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District Governor, RI D3800

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DG Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag, cool and dashing in his End Polio Now outfit as he led more than 600 Rotarians and their families and Rotaractors from the 8 zones of RI District 3800 during the Outrace Polio: A Walk for a Cause event held last October 23, 2022 at Marikina Sports Complex in celebration of World Polio Day.

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DG Bobby Tanyag pose for posterity with the End Polio Now mascot.

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2022

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It was also a tremendous opportunity to spotlight female health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, We are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan is one of only two countries in the world where wild poliovirus remains endemic. (The other one is neighboring Afghanistan.)

"I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5."

I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all first hand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise

\$50 million this year to earn the full 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

There's great cause for optimism on the polio front — but also some staggering new events that have further raised the stakes. Over the past few months, new polio outbreaks have occurred in Israel, the United Kingdom and, most recently, in the New York City area. These stories are frightening, but in every case, the response is clear — vaccines work, and if polio is spreading, we need to make sure the most at-risk people have kept their vaccinations up to date.

“Most importantly, we need to eradicate this virus now. If polio exists anywhere, it can spread everywhere. What I saw in Pakistan convinced me that we can and must finish the job, but it will only happen if we remain committed to a strategy that’s working and back it with all necessary resources.”

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will **#EndPolio**.

JENNIFER E. JONES
President, Rotary International
RY 2022-2023



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October 2022

The Month of October is Community and Economic Development Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

“I am so happy to report that in all the eighty (80) Rotary Clubs that I have visited since the start of our Imaginative Rotary Journey, all of them have very significant, high impact projects dedicated to the Area of Focus - Community and Economic Development.”

A variety of livelihood projects implemented by the Clubs in our District are highlighted as follows:

- Meat Processing Lessons for Longganiza, Tocino, Siomai, and Lumpia- Small Scale Businesses;
- Breadmaking Business with provisions for basic baking equipment;
- Donation of Sewing Machines for community use for various recycling projects;
- Recycling of Tarpaulins into decorative bags;
- Creative Lessons for Christmas Decors and Actual Sale of Décor Items;
- Candle Making;
- Pattern Making and Sewing Lessons for Housewives;
- Basic Gardening of Vegetables in Containers;
- Hydroponics and Aquaculture;
- Preparation of Liquid Dishwashing Solutions and Fabric Softeners; and
- Recycling of Newspapers into Decorative Bags.

The long term Community and Economic Development Projects which have been institutionalized as flagship projects in our District 3800 are the following:

- A. The LUXID Foundation of the Rotary Club of Pasig which has a total capitalization of Two Million Pesos (P2M) funded by Rotarians, and with a total membership



of close to three hundred (300) residents of the adopted communities of the Rotary Club of Pasig. This Foundation grants a variety of low interest loans to its members who otherwise do not have access to banks and other financial institutions payable on easy payment terms. The LUXID Foundation has been operating for more than five (5) years already, and has helped in stimulating economic development of their adopted communities as the loan beneficiaries are able to engage in small scale businesses to augment their family income.

- B. The Pasig South Credit Cooperative was established primarily for the benefit of the teachers of the adopted school of the Rotary Club of Pasig South, the Buting Elementary School, five (5) years ago, and has since expanded to include the teachers of three (3) other public schools in Pasig City. Membership in the Credit Cooperative has since increased to more than a hundred teachers with a capitalization base of more than One Million Pesos (P1M). Loan amounts from a minimum of Ten Thousand Pesos to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P10,000-P100,000). The Credit Cooperative will soon be upgraded to a Multi-purpose Credit Cooperative and will be granted an extension of its geographic base to include Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, and Taguig Cities.

“In all my visits to our Rotary Clubs, emphasis has been given not only to devoting all humanitarian service projects to the Rotary Foundation’s seven (7) areas of focus but have included a campaign as part of the Empowering Women Initiative to provide livelihood projects to women in the club’s adopted communities.”

Happy Community and Economic Development Month to all!



ARTURO "BOBBY" C. TANYAG
Governor, RI District 3800
RY 2022-2023





Reminder to all Clubs and Imaginative Amazing Treasure Presidents.
Deadline of Reports for the 2nd Cut-off is on October 31.

