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TRANSFORMS SOUTH AFRICAN
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A ROTARY SPEAKS ARTICLE

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Editor's NOTE

Ho,ho, ho! Merry Christmas, everyone!

For this month, the Rotary monthly observance is "Disease Prevention and Treatment," which was shared as a page by PE Vida Könst. We also added a page on the history of PolioPlus, in relation this Rotary monthly observance.

On another note, we're also expecting to hear and read the results of the RY 2024-2025 election, prepared by PE Vida. I'm sure whoever was voted for will do their best during the next Rotary Year.

This month, too, has been "shaky," literally and figuratively. We've only just started the month, and we've been experiencing earthquakes here and there in Mindanao. We hope everyone is safe and doing all right. Evacuate when and where you can. Let us all hope for the best this Christmas.

Cheers!



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11TH REGULAR MEETING (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Call to Order	Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang
Turnover of Proceedings to Program Moderator	PP/Dir. Maria Victoria Jimenez
Invocation	PP/Dir. Maria Victoria Jimenez
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Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	PP/Dir. Maria Victoria Jimenez
Secretary's Report	Sec. Chona Lamparas
President's Time	Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang
• Presentation of Mid- Year Report	
• RY 2024-2025 Election Results	PE Maria Vida Könst
Adjournment	Pres. Emmanouelle Zhang



Almighty God, we gather here today in the spirit of service and fellowship. Bless our efforts as Rotarians to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Grant us the wisdom, compassion, and strength to uphold the principles of Rotary, and may our actions contribute to a better world.

AMEN.

Shared by Rtn. Carina Abellera-Te

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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.

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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.

AN AUDACIOUS REQUEST TRANSFORMS SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS

WRITTEN BY ETELKA LEHOCZKY

PARTNERSHIPS CAN SOMETIMES BE SLOW TO DEVELOP, BUT THEIR RESULTS CAN BE REMARKABLE. TWO ROTARY CLUBS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE U.S. MIGHT NEVER HAVE BECOME PARTNERS IF IT WEREN'T FOR AN ENTHUSIASTIC EXPAT WHO WORKED AT A JACKSON HOLE HOSPITAL. BUT THE OUTCOME OF THEIR ALLIANCE IS EXTRAORDINARY: A US\$540,000 OVERHAUL OF FACILITIES AT 11 SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITS MORE THAN 7,200 STUDENTS EVERY YEAR.



*The toilet block at Khutliso Daniels Senior Secondary School before (left) and after (right) renovation
Photos by Gavin Keeton*

Julia Heemstra, a health worker in Wyoming, USA, who used to live in South Africa, told a meeting of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole about the water scarcity many South Africans deal with. She mentioned that on her next trip back, she planned to take along as many handheld water purifiers as she could fit in her luggage.

“It literally was just me putting water filters in my duffel bags and then heading up to the township and working with schools to distribute them,” Heemstra says. “I went and talked to Rotary about it. Rotarians came to me at the end of the meeting with their checkbooks, saying, ‘How much money do you need? And who do I write the check to?’”

The Jackson Hole members were eager to do more, so Heemstra helped them connect with the Rotary Club of Grahamstown, South Africa.

At the time, Grahamstown members were working with the nearby Ntsika Senior Secondary School, which serves around 760 students ages 12-20. The school’s sanitation facilities were practically nonfunctional, and the school had limited access to water...



*The kitchen at Mary Waters High School before (left) and after (right) renovation
Photos by Gavin Keeton*

Ntsika had only eight toilets, and they frequently clogged. Even worse, an overflowing sewage tank had created a kind of swamp outside.

“We were told it was going to cost 1 million rand — about \$80,000 in U.S. dollars at that time — to repair the facilities,” says Gavin Keeton, past president of the Grahamstown club. “That would have been far bigger than anything we’d ever done. But then, when we looked closely at the project, we realized it was going to cost double that.”

Enter the skilled fundraisers of Jackson Hole. Together with the Grahamstown club, they applied for a global grant of US\$109,000 from The Rotary Foundation and raised US\$48,000 in contributions, including donations from other clubs and a remarkable US\$20,000 from nonmembers. A change in the exchange rate made the project more affordable. The Grahamstown club got to work, installing water tanks, repairing the gutters and sewage system, and completely remodeling Ntsika’s kitchen and toilet facilities.

“They just did everything we could possibly need,” says Madeleine Schoeman, Ntsika’s former principal. “They even put up mirrors in the bathrooms. I did not think that the mirrors would be such a big deal, but it’s made an immense difference to our children. Like most young people, they love knowing they’re still looking good.”

The success of the project made the Rotarians even more ambitious. In 2021, several districts collaborated on a US\$34,000 district grant to upgrade the water systems at 10 area schools. The grant provided water tanks, filters, and pumps for the schools and paid to repair leaks and connect the new tanks to the municipal water supply. Jackson Hole partnered with Grahamstown again in December 2021, this time on a global grant big enough to completely remodel the toilet facilities and kitchens of seven schools...

Read more by clicking on this [link](#).



