under the auspices of Provincial Welfare and Development (PSWD) through donation of cribs. It has also partnered with other international organizations like the Association of Catarmanans of America for supplemental feeding and clothing donations, and the most recent of which is the Florence Nightingale Global Health (FNGH) and Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest based in North Carolina, USA. Through the FNGH, the club gave numerous services such as the conduct of a Medical Mission, distribution of potable water systems, a comprehensive dental services for the children at HCA, and distribution of various goods like books for schools, assorted clothing's, canned goods, toys and medicines which are sent regularly to the club through Balikbayan Boxes. The club has also institutionalized the yearly conduct of medical missions with the International Surgical Mission (ISM) Group from Colorado, USA with St. Luke's Sagip Bayan Foundation and Nuestra Senora de Salvacion Foundation but was put on hold since last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In times of disasters like typhoons Tisoy and Usman, the club has been in the forefront responding to the needs of typhoon victims with the help of Shelterbox UK giving shelter kits complemented with basic relief goods.

Other projects included scholarship grants for college students, tie-ups with the Philippine Red Cross, Philippine Army, TV-5 and ABS-CBN Foundation, and other government institutions like DSWD, DTI, UEP, etc. for various socio-economic activities.

These trying times have limited the movement and participation of senior members in the activities of the club so that there is the necessity to look for energetic people belonging to the younger generation in order to survive amidst these challenges. The club will not be deterred by this pandemic to perform its task of lightening the burden of the less fortunate segment of the society. A proof of this renewed commitment is the club's attainment of being a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club towards the end of RY 2020-2021 for the first time in its 50 years of existence (thanks to the assistance and initiative of IPDG Riz Reyes). Indeed, the Rotary Club of Catarman is here to stay, stronger than ever and living up to its motto: "Service Above Self" .



RESPONDING IN TIMES OF DISASTERS

RC-Catarman has always been in the forefront in responding to needs of typhoon victims distributing basic relief goods and shelterkits through the assistance of SHELTERBOX UK and FNGH



FEEDING PROGRAM

Ongoing feeding and deworming program for malnourished children in partnership with the Girl Scout of the Philippines (GSP) done every Saturday which started in June 2021 and will end on September same year. This is funded under DDF.

Literacy Program: Books donated by the Florence Nightingale Global Health (FNGH) based in North Caroline, USA were distributed to High Schools .