As stated on the AWARDS CRITERIA presented during the 1st Breakfast Meeting, please also submit your consolidated MINIMUM REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (in one email to 2023district3800awards@gmail.com)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

For Rotarians and Clubs to be eligible for Major District Awards, the Club must be in good standing during Rotary Year 2022 - 2023, and must have complied with following on or before **April 15, 2023**:

- I. **Fully paid with no arrears on the following:**
 - a. On time payment of RI dues with NO WARNINGS (first and second semester invoices)
 - b. District Fund and District Calamity Fund
 - c. Subscription to the PRM / 100% club subscription / no arrears
 - d. Club listing fees for DISTAS 2022, DISCON 2023
- II. **Reported to Rotary Club Central:**
 - a. At least **Fifteen (15) goals** entered by **August 31, 2022**
 - b. DETAILS of Service Projects
 - c. Confirmed goals achieved by April 15, 2023
- III. **To be presented during the Governor's visit**
 - a. One (1) Significant project in any of the Areas of Focus with community assessment
- IV. **To be submitted one week before the Governor's visit:**
 - a. Club Strategic Plan (to be attached with the club plans and programs)
 - b. Club Health Check Survey
 - c. Club Member's Satisfaction Survey
 - d. Roster of Members & Classification
 - e. Updated Constitution & By-Laws



Please only send the RESULTS of your respective surveys. We request that the title of your email be named as follows NAME OF CLUB – MINIMUM REQUIRED DOCUMENTS for easier monitoring.

Congratulations to the 80 clubs that has completed their Governor's visit and club inductions as of October 24, 2022... 26 clubs more to go.

Please be reminded of our every Sunday bowling tournament which will end on December 4, 2022. Thank you to the host club, RC Rivercity Marikina and event Chair, PP Anthony Sy.

Congratulations to DG Bobby Tanyag and his team for the recent successful events:

- **Rotary 102** which was held at Valle Verde Country Club, hosted by RC San Juan Neopolitan. It was a great learning experience especially for the IATPs. Thank you to the amazing speakers especially to the Rotary Academy team headed by PP Chuck Manansala, PP Jeng Liban and PP Pam Baluyo.
- To the well-attended, "**Glow Empowering Girls**" zoom webinar, headed by Chair PP Mylene Guevarra and PP Paola Acebedo.
- **Oktoberfest 2022** – hosted by RC Antipolo East. Congratulations to Chair, SAG Larry Secreto, to IATP Lorylee Uy and to all the club members and spouses for a very successful event. It's been a while since we had this jam-packed attendance of Oktoberfest... great venue, great entertainment and lots of food and drinks. Truly, it was an amazing night!
- **2nd Breakfast Meeting** – held at Corinthian Gardens clubhouse. Congratulations to the hosts, Zones 4 and 5! Thank you for the food and lots of raffle prizes!
- **Outrace Polio, Walk for a Cause** – hosted by RC Valle Verde and held at Marikina Sports Center. Congratulations to IATP Jefferson Lim, AG Nancy Quimson and to all the members and spouses of RC Valle Verde and to our District Polio Plus Chair, PP Rami Garcia. Thank you to the 400+ Rotarians and Rotaractors who participated in the event. I can't wait to see the video drone shot of the human formation of the End Polio Now logo.

Let me also announce our upcoming District events and activities (posted on the next page) as I request IATPs to encourage your members especially your new Rotarians to participate and enjoy their Rotary journey.

Last but certainly not the least, let me congratulate GML Chair, CP Prisco Rivera and Vice Chair PP Dan Velarde for the October issue of the Governor's Monthly Letter. Good job guys!

NOEL L. CUICO
District Secretary for Operation
RY 2022-2023



THE WAIT IS OVER!

RYLA
2022

Save the date:

November 11 to 13, 2022

Venue:

**Mt. Purro Nature Reserve
Antipolo, Rizal**

Registration Fee: Php4500

Send your payment to:

RCBC—Rotary Club of Cainta (Checking/Current)

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GCASH—Jennie Cruz

Mobile # - 09989580966

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A NIGHT OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION!