ROTARY MONTHLY
OBSERVANCE
for December



DECEMBER IS

**DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT
MONTH**

"He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything"
Arabian Proverb

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PolioPlus



The success of Rotary's 1979 polio immunization campaign in the Philippines set the stage for our commitment to global polio eradication through launching the PolioPlus program in 1985. Today, thanks to PolioPlus and collaborations with partners, Rotary has provided polio vaccine to over 3 billion children worldwide. And we're not done yet.

Taken from [this link](#).



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Dir. Alessandra Könst

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The Rotaract Club of One Million Lives Saigon is Vietnam's only Rotaract club. Its leadership? A group of strong young women making an impact.

Attracting over 40 members since its foundation, the club's causes include clean water, sex education, and food for mothers and children. Ha Vo Nguyet Le, the club's main organizer, is particularly excited about a project to provide 1,000 portions of milk each month to students in a nearby primary school.



"What I really love about the club is that we raise funds on our own. The youth do it themselves," says Jenny Mai Ngoc Huynh, club president.

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December Celebrations & Monthly Host Teams

BIRTHDAYS



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December 1



PP Mae Dolendo
December 8



Dir. Maria Luisa Aportadera
December 9



Dir. Gina Espejo
December 21

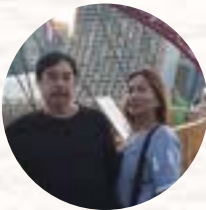


PP Evangeline Schwendener
December 30

ANNIVERSARIES



PP/Dir. Maria Victoria Jimenez & Spouse Ely
December 1



Dir. Luna Gaviola & Spouse Odi
December 20



PAG/PP Armi GERALYN Espiritu & Spouse Binot
December 21



PP Mae Dolendo & Spouse Gabriel
December 27

MEMBERSHIP

MILESTONES



PP Fe Boiser
December 28, 1996



PP Teresita Yñiguez
December 31, 1999



PDT/PP Maria Luisa Jacinto
December 5, 2002



Dir. Luna Gaviola
December 5, 2002

MONTHLY HOST TEAMS

HELPFUL VISIONARIES (July, October, January, April)

- Dir. Jenah De los Santos (TL)
- VP Sylvia Austria
- PP Fe Boiser
- Dir. Cecile Diaz
- PP Mae Dolendo
- Dir. Gina Espejo
- PAG/PP Armi GERALYN Espiritu
- PP Cheryl Gomez
- Dir. Alessandra Könst
- PP Lorna Llamas
- Rtn. Leamie Retales
- 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

December

ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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 DATE!

Christmas Party

- **WHEN:** December 14, 2023
- **WHERE:** Llamas' Compound
- **ATTIRE:**
 - **Helpful Visionaries:** Red
 - **Ardent Focus:** Multicolor
 - **Truth Seekers:** White

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

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

RCWWD CLUB RECOGNITION SUMMARY AS OF
NOVEMBER 2023

TOTAL ALL TIME GIVING: USD -169,486-

Active Members

Major Donor

Ma. Luisa Jacinto +8

FRP

6600

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

		FRP
Estela Maribel Vilela	USD 9,000.00 +8	3600
Lorna Llamas	USD 9,000.00 +8	800
Divina Fe Boiser	USD 9,000.00 +8	1000
Remie Calaguas	USD 8,341.88	900
Hermie Polintan	USD 8,228.17	2200
Marivic Jimenez	USD 6,680.38	100
Mae Dolendo	USD 6,615.93	3300
Armi Geralyn Espiritu	USD 6,364.79	1300
Teresita Yñiguez	USD 6,142.92	1100
Jannette Valderosa	USD 5,544.29	1900
Luna Gaviola	USD 5,138.38	200
Leonida Santos	USD 4,689.56	200
Vangi Schwendener	USD 4,644.79	200
Luchi Aportadera	USD 4,578.38	700
Gina Marie Espejo	USD 4,276.38	1500
Marilou Baarde	USD 3,668.38	1500
Ma. Corazon Reyes	USD 3,583.38	600
Letty Tai	USD 3,491.96	1200
Myriam Tan	USD 3,490.65	900
Maribel Chua	USD 3,441.92	600
Sylvia Austria	USD 3,319.29	400
Cecile Diaz	USD 3,157.46	200
Vanessa Madayag	USD 2,900.71	1900
Emmanouelle Zhang	USD 2,603.14	2100
Elsa Villagomez	USD 2,531.29	800
Teresita Fitzback	USD 2,378.38	1000
Josephine Liamzon	USD 2,246.38	500
Vida Könst	USD 2,364.91	300
Alessandra Könst	USD 2,042.91	500

Paul Harris Fellows

Cheryl Gomez	USD 1,455.42	400
Elsie Libron	USD 1,350.38	100
Bai Johanna Zainal	USD 1,238.88	600
Marydict Rosales	USD 1,177.20	100

Sustaining Members

Chona Lamparas	USD 383.38	-
Sophiya Avisado	USD 404.00	-
Jenah De los Santos	USD 194.00	-
Caryl Lim	USD 194.00	-
Carina Te	USD 194.00	-

FRP

Other Contributors

Irish Tan	USD 94.00	-
Amabelle Yuon	USD 94.00	-

Honorary Members

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

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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



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