RESPONDING TO COVID-19

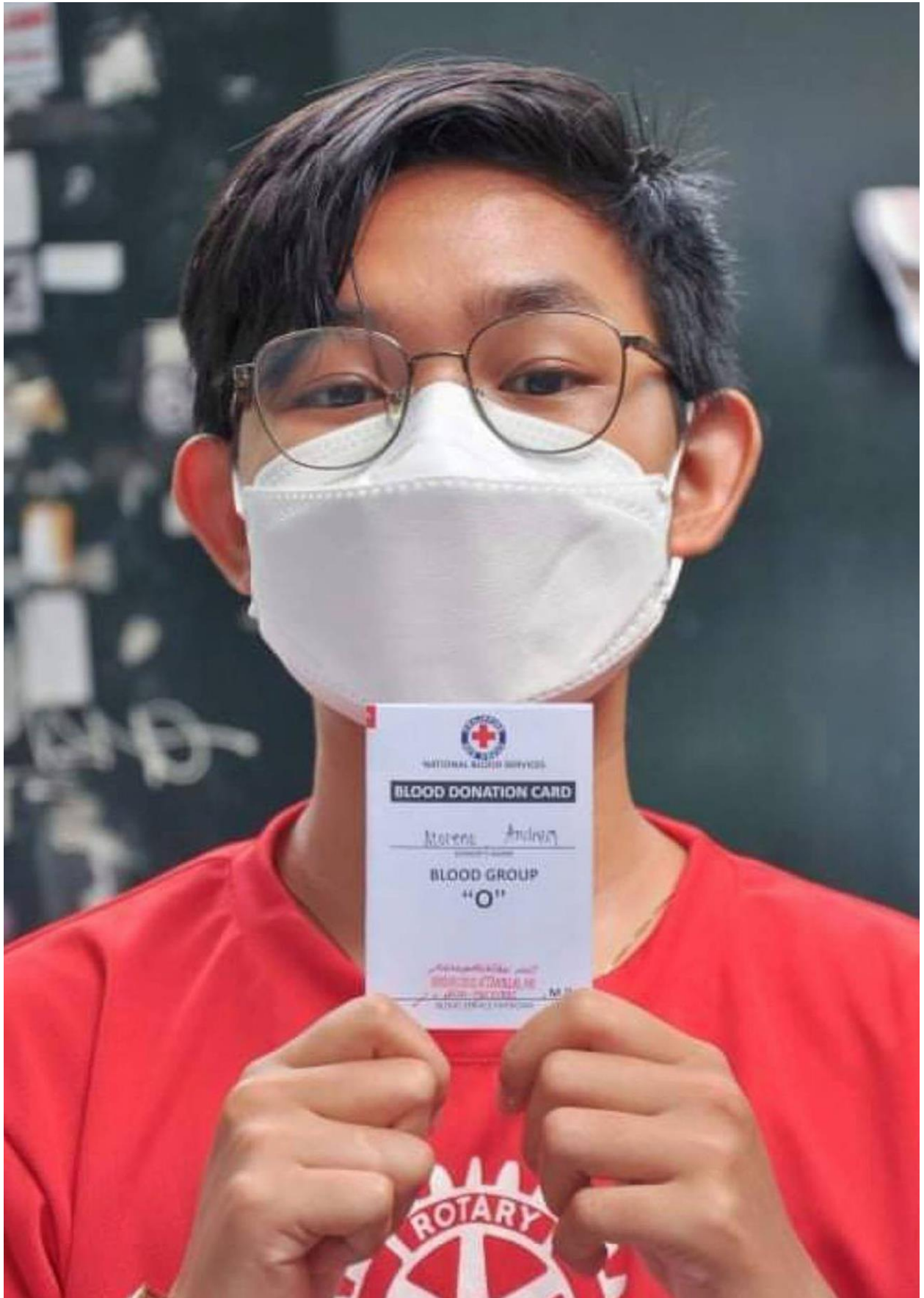
At the onset of the pandemic, the club donated PPEs, facemasks and faceshields to the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital. It also distributed relief goods, facemasks to tricycle and pedicab drivers.

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY



GIVING LOVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Project Angel : Christmas gift giving to selected victims of child labor in partnership with DOLE



One District, One Bloodletting: A District 3860 Rotary Day of Service!

PAG Joel M. Inabangan,
District Community Service Chair-Mindanao
Rotary Club of Dadiangas

July is a National Donor's Month and anchored on its significance, the Rotary District 3860 mounts the Rotary Day of Service of conducting a districtwide bloodletting activity with the theme: "Donate Blood and Keep the World Beating". The bloodletting was conducted in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross through series of legs hosted by many Rotary clubs clustered in three areas within a geographically challenged district from across Visayas and Mindanao that initializes in the metropolitan cities of Cebu and Davao on July 26, 2021. Activity rollouts were conducted in Bohol, Dumaguete, Leyte, Agusan, Butuan, General Santos, Koronadal, Surigao and Tagum that ended on July 31, 2021, when Rotarians went their neighborly duties at their respective venues of giving blood to save lives.

The bloodletting activity is aligned to the overall approach of Rotary to preventing and treating disease. It is a heroic action that would treat human illnesses. Blood is a staple need that saves human lives especially during medical emergencies and accidents. Blood indeed brings back to life that will create a million smiles to many.

In the data reported, such a districtwide bloodletting initiative was able to raise a total of 1,024 bags of blood despite the many donors that were rejected as they were troubled of having been just inoculated with anti-COVID-19 vaccines. The number of blood donors which had showed up but declined were still overwhelming to know given their hearts out to give, a Rotarian culture of extending a ready hand especially at this time of pandemic. Alas, the pandemic has simply not allowed us to fully give, but we should not lose heart. Instead, let us look forward to what we may be able to give in the future, in some other ways, in the ways we make "Rotary Serve to Change Lives".



Gordon R. McNally of Scotland selected to be 2023-24 Rotary International President

By Ryan Hyland

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McNally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.

"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service."

McNally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McNally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McNally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McNally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.