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Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop

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**ROTARY
103**

NOVEMBER 19, 2022

7:30 AM—12:00 PM

CLUB FILIPINO
SAN JUAN CITY

HOSTED BY:
ROTARY CLUB OF
CALOOCAN

FACILITATED BY:
THE ROTARY ACADEMY OF
DISTRICT 3800

REGISTRATION FEE: ₱500
Morning Breakfast To Be Served



*Imaginative
Amazing
Christmas*

12.04.2022
SUNDAY 5:00PM
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Spouse Committee gets ready for Governor's Ball & Talent Night



by **IPP KRISTINE MARIE G. TANYAG**
HONORARY CHAIR OF THE SPOUSES' ASSOCIATION
RI DISTRICT 3800, RY 2022-2023

October has still been a busy month for the Spouses as we had numerous meetings for events preparation. We had a meeting with our governor, Governor Bobby Tanyag, to finalize plans for the upcoming Governor's Ball and Talent Night slated next year during our District Conference on March 10 and 11, 2023. Indeed, it's going to be a grand showcase of performances because the Imaginative Amazing Treasure Presidents are a very talented bunch!

which basically talked about how to live healthy, especially focusing on how to have a healthy sexual relationship with your partner. She even joked that it was broad daylight and yet the spouses were tackling such topic which is aptly discussed for night time! Everybody was amazed and delighted because it was very informative as each of us learned a thing or two with her presentation. Surely, the Imaginative Amazing Spouses had something exciting to share with their president spouses afterwards!



The highlight of October was the much awaited Spouses Second Breakfast Meeting held on October 22, 2022 at the Corinthian Garden Clubhouse with the very controversial topic, "Sex and Wellness." It was hosted by Zones 5A, 5B, and 6 with the very hardworking Spouses Zone Coordinators, namely, Spouses Gina Secreto, Lia Arabit, Luz Molino, and Weng Manlapid. Their hardwork has paid off as the event turned truly successful!



Of course, the day was not complete without kinky and naughty themed games which definitely got the spouses more excited! Thankfully, everybody was a sport, throwing all their inhibitions out of the window as they participated in the games. Special mention to Spouse Lala Raymundo and Spouse Alvin Santiago for winning the titles of Ms. Kinky and Mr. Naughty of the Day, respectively. There were also incriminating videos created which could be used for blackmail but nevertheless, it was a memorable and fun-filled day full of laughter all throughout!



Our lovely and very bubbly guest speaker, Dra. Loulou Marquez discussed the topic, "What Women Want",







Rotary Academy: Helping you to be the best Rotarian you can be

by **PP Carlos S. Manansala**
RC Marikina Hilltop

The more we know about something, the better is our understanding. The more skills we acquire, the better we do our tasks. The combination of deeper knowledge and sharper skills leads to better results in what we aim to do and higher productivity in carrying out our plans. This is so true in Rotary as it is in our life! That is why we have the Rotary Academy! It is the district unit responsible for the continuing education and training of all Rotarians to help mold them to be the best person they can be.

In this RY 2022-2023, District Governor Arturo C. Tanyag gave the Rotary Academy its marching orders early on. He appointed Past President Carlos “Chuck” S. Manansala of the Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop as Chair and Past President Jeng I. Liban of the Rotary Club of Cainta as Vice-Chair and Executive Director. The team then recruited Past President Pam M. Baluyo of the Rotary Club of Rodriguez to serve as the academy’s Social Media Manager. Pam is also the district officer for membership growth.

To date, the Academy has successfully held two seminars: Rotary 101 and Rotary 102. Rotary 101 was a webinar held in the morning of 17 September 2022. Attendance was at 408, comprising of Rotarians and some Rotaractors and prospective members. The topics and speakers were: 1) “*Rotary History and Guiding Principles*” - by Chuck S. Manansala; 2) “*The Rotary International Theme: Imagine Rotary*” - by District Governor Arturo C. Tanyag of the Rotary Club of Pasig South”; 3) “*Rotary Structure: RI, TRF, Zones, Districts, and Clubs*” - by District Governor-Elect Ronald O. Solis of the Rotary Club of Marikina West; and 4) “*Areas of Focus and Service Projects*” - by Jeng Liban.

On the other hand, Rotary 102 was a face-to-face seminar held in the morning of 8 October 2022 at the Valle Verde Country Club. The event was ably hosted by the Rotary Club of San Juan Neopolitan under the leadership of Imaginative Amazing Treasure President Allan M. Floresca. A total of 225 Rotarians attended the seminar. The speakers and topics were, as follows:

1) Past President Gina T. Sanchez of the Rotary Club of San Juan - “*Strengthening Clubs through Strategic Planning*”; 2) Past President John C. Lam of the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong and Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Zones 5-8 - “*Committing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*”; and 3) Past District Governor Luizo C. Ticman of the Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal and Chair of the District Code of Conduct - “*Rotary Code of Conduct Based on DEI*”. The final topic, “*Service Projects - Conception, Execution, Assessment*”, was discussed by PP Jeng Liban.

