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**ROTARY & BASIC EDUCATION AND  
LITERACY  
A FEATURE ARTICLE**



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# Editor's Note

*"You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation."*

-Brigham Young

The -ber months have already started and December is drawing closer. With three months to go, the year is nearly finished! But, that doesn't mean we're stopping any time now.

For this Bloomscoop issue, we asked PP Ma. Corazon "Zony" Reyes to write an article on why Rotary International targets Basic Education and Literacy. It's quite fitting for Rotary's September monthly observance, no?

Thank you for opening this Bloomscoop issue and "leafing" through it. We hope you enjoy reading.

Cheers!



*Dir. Alessandra Könst*

*Editor-in-Chief •  
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# WEEKLY COLUMN

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[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)*

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# PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

*Call to Order*

Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang

*Turnover of Proceedings to  
Program Moderator*

Dir. Sophiya Avisado

*Invocation*

APIC / PP Maribel Vilela

*Pambansang Awit*

AVP

*Rotary Hymn*

AVP

*Welcoming Visiting  
Rotarians and Guests*

Dir. Sophiya Avisado

*Topic on Education*

Rtn. Elsie Libron

*Program Report on  
Rotarians Create Hope:  
Garage Sale*

Chair / Rtn. Lara De los  
Santos

Sec. Chona Lamparas

*Secretary's Report*

Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang

*President's Time &  
Adjournment*

**Rotary**  **Invocation**

Almighty and Gracious One,

As we gather here today as members of the Rotary Club, we are reminded of the countless blessings that surround us.

We are grateful for the opportunity to come together in fellowship and service, to make a positive impact on our communities and the world at large. We are mindful of the needs of those less fortunate, and we ask for your guidance in our efforts to serve them.

Grant us the wisdom to see opportunities where others see obstacles, and the courage to act when action is needed most. Help us to be ethical leaders, compassionate neighbors, and dedicated Rotarians.

May the values we hold dear - integrity, service, and goodwill - be evident in all that we do. In your name, we offer this prayer.

AMEN.

Shared by Rtn. Carina Abellera-Te

# Rotary International & District Leaders



Gordon R.  
McNally  
*RI President*



Rozanne  
"Twinkle"  
Gamboa  
*District Governor*



Corina Josefa  
Guerrero  
*Assistant Governor  
for Area 2B*

## Honorary Members



PP Abdullah  
Aquino



Antonio VA  
Llamas



PP Yoshinori  
Ishii  
*RC Narashino, District  
2790 - Chiba, Japan*



Mario Luis  
Jacinto



Francisco  
Vilela, Jr.

## Club Profile

Organized and sponsored in 1991 by RC East Davao and chartered on the 20th of January, 1992, with Sylvia Marfori as the Charter President, the Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao (RCWWD) is the 11th Rotary Club in Davao and holds the distinction of being the first all-women's Rotary Club in District 3860.

- **Club Foundation:** The Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao Foundation, Inc.
- **Club Bulletin:** Bloomscoop
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In the last 32 years, RCWWD has accomplished 10 TRF Grants and 12 combined WCS/RC Narashino projects/4 District Grants; sponsored 9 and hosted 11 GSE members; sponsored 1 and hosted 2 RYE students; hosted 5 Rotarians on an Individual Friendship Exchange (USA & Canada); forged 12 sisterhood ties with Rotary Clubs in Australia, USA, India, and within the Philippines; organized several Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact Clubs, as well as RCCs; and spearheaded Zone and District activities.

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

PRES.  
EMMANOUELLE  
ZHANG



Dear esteemed members of the Rotary  
Club of Waling-Waling Davao,

Grateful! That is how I feel these days because RCWWD has made a positive impact on the lives of many through the projects which the Club supported and contributed to. This month, the Club was busy working with projects like “Create and Share Hope, the Distribution of School Materials for the Day Care Students in Tibungco and DUHA” and “Rotary Creates Hope: Garage Sale.” I am grateful to the generous members and the Club’s partners who tirelessly share their time, expertise, and resources to the Club. I witnessed the happiness from the receiver and the priceless joy of the giver.

I am grateful to be part of RCWWD. Despite our growing number, we have maintained quality members. I am proud to experience the leadership qualities of members who were inspirational in their drive for “Service Above Self.” As the Club is planning upcoming activities and the District 3860 Area 2 have scheduled programs in the days to come, may we continue to be People of Action while enjoying Rotary through its various forms.

# ROTARY CLUBS' FREE SEED LIBRARIES YIELD BENEFITS

WRITTEN BY ETELKA LEHOCZKY

**Community seed exchanges increase biodiversity, support endangered pollinators, and even help fight hunger.**

What's in a seed? It may be tiny, but a seed can be a powerful tool, as several Rotary clubs have discovered. They've created seed libraries where people can get seeds to plant in their gardens and yards at no cost. Now, those communities are reaping substantial rewards.