A Rotary member since 1984, McNally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

To learn more about McNally, read his interview and vision statement, which outline his goals for Rotary.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2023-24 President of Rotary International are: Gérard Allonneau, Parthenay, France; Ann-Britt Åsebol, Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden; Basker Chockalingam, Karur, Tamil Nadu, India; Corneliu Dincă, Craiova, Romania; Celia Cruz de Giay, Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mary Beth Growney Selene, Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA; Jackson S.L. Hsieh, Taipei Sunrise, Taiwan; Masahiro Kuroda, Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan; Larry A. Lunsford (secretary), Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA; Anne L. Matthews (chair), Columbia East, South Carolina, USA; Akira Miki, Himeji, Hyogo, Japan; Eun-Soo Moon, Cheonan-Dosol, Chungcheongnam, Korea; Peter L. Offer, Coventry Jubilee, West Midlands, England; Ekkehart Pandel, Bückeberg, Germany; M.K. Panduranga Setty, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; Andy Smallwood, Houston Hobby Area, Texas, USA; and Steven A. Snyder, Auburn, California, USA.

PN Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, AKS
Rotary Club of Downtown Davao



I am a Rotarian because I am committed to serve and share my blessings for a better humanity.

PAG Mel Senen Sarmiento
Rotary Club of Calbayog



We always adapt to a complex and ever-evolving world. But something will never change. Helping the needy. Hearing a thank you from someone you have helped is something that money cannot buy. It's a blessing, which is why I'm a member of the Rotary Club.

Giovanni I. Gulanes
Rotary Club of Tagum North
Join Rotary on July 4, 2021



For years, I have the impression that Rotary Club has always been a magnet for business and community leaders to have the opportunities to help others. This seems understandable, because the members feel the calling to go out of their regular "business whirlwind" and also do service for humanity. However, this is not my case, since I have been in government sector doing developmental works for years. So why did I still join? The reason is that helping others seems addictive when one gets the hang of it. On the personal note, I'm interested to learn the Club's dynamics of service above self. And be part of this "serving spree" for the community.

Why am I a Rotarian?

President Ernesto M. De Guzman
Rotary Club of Dadiangas



I am a Rotarian because I believe that I can help to enrich the lives of those who are less fortunate by sharing my talent, time and treasures to our community, to help improve their way of life even in just a little way. I also want to expand my circle of friends which I think could develop me more as a person.

PAG ARLEEN SJ APORADERA
Rotary Club of Pag-asa Davao



Because of the magical "magnet" of Rotary, and its tenets. I consider Rotary a wide field to gain friends with a common goal of serving others. I believe that more hands are better than one in serving the community, in making a difference to the lives of people, specially those in need.

I am a Rotarian because I want to form a meaningful, lifelong friendship with professional Rotarians with diverse backgrounds that I can interact with during fellowship.



President Joseph Joy Calderon
Rotary Club of Central Surigao

President Elizabeth Corbeta
Rotary Club of Surigao Midtown Jewels



I am a Rotarian because I want to connect to the community, to have fun and to find out what inspires them. I learned that through Rotary, I have to participate in meetings, to engage service projects and other events of the club and because of these engagements; I experienced fulfillment and joy being a Rotarian

I am a Rotarian because I was one of those privileged to be invited and chosen for membership. I accepted the invitation to be part of Rotary because I was intrigued and drawn by Rotary's reputation.

After seventeen (17) years, I continue and remained to be a Rotarian because I enjoyed being one. I value the friendship I develop with my fellow Rotarians specially within our club regardless of race, age and religion. I feel a different level of joy and satisfaction for every service project our club implements especially those which greatly impact our community.



PAG Maria Lina F. Baura
Club Secretary
Rotary Club Tagum Golden L.A.C.E.S.

PAG ARACELI B. DELA CRUZ
AGTS Training Leader
District Environment Chair



I am a Rotarian because it challenges me to grow in new dimensions. Each Rotary assignment calls for my best, learn new skills or adapt one that I have. Being a Rotarian helps me on my personal growth by being involved. I am proud to belong to an organization that accommodates diverse personalities committed to improve the lives of people across the world multiplying our efforts many times by other Rotarians to serve and change lives.

Secretary/PE Aldrin Bantilan
Rotary Club of Cebu Port



"The sense of self fulfillment in serving others, the feeling equitable to true happiness" that's probably the reason I stayed as a rotarian for the last 12 years now.

PAG ENRIQUE GUILLERMO ANDRES
Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair
Zone10A End Polio Now Secretariat



There are several milestone that are life altering. We go through life, focused on career work and family but at some point we realized that we must give back to our Society, to our Communities. I believe that joining Rotary is one of those altering moments.