The final seminar in the educational series is Rotary 103. This will be held on 19 November 2022 at the historic Club Filipino. The Rotary Club of Caloocan, under the leadership of Imaginative Amazing Treasure President Victor B. Talicuran, took the challenge of hosting the event. Past President and Club Secretary Erwin Belleza helped connect the club and the academy. The club appointed Past President Rey J. Vistro, Jr as its Chair for hosting Rotary 103.

Rotary 103 aims to prepare past presidents, club officers, club directors, other club members, and district officers to take on higher responsibilities within the club and in the district. The lineup of topics and speakers includes:

- “*Situational Leadership Styles & Effective Communication*” – to be discussed by Past District Governor Anthony N. Paruñgao of the Rotary Club of Marikina North and current District Membership Chair;
- “*Strategic Planning: What, How, Why*” – to be tackled by Charter President Roberto Antonio Rosadia of the Rotary E-Club of Marikina;
- “*Leadership and Service Beyond the Club Level*” – to be discussed by Past District Governor Virgilio G. Farcon of the Rotary Club of Marikina who is also the Vice District Trainer and the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator; and
- “*Rotary Protocol*” – to be tackled by Past District Governor Edi Chua Co Kiong of the Rotary Club of Malabon who is likewise the District Chair for Protocol.

Let us all strive to be better every day in every way! See you at Rotary 103!

The Rotary Academy of District 3800 invites you to the

ROTARY 101

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
VIA ZOOM

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QJFDAP](https://bit.ly/3QJFDAP)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



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ROTARY 102

OCTOBER 8, 2022
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
VALLE VERDE
COUNTRY CLUB
PASIG CITY

HOSTED BY:
ROTARY CLUB OF
SAN JUAN NEOPOLITAN

FACILITATED BY:
THE ROTARY ACADEMY OF
DISTRICT 3800

REGISTRATION FEE: ₱500
Morning Breakfast To Be Served

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NOVEMBER 19, 2022
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
CLUB FILIPINO
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CALOOCAN

FACILITATED BY:
THE ROTARY ACADEMY OF
DISTRICT 3800

REGISTRATION FEE: ₱500
Morning Breakfast To Be Served

Learn to Lead!

ROTARY 103

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALOOCAN
FACILITATED BY: THE ROTARY ACADEMY OF DISTRICT 3800

NOVEMBER 19, 2022
8:30 am - 11:30 am



SPEAKER :

E/MGA Jun Farcon
Leadership and Service
Beyond the Club Level



SPEAKER :

PDG Edi Chua CK
Rotary Protocols

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP 500 ONLINE
(PHP 600 ON-SITE)

HOSTED BY: THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALOOCAN
FACILITATED BY: THE ROTARY ACADEMY OF DISTRICT 3800

Learn to Lead!

ROTARY 103

NOVEMBER 19, 2022
Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City 1502 Metro Manila
8:30 am - 11:30 am



SPEAKER :

PDG Tonipi Paruñgao
Situational Leadership
Styles & Effective
Communication



SPEAKER :

CP Bobby Rosadja
Strategic Planning: What,
How, Why

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP 500 ONLINE
(PHP 600 ON-SITE)

HOSTED BY: THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALOOCAN
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The 2022 District 3800 Bowling Tourney

by **PP Rolando Luna**
RC Rivercity Marikina

Imagine, it was mid-afternoon of November 27, 2022 and the claim to the Governor’s Cup remains undecided between two seeded teams until this last ball. There was total silence as more than five hundred Rotarians and guests are on their feet, eyes riveted on the anchor bowler as he/she prepared to roll the deciding ball of the tournament. The goal: All pins still standing must fall!

It seemed that it took an eternity for the ball to hit the pins but when it did, the crowd erupted into a roar, hands clapping, feet stomping frenzy. But suddenly, all fell dead silent, eyes wide in utter disbelief at what they saw! Then, as reality sunk in, they gave a thundering outburst of approval as the two anchor bowlers hugged, and raised each other’s hands in a gesture of unconditional sportsmanship, a stirring testament to the reality that: In Rotary, there are no losers, all are winners!

The above encapsulates the essence of this annual and very popular District event then postponed for two years due to Covid-19 protocols. As the opening attendance proved, it is a very welcome breaker to Rotary’s Service to Humanity demands. While only thirty out (37) out of the one hundred seven (107) Rotary Clubs in the District participated, such is not due to non-interest but to venue limitations. Notably, the Sta. Lucia Bowling Lanes, the country’s biggest, can only accommodate bowlers from thirty (30) clubs.