What they've found is that seed libraries do some of the same things regular libraries do: bring people together and encourage learning. Moreover, they increase local biodiversity, support endangered pollinators, and can even help fight hunger.

"I love the community aspect of the seed library. People come in for seeds, and they end up talking," says Al Hayden, of the Rotary Club of Peabody, Massachusetts, USA. "It's also an opportunity to show kids that tomatoes don't actually show up in a little plastic baggie in the grocery store. Getting and planting seeds is a great family-bonding, screen-free activity."

Hayden's club donated US\$500 to establish seed libraries at three branches of the Peabody Institute Library. The three locations distributed 6,000 packets of seeds this year. Other libraries operate on a smaller scale, like the Little Free Seed Library created last year by the Rotary Club of Wheaton, Illinois, USA. Betsy Adamowski, a member of the club and the executive director of the Wheaton Public Library, got the idea when the library redesigned one of its outdoor spaces.

**Read more by clicking this link, or by clicking the picture above:** <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-free-seed-libraries-yield-benefits>





## FEATURE ARTICLE

# ROTARY & BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Information shared from  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



### What is basic education and literacy?

It includes instruction at the first or foundation level, on which subsequent learning can be based, encompassing early childhood and primary (or elementary) education for children, as well as education in literacy, general knowledge, and life skills for youth and adults.

**Yet, more than 775 million people in the world over the age of 15 are illiterate, mostly children and female adults.** Lack of education and literacy has caused poverty, illness and economic dysfunctionality in many countries.

### What is Rotary International doing about this?

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



### ROTARIANS are People in Action.

Rotary International has a global membership of over 46,000 clubs, with about 1.4 million individuals. Rotary projects organized by Rotary clubs empower communities that can support Basic Education and Literacy. Working with the stakeholders, local government units, and concerned sectors during the community assessment phase are vital. This consultative effort facilitates the planning of an appropriate design of the project. Culture-sensitive implementation have sustainable results that ultimately empower, improve and transform lives. Some examples are:

1. Organize local teacher training that focus on learning outcomes
2. Provide scholarship for those who can be trained to train others
3. Work with local advocates who support community education programs
4. Support specific groups with special educational needs
5. Partner with Rotaract clubs or Rotary Community Corps
6. Donate to Rotary Foundation Inc for Global Grants Projects

Shared by  
**PP MA. CORAZON REYES**  
Past President



“Tolerance in interethnic relations is a Ukrainian tradition, and the harmony that flows from such tolerance should flourish in my country once we have peace,” says Ukrainian author Andrey Kurkov.

Embracing identity and language has been a journey of belonging for Kurkov, as he has navigated the balance between his native tongue and Ukrainian culture. His experience showcases how language can bring people together and unite a diverse nation to foster a sense of mutual understanding.



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from the [Rotary International's Instagram account](#)



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# September Celebrations & Monthly Host Teams

## BIRTHDAYS



**Treas. Maribel Chua**  
September 19



**PP/Dir. Herminia Polintan**  
September 30

## ANNIVERSARY



**Rtn. Belinda Fernandez & Spouse Boni**  
September 9

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



**PP Cheryl Gomez**  
September 28, 2006



**PP/Dir. Herminia Polintan**  
September 8, 2022

## MONTHLY HOST TEAMS

### HELPFUL VISIONARIES (July, October, January, April)

- Dir. Jenah De los Santos (TL)
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- Dir. Cecile Diaz
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- Dir. Gina Espejo
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- Rtn. Mary Dict Rosales
- Dir. Lolita Leticia Tai
- Rtn. Amabelle Yuzon
- Rtn. Bai Zainal

### ARDENT FOCUS (August, November, February, May)

- Rtn. Irish Tan (TL)
- PP Remedios Calaguas
- Treas. Maribel Chua
- Rtn. Maria Victoria Evangelista
- PP Maria Luisa Jacinto
- PE Vida Könst
- Sec. Chona Lamparas
- Rtn. Josephine Liamzon
- Rtn. Caryl Lim
- PP Ma. Corazon Reyes
- PP Leonida Santos
- PP Evangeline Schwendener
- Rtn. Monica Suico
- PP Jannette Valderosa
- Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang

### TRUTH SEEKERS (September, December, March, June)

- Rtn. Carina Abellera-Te (TL)
- Dir. Maria Luisa Aportadera
- Dir. Sophiya Avisado
- PP Marilou Baarde
- Rtn. Teresita Firzback
- Dir. Luna Gaviola
- PP/Dir. Maria Victoria Jimenez
- Rtn. Lara Delos Santos
- Rtn. Elsie Libron
- IPP Vanessa Madayag
- Rtn. Louis Palma Gil
- PP/Dir. Herminia Polintan
- Rtn. Myriam Tan
- PAG/PP Maribel Vilela
- Rtn. Elsa Villagomez
- PP Teresita Yñiguez

# Announcements and Reminders

## Regular Meetings

The Officers & Board of Directors officially informs the Club that there will be 2 hybrid meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, otherwise stated. Venue of regular meetings are to be announced.