When I was inducted in Rotary, I thought it was one of the most important decision that I have ever made, and that set the tone for me as a Rotarian

For me, membership in Rotary is an honor and privilege, one of the privilege is Fellowship & Service, Continuing to serve in society in particular, and making a difference in the world and serve to change lives in general, are lessons that I had learned of being a Rotarian, that even with a simple gesture that we do would leave a great impact to other people's lives.

Being a Rotarian is not a reason for me to be Up and Mighty, but being a lowly servant to the society, because I truly believe that being a Rotarian, we have to serve without mental reservation & hesitation. Just like mother Theresa of Calcutta, who serve the people in India, who gave herself in serving society, so that the people in India will have a better life.

Why I am a Rotarian? Because I truly believe in Rotary, and in what Rotary Stands for, wherein in it is stated in the object of Rotary, Above all, I believe in Rotary's motto, "SERVICE ABOVE SELF!" We must live by the Four Way Test!!

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all Concern?
Will it build Goodwill & Better Friendship?
Will it be Beneficial to all Concern?

If we live by these rules, We Rotarians will never go wrong!
To be honest I am a very shy type person, you cannot ask me to talk or speak in front of many people to deliver any messages, but Rotary changed me a lot, my perspective in life as a Person and as a human being.

As a Rotarian, one of the attitude that I had learned is how to be Humble, to be Kind and to be Grateful and most of all to be Committed

Commitment to serve, Being a member in Rotary is not a luxury, it's a calling, Calling to serve Humanity.

I learned to give and to be generous not that I have much but I know how it feels to have nothing.
Learn to give all your best, until it hurts without expecting anything in return I will not be ashamed to tell you this.

I was belong to a poor family, I did not completed my studies in college, I have no degree no diplomas to be proud of, but there is one thing, one proud moment that I have to be grateful and to be proud of, and that is when I inducted to Rotary as member of Rotary club of Rotary International, and especially when I become a Club President of The Rotary Club of Central Butuan and that also pave the way to be appointed different Position in the District.

My grateful thanks to all the District Governor's for all the trusts and confidence and the opportunity to serve the District For me, when you join Rotary, You will not be judge by your degree or diplomas, but you will be judge and defined by your Classification, your Actions, Passion and commitment to serve in society.

Joining Rotary, is one of the best decision I have ever made and there's no turning back, with the support of my family, especially to my spouse Grace. I immerse myself of what being a Rotarian stand that is to serve others. SERVICE ABOVE SELF is now become my motto in life, & SERVING OTHERS IS MY PROFESSION.

With all of this perception, I must say that I am truly proud Rotarian. To all my fellow Rotarians, I believed that.
With you, together, we will see a world, where people unite and take actions to create lasting Change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Thank you.

Ma. Luisa L. Jacinto
Rotary Club of Waling Waling Davao



Why I am a Rotarian...because I believe in its object and its core values-Rotary is the organization where I found strong friendship anchored on the common goal of helping others-I am also able to enhance my leadership skills through Rotary; the kind of leadership that is based on personal trust and respect, and not imposed by any position...

PAG CLEMENS VAN DEN BERSSELAAR
Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay



"Having been a Rotarian for 15 years it still gives me satisfaction to be able to give something back to my community, to see the result of the little we can do for the lives of the recipients. I know I can do this also as an individual but under the umbrella of Rotary the little I can do is multiplied and has a larger effect."

President Marybelle Agreda
Rotary Club of Koronadal Central



I am a Rotarian because I see many people needs help and I want to be part of this organization who shares blessings and happiness to the less fortunate brothers and sisters in our society. So I can make a difference to the lives of others.

Sec/PN Chessa Pales
Rotary Club of Banilad Metro



I am a Rotarian because Rotary for me is the best avenue to maximize the intention to serve the community. To be working with a lot of successful people yet so dedicated to give time to serve those in need, feeds inspiration for me to do more and to give more. Rotary opened my eyes to greater possibilities an individual can do to make a change in someone else's lives for the better. What more if a whole organization with people of different capabilities work together to do greater things? For as long as I am a Rotarian, I know I'm doing something to make somebody else's life better. And that's one heck of a life's purpose.

Why am I a Rotarian?