At stake was the prestigious Governor’s Cup, the District Secretary’s Cup, the Assistant Governor’s Cup and the President’s Cup for the Team Competitions. Winning Teams received cash prizes and trophies (P8k, P6k, P4k, and P2k, respectively). Eligible teams for each category vied for their respective titles on November 27, 2022 as the main event of this Tournament followed by the awarding of prizes/trophies in the closing ceremonies.

The Individual Competitions, indisputably the most popular in the world of Ten-Pin Bowling, will be held on November 20, 2022 which will feature the best Rotarian bowlers as they vied for the most coveted champion titles for the Men’s Master (P2k + trophy), Men’s Graded Master (P1.5k + trophy) and Men’s Associate (P1k + trophy) categories. Women bowlers vie for the Women’s Graded Master (P1.5k + trophy) and Women’s Associate Master



(P1k + trophy) categories. All 1st and 2nd Runner Ups for all categories are to be awarded trophies.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Rivercity Marikina, PP Anthony Sy, Marikina’s Sports Director and District Sports Committee Chair, acknowledged the presence of everyone and expressed appreciation for the support accorded to the host club by RI District 3800 officials headed by Governor Arturo “Bobby” Tanyag, District Secretaries Noel Cuico and Sherrylou Khosiking, and Past District Governors Mac Hermoso, Nelson Aspe, Louie Ticman, and Tony Parungao.

The hosting of this prestigious District event has long been a product of our club’s imagination and is now a reality because of the support of our members, and officers, both past and present, namely: Imaginative Amazing Treasure President Ernesto “Dick” dela Rosa; New Generation Director PP Luciano “Naning” Vivas; our “Ever Affable Club Ambassador-at-large”, PP Jojo Gonzales; our “Forever and Indefatigable” Club Secretary, PP Esmer Tepace; our “Kaya Natin Yan/Bagman”, CP Art Arrojado; and our everybody’s idol, our “Wind Beneath Club Wings” and Club Treasurer, PP Anthony Sy.







OKTOBERFEST: Retro Rakrakan – A celebration par excellence

by **CP Larry Secreto**
RC Antipolo East

On October 15, 2022, the District 3800 celebrated the much-awaited fellowship event of the year - Oktoberfest. This happened after two years of break, the last one was celebrated in 2019. This time, the Rotarians were astonished with a unique experience par excellence. It was hosted by the Rotary Club of Antipolo East and chaired by Charter President Larry Secreto.

The setting and mood were different from the usual. Cheers were heard. Singing and dancing were done by the attendees. Foods and drinks overflowed and shared to everyone.

With a concert type venue, this year's Oktoberfest was held at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City. The theme, coined by the host club, was Retro Rakrakan, which made the whole celebration more exciting. With star-studded performers, including VST & Company's original members Male Rigor and Monet Gaskell, they rendered famous medley songs entitled "Tayo'y Magsayawan", "Awitin Mo Isasayaw Ko", "Ikaw and Aking Mahal" and so much more. Hundreds of Rotarians and guests jumped to their seats and swayed to these wonderful music renditions.



Another heart-beating boy band in the 70's who performed their best was Hagibis. The group kept the whole crowd jumping and singing together to the top of their lungs. Two other bands, First Five Banda and Clickbait, added more flavour and rendered exciting songs from the 70's. It was a fun-filled night full of songs and celebration!



The stadium was filled to the brim, with almost a thousand Rotarians, guests and families enjoying the night. Beer and street foods overflowed to the max. Everyone was so gratified which made the event lasting for seven hours without any dull moment in between. Old friends met again, new friendly ties made, old stories shared and retold, smiles and laughter spread around the entire arena.

Adding to the fanfare was the traditional zone dance competition, with participants sweating it up to the 70's dance medleys. This competition was eventually won by a tie between Zones 5 & 6 with Zone 4 garnering the runner up. The host club also gave away tons of raffle prizes to some lucky winners around.

The success of the event was made possible with the help and support of the members, spouses of the Rotary Club of Antipolo East and the newly-chartered Rotaract of Antipolo East. Generous sponsors contributed their resources. It was also successful through the help of the District Team headed by Imaginative Amazing District Governor Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag.