## Save the Dates!

## Monthly Observances in Rotary

**AUGUST** - Membership & Extension Month

**SEPTEMBER** - Basic Education & Literacy month

**OCTOBER** - Economic & Community Development Month

**NOVEMBER** - The Rotary Foundation Month

**DECEMBER** - Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

**JANUARY** - Vocational Service Month

**FEBRUARY** - Peace & Conflict Prevention Month

**MARCH** - Water & Sanitation Month

**APRIL** - Maternal & Child Care Month

**MAY** - Youth Service Month

**JUNE** - Rotary Fellowship Month

**Rotaract**  
Club of Waling-Waling Davao

**CREATE HOPE**  
in the WORLD

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR

## 4th Installation and Handover Ceremonies

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023  
5:30 PM

MONTERITZ CLUBHOUSE,  
MONTERITZ CLASSIC ESTATES,  
MAGTUOD, DAVAO CITY

TO MATCH OUR THEME, PLEASE COME IN  
YOUR BEST TROPICAL OUTFITS OR  
ANYTHING WITH VIBRANT FLORAL  
PATTERNS

RSVP SEC ZEN ORTEGA  
09957462869  
ON OR BEFORE SEPT 22 2023

September 2023

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

RCWWD Club Recognition Summary as of  
July 2023

Total All Time Giving: USD -162,136-

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

### Major Donor

Ma. Luisa Jacinto +8

### FRP

6900

### Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

### FRP

Estela Maribel Vilela	USD 9,000.00 +8	3500
Lorna Llamas	USD 9,000.00 +8	800
Divina Fe Boiser	USD 9,000.00 +8	700
Remie Calaguas	USD 8,206.88	800
Hermie Polintan	USD 7,093.00	1000
Marivic Jimenez	USD 6,645.38	100
Armi Geralyn Espiritu	USD 6,329.79	1300
Teresita Yñiguez	USD 6,007.92	1000
Mae Dolendo	USD 5,580.93	2300
Jannette Valderosa	USD 5,409.29	1900
Luna Gaviola	USD 5,003.38	100
Vangi Schwendener	USD 4,609.79	200
Leonida Santos	USD 4,554.56	100
Luchi Aportadera	USD 4,343.38	400
Gina Marie Espejo	USD 4,241.38	1500
Vegloure Maguinsay	USD 3,668.38	500
Ma. Corazon Reyes	USD 3,548.38	500
Letty Tai	USD 3,456.96	1200
Marilou Baarde	USD 3,433.38	1300
Myriam Tan	USD 3,355.65	800
Maribel Chua	USD 3,306.92	500
Sylvia Austria	USD 3,084.29	100
Cecile Diaz	USD 3,022.46	100
Vanessa Madayag	USD 2,565.71	1500
Elsa Villagomez	USD 2,496.29	700
Teresita Fitzback	USD 2,343.38	1000
Josephine Liamzon	USD 2,211.38	500
Vida Könst	USD 2,149.91	100
Alessandra Könst	USD 2,007.91	500

### Sustaining Members

	USD	FRP
Chona Lamparas	USD 383.38	-
Sophiya Avisado	USD 369.00	-
Jenah De los Santos	USD 159.00	-
Caryl Lim	USD 159.00	-
Carina Te	USD 159.00	-
Irish Tan	USD 59.00	-
Amabelle Yuzon	USD 59.00	-

### Honorary Members

	Major Donor +8	FRP
Nonoy Aquino	Major Donor +8	1500
Mario Luis Jacinto	Major Donor	-
Antonio Llamas	USD 2,000.00	100
Francisco Vilela	USD 1,000.00	-

**\*FRP - Foundation Recognition Points available for transfer**

**Only MPHFs and PHFs are allowed to transfer points.**

Transfer of FRP can only be done by the donor concerned as it requires his/her signature. Forms can be downloaded at Rotary.org (please be guided accordingly).

**The Rotary Club  
of Waling**

**Waling Davao**

Club No. 28480 | District 3860

This is to certify that Rtn.

\_\_\_\_\_

attended the meeting on

\_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, 1 PM via Zoom/Face-to-Face

### Paul Harris Fellows

Emmanouelle Zhang	USD 1,468.14	1000
Cheryl Gomez	USD 1,420.42	400
Elsie Libron	USD 1,315.38	-
Bai Johanna Zainal	USD 1,198.88	600
Marydict Rosales	USD 1,142.20	100



# THE FOUR- WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, AND DO

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## THE 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 and community life;

**FOURTH**, the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**CORE VALUES: SERVICE · FELLOWSHIP · DIVERSITY · INTEGRITY · LEADERSHIP**

## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

## ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world. With a commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most importantly, advance the community.

While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, Rotary has focused its efforts in seven areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs:

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development
7. Supporting the environment