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*Immediate Past District Governor,
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Rotary Club of Edina Morning Side*

**"Easy, Fun Ways to Keep a
New Club Going."**



ELIZABETH A. USOVICZ

*Rotary International Director,
RY 2021-2022, Zone 30 & 31
Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza*

**"Working in Synergy
with Rotaract."**



JESSIE H. HARMAN

*Rotary International Director, Zone 8
Rotary Club of Wendouree
Breakfast, District 9780*

**"Rotary's Commitment to
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion."**



MARIA TERESA D. SARRAGA

*Millennial, Immediate Past President
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PROGRAM

9:55 AM – 10:00 AM	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	ELVIE E. ALBANO <i>District New Club Development Chair Past District Secretary Rotary Club of Greater General Santos</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	EASY, FUN WAYS TO KEEP A CLUB GOING	THOMAS A. GUMP <i>Immediate Past District Governor, District 5950 Rotary Club of Edina Morningside</i>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	OPEN FORUM	ELVIE E. ALBANO <i>District New Club Development Chair Past District Secretary Rotary Club of Greater General Santos</i>
10:45 AM – 10:50 AM	PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>
10:50 AM – 10:55 AM	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	ALSTAIR REY L. TECARRO, JR. <i>Rotaract Membership Representative Rotary Club of Downtown Davao</i>
10:55 AM – 11:25 AM	WORKING IN SYNERGY WITH ROTARACT	ELIZABETH A. USOVICZ <i>Rotary International Director, Zone 30 & 31 Rotary Year 2021-2023 Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza</i>
11:25 AM – 11:40 AM	OPEN FORUM	ALSTAIR REY L. TECARRO, JR. <i>Rotaract Membership Representative Rotary Club of Downtown Davao</i>
11:40 AM – 11:45 AM	PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>
1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	JENSEN M. RACHO <i>Assistant Governor, Area 1C Rotary Club of Cebu Port Centre</i>



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1:05 PM – 1:35 PM	ROTARY'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION	JESSIE H. HARMAN <i>Rotary International Director, Zone 8 Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast Ballarat, Australia District 9780</i>
1:35 PM – 1:50 PM	OPEN FORUM	JENSEN M. RACHO <i>Assistant Governor, Area 1C Rotary Club of Cebu Port Centre</i>
1:50 PM – 1:55 PM	PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>
1:55 PM – 2:00 PM	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	MARIA JOANNA VICTORIA Y. GONZALEZ <i>Assistant Public Image Chair, Visayas Rotary Club of Mandaue East</i>
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	MILLENNIALS: GROWING IN ROTARY	MARIA TERESA D. SARRAGA <i>Millennial Immediate Past President Rotary Club of Cagayan De Oro Premier District 3870</i>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	OPEN FORUM	MARIA JOANNA VICTORIA Y. GONZALEZ <i>Assistant Public Image Chair, Visayas Rotary Club of Mandaue East</i>
2:45 PM – 2:50 PM	PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>
2:50 PM – 2:55 PM	CLOSING REMARKS	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>
2:55 PM – 3:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT <i>District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc</i>



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Attire:
Participants:

Club Uniform
Past District Governors, District Officers, Club Officers and
interested Rotarians

9:00 AM	MEETING ROOM OPENS	ANGEL G. FERNANDEZ, JR. Master of Ceremony Past District Trainer Rotary Club of Mandaue
9:20 AM – 9:25 AM	ZOOM ETIQUETTE	AVP
9:25 AM – 9:30 AM	MEMBERSHIP VIDEO	AVP
9:30 AM – 9:32 AM	CALL TO ORDER & TURNOVER OF PROCEEDINGS	ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT District Governor, District 3860 Rotary Club of Ormoc
9:32 AM – 9:35 AM	INVOCATION	MARILYN P. PUNO District Rotaract Chair Rotary Club of Downtown Davao
9:35 AM – 9:38 AM	USA NATIONAL ANTHEM	AVP
9:38 AM – 9:40 AM	AUSTRALIA NATIONAL ANTHEM	AVP
9:40 AM – 9:45 AM	PHILIPPINES NATIONAL ANTHEM	AVP
9:45 AM – 9:50 AM	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES & GUESTS	MARICEL R. NGO District Trainer District Public Image Committee Chair Rotary Club of Ormoc
9:50 AM – 9:55 AM	WELCOME REMARKS	JOSE FORTUNATO F. UY District Membership Chair Past District Secretary Rotary Club of Central Davao

Rotary 2022 International Convention to be held in Houston

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HOUSTON (July 22, 2021) – During a joint news conference held at George R. Brown Convention Center today, Rotary and Houston First Corporation representatives announced that more than 20,000 service-minded people from around the world will gather in Houston for Rotary's 113th annual international convention on June 4-8, 2022.