World Polio Day 2022 Successfully celebrated in RI District 3800

by IATP Jefferson Lim & PE Emmanuel Damian
RC Valle Verde

On World Polio Day, the Rotary International (RI) District 3800 and the Rotaract Club District 3800 urged all parents to vaccinate their children against preventable diseases, especially polio. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Valle Verde, RI District 3800 and the Rotaract Club District 3800 celebrated the World Polio Day with an End Polio Now Campaign on October 23, 2022 at the Marikina Sports Complex, Marikina City.



The event was highlighted by the walk for a cause participated in by the Rotarians and Rotaractors from the eight (8) zones of RI District 3800 followed by the live performances of the Bobby Tanyag Singers (BTS) and the kids who were previously the recipients of polio vaccines. The human logo formation of “END POLIO NOW” culminated the event. The event was flocked by close to 600 participants.



This activity was part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative meant to help raise both funds and awareness against the disease. Rotary International, a core partner in the Initiative, has raised more than \$2 billion and used countless volunteer hours to help protect nearly three billion children in 122 countries.

In June 2021, the Philippines announced the closure of the polio outbreak in the country following eighteen (18) months of outbreak response which vaccinated over eleven million (11M) children, many of whom received polio drops during the COVID- 19 pandemic.

Polio is a highly infectious, crippling, and sometimes fatal disease that can be avoided through a vaccine. Children under the age of five are most vulnerable to contracting polio.



For more details about this district event, check out the official posts from the Rotary Club of Valle Verde Facebook page.







Special Feature on Zone 3 Rotary Clubs (Valenzuela)

by **SAG Giovanni "Jojo" R. Flores**
RC Valenzuela

Small but terrible. That is what we are, the smallest zone in District 3800 composed of only 6 clubs with a little more than 200 strong Rotarians of diverse classifications. Some of our Zone members are from the chambers of Congress, local government officials, academe leaders, and upper echelons of various businesses and professions. Some of our members are also members of other prestigious associations, and young professionals as well.

All the clubs of Valenzuela were not only unfazed by the challenges of the past years of hiatus brought about by the pandemic but still managed to perform and deliver community services. All the 6 clubs have numerous projects aimed at complementing what is being done by the city government to serve the Valenzuelanos in every field of services, manifesting service above self!

The clubs of Zone 3 are, as follows:

- 1) **Rotary Club of Valenzuela** – our mother club will be celebrating its golden anniversary next year. This is the only club so far in the zone which has produced a District Governor, Past District Governor Santos "Santi" Chua;
- 2) **Rotary Club of Valenzuela East** – vibrant and full of young professionals, now with strong 70 members, this club is pulling off various service projects of high impact to the communities they serve;
- 3) **Rotary Club of Valenzuela West** - a club known for having produced top-caliber district officers as well;
- 4) **Rotary Club of Valenzuela South** - is one of the rising stars in Valenzuela as they are now recruiting young and experienced professionals who are driven to succeed in their own fields of expertise;
- 5) **Rotary Club of Metro Valenzuela** - considered as the "Sleeping Giant" from Zone 3 or maybe from the district, having a no-no roster of generous members, the first in the zone or even in the district to achieve 5 major awards for the annual giving - EREY, Foundation Giving, Polio 100% Paul Harris Club and the Rotary's Promise of Legacy; and
- 6) **Rotary Club of Valenzuela Sunrise** - the newest club in the zone running in its 3rd year. This club brings early morning smiles and hope to every community they set into. This is another club to produce very promising leaders of the district hopefully shortly.

Among the notable services and projects that clubs from Zone 3 have delivered in recent years are, as follows;

Growing Local Economies:

- * Solar power donation in a school in Tarlac;
- * Livelihood projects for Dumagats;
- * Rescue Boats donation to Calumpit, Bulacan;
- * Food cart bike donation; and
- * Rebuilding of typhoon-destroyed houses at Baggao, Cagayan.

Fighting Disease Prevention and Treatment:

- * Free prostheses and wheelchairs for amputees;
- * Mammogram machine donation to Valenzuela Medical Center in partnership with Jaime Ongpin Foundation; and
- * Various Medical and Dental Missions.

Literacy and Education:

- * 2 classrooms donated to Nalsian Elementary School, Manaog, Pangasinan;
- * 3 classrooms donated in Santa Ignacia, Tarlac;
- * 2 classrooms donated to Mt. Kanlaon, Negros Occidental; and
- * 2 classrooms donated in Calumpit, Bulacan.

Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene:

- * Donation of Water Pumps at Mauban, Quezon;
- * Water Filters and multi-level filtered drinking water stations donated to various schools; and
- * Male Urinal toilets in various barangays.

Maternal and Child Care:

- * Donation of Newborn screening test kits; and
- * Free Pelvic Ultrasounds for pregnant women.

Promoting Peace and Conflict Resolutions

- * Donation of resource books entitled “Barangay Katarungan“

Environment

- * Planting of 2000 bakawans in Quezon; and
- * Project Hiwalayan: waste segregation.



ROTARY CLUB OF VALENZUELA

SOLAR LIGHT GIVING PROJECT

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“Tanglaw” is a solar light giving project of the Rotary Club of Valenzuela led by IATP Rhoel Delos Santos. It was conducted on July 29, 2022 in Barangay Rosario, Mauban, Quezon, a quaint island in the Philippines with scenic beaches and kind folks.

“Tanglaw” is a beautiful word in Tagalog that means “light” or “illumination,” which perfectly describes the motive and vision of the project. Since Barangay Rosario is a rural area, it was difficult for the people therein to get electrical services and that means that they have to be resilient and resourceful to find ways to move in the dark. Residents therein used candles and kerosene lamps. This situation posed challenges as citizens therein are prone to accidents and danger, especially at nighttime, and students have a hard time studying at night.



With Project Tanglaw, 80 homes were given solar lights, a more affordable, more accessible, and safer alternative to electric-powered and conventional lights. In this way, the Rotary Club of Valenzuela hopes to light the way of the families in making sure that their nights are safer and their future is a whole light brighter.



IATP Rhoel shares this thought: “When we experience blackouts in the cities for few minutes, we get so happy when the lights are finally restored. What more to the people of Rosario who never had light at night before?”



ROTARY CLUB OF VALENZUELA WEST

“WATCH ME NAYNAY”: FREE PELVIC ULTRASOUND FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

by IATP SHERMAN KENNETH L. UY
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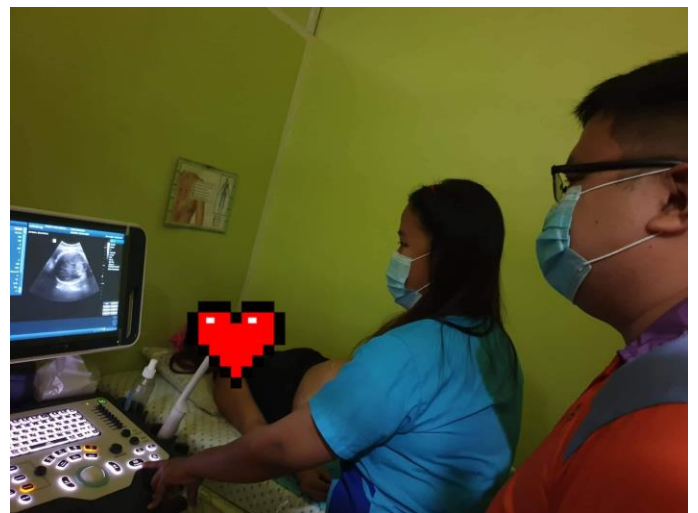
When my term as IATP began, I started proposing projects to my members. These proposed projects are sustainable. But what excites me about doing these projects is about making their titles. Titles which can be easily distinguished on what project we are in.

For the past months, there is this project called “WATCH ME NAYNAY” which primarily checks on the baby’s health condition and gender.



So, what is the story behind?

Well to make it short, I saw a pregnant woman talking to her baby in her womb. That’s where the “IMAGINATION” comes in! I was imagining that the baby is answering her back. But how? So, I thought of something that can be imagined on how those two beings are communicating. Well luckily, my wife is a physician and she was mentioning the word ultrasound that time and there you go! I was already imagining that the mother and the child were communicating through ultrasound and with “WATCH ME NAE NAE” frequently played in social media, the project title was created. It’s like the baby is telling her mother, “WATCH ME NAYNAY”, while dancing on the ultrasound monitor. Imagination at its best!