The coveted international event is returning to Houston for the third time, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1972 international convention. The Bayou City also hosted the 5th Rotary convention in 1914. The event is expected to deliver \$30 million in economic impact for the city's hotels, restaurants, retailers and attractions.

"As a global membership organization that brings people from all continents and cultures together to share, learn and take action to bring positive and lasting change to communities around the world, we are thrilled that our first in-person international convention since 2019 will take place in Houston," said Rotary's International President Shekhar Mehta. "And for the first time ever, our annual event will be open to members of the public who want to connect, learn and be a part of our work to grow and change lives."

Rotary's 2022 international convention will transform the George R. Brown Convention Center into an energized hub and cultural mosaic as the organization's global network of volunteers gather to share information about all the ways they are taking action to address issues in their communities, to learn from notable experts, gain inspiration from world-class speakers, and connect with lifelong friends shaped through service.

Previous convention speakers include philanthropist Bill Gates; actor and philanthropist Ashton Kutcher; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; actor, producer, host, entrepreneur, WWE Superstar and Rotary polio ambassador, John Cena; renowned primatologist Jane Goodall; and former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young.

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with the Houston Host Organization Committee of local Rotary members, registrants of the convention will also experience Houston's hospitality with visits to local destinations like Space Center Houston, Kemah Boardwalk and one of Houston's premiere shopping destinations, The Galleria. [Click here to register for Rotary's International Convention.](#)

"Houston and Houston First Corporation are thrilled to host Rotary's International Convention next summer," said Jorge Franz, Senior Vice President Tourism and Industry Relations at Houston First Corporation & Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau's president. "We look forward to welcoming the thousands of awesome Rotary members who through their volunteerism and commitment to problem-solving make our communities better from continent to continent. This global exposure to 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide will further elevate Houston as a travel destination, and the anticipated \$30 million economic impact from the convention will be a financial shot in the arm for Houston hotels, restaurants, retailers, attractions and many more."

Houston Host Organization Committee chair, Rhonda Kennedy, representing 62 Houston-area clubs and its 2,400 members, said, "as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Sweeny, I am excited not only to welcome our fellow members from around the world to our beloved city, but also to show how Houston-area clubs are taking action to make the world a better place at home and abroad."

With the safety and wellbeing of participants and the wider community a top priority, Rotary's previous two conventions were held virtually due to the global pandemic. Speaking during the press conference, John Smarge, chair of Rotary's International Convention Committee, said, "this convention will also have a virtual component to make the event accessible to all members. And as we continue our planning, we will work closely with global and national health authorities to ensure that our in-person event follows the most current health and safety guidelines."



Why the Rotary year begins 1 July



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Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions 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.

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The next August, 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 to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, 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 Volume 5, No. 1, in 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.

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BEFORE and AFTER photos of a four-year-old child who became the recipient of Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay's signature project iMakeYouSMILE, which provides free surgery for children with cleft lip and/or palate. The photos were taken before, 2 days after, and 6 days after surgery.



The Rotary Club of Surigao City turned-over 25 pieces of flashlights and 25 units raincoats to the Barangay Tanods and Barangay Officials of Barangay Laurel in the Municipality of Taga-naan, Surigao Del Norte last July 12, 2021. Recognizing the need for these items in their nightly rounds in the barangay, the club responded to this need, at the same time, address one area of focus of Rotary: Peace Building and Conflict resolution.



The Rotary Club of Tagum North headed by President Revedor R. Pereyras turn-over Farming Tools for DADCAA Farming Association (Civilian Active Auxiliaries) which was received by the Commander, LTC Ronaldo DP Sarmiento of 60th Infantry "Mediator" Battalion, Philippine Army.



Rotary Club of Calbayog shares food packs and arrozcaido to 62 quarantined covid-19 positive patients, 3 medical frontliners and 14 covid warriors in Braville LIGTAS COVID CENTER at Brgy. Anislag, Calbayog City, Samar last July 30, 2021.



Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 Bead Craft Project with IPs representative .



Medical Mission and BLS Training of Rotary Club of General Santos and 94th Marine Battalion Reserve in Camp Abubakar and MILF Communities in Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao



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