ROTARY CLUB OF VALENZUELA SUNRISE

RC VALENZUELA SUNRISE'S ADOPTED COMMUNITY IN ZAMBALES

by **IATP JONNEPHER E. ANG**
RC Valenzuela Sunrise

It has long been our dream to adopt a community and contribute to the betterment of their well-being through our series of projects. This started last July 30, 2022 when we partially delivered some of our donations to the Aningway Sacatihan Elementary School and High School in Zambales. Upon our initial visit, we were able to see how the community was doing amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic. Unfortunately, their schools have damaged classrooms, incomplete learning materials, and limited spaces to conduct classes. To alleviate the plight of the community, we donated chairs, whiteboards, television sets, and other learning materials during our initial visit last July 30, 2022. After our initial visit, we decided to meet as a group to better determine what we should donate and how we could help the community we chose to adopt.



Indeed, it is a tiring yet very blissful journey – adopting a community and helping them get back up on their feet. There were so many things we wanted to do, and we decided to take them step by step.

Upon our return to the community last August 4, 2022, we executed the initial phase of our plan: to donate necessities to both the school and the community. First, we provided food packs to 160 families along with toys, clothes, and some goodies for the kids. The smiles on their faces as they received our gift showed us just how impactful our actions were. From merely imagining a better life, we were now helping them actualize it through

our own little way. Our food pack contained rice grains, powdered milk, noodles, and other important goods.



We also noted that food sufficiency of the community is an important aspect we should focus on. So, in our second visit, we gave out 1,000 different vegetable plants to Sitio-Gala Zambales for the families to plant around the community. Through this, they could sell the crops to earn money or use the crops as their food for everyday living. These plants will help them provide a source of living and nutritious foods.



Following the community projects, we also have school-focused projects specifically for the students. Our club donated a Rotary Club of Valenzuela Sunrise PE uniform to 200 students belonging to the Aningway Sacatihon Elementary School and High School. This is to help promote the Rotary branding alongside providing proper clothing and other necessities to the children. With this gift, they will be able to have a proper uniform to use for their physical education classes. Alongside this, we also donated bags and school supplies to the children. Education is vital in a country – the children are our future, and it is up to us to ensure that they have a suitable learning environment for them to be the best that they can be. We should never get tired of doing little things for others as it is often these little things that make the biggest difference in their lives.



IMAGINE TOMORROW



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Intro:

Imagine tomorrow (4x)

Verse 1

Imagine all possibilities
Imagine our world transformed
Imagine a world that deserves our best
we can make a change through service above self
Imagine our role in Rotary
with meaningful responsibilities
Imagine the power of Rotary
We can turn those dreams into reality.

Pre-Chorus

We can make a difference
be brave and dream big
We got that certain magic
That Rotary magic

Chorus

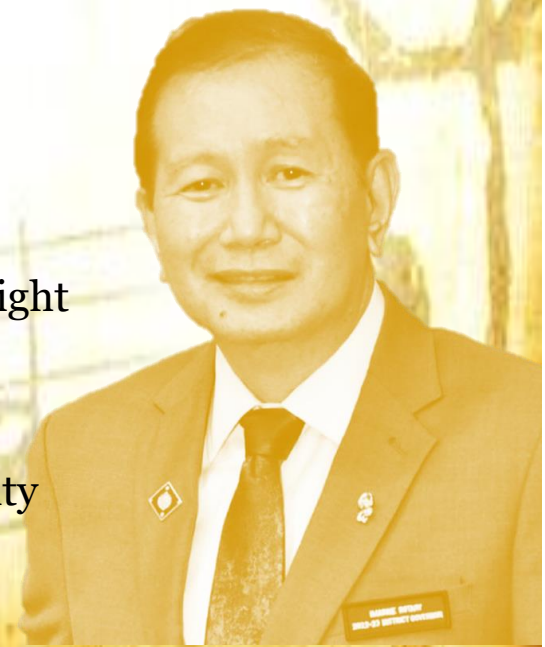
Imagine tomorrow (4x)
We don't imagine yesterday
we're here for tomorrow
Let everyone have a part and say
we're here for tomorrow

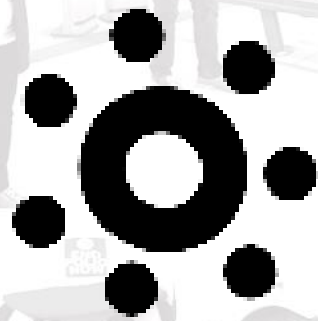
Imagine tomorrow (4x)

Verse 2

Imagine we're very near
So close to end all fears
of sickness that's our advocacy
We join the fight. Eradicate what might
harm humankind
We do our best to save all the rest
Imagine the power of Rotary
We can turn those dreams into reality

(Repeat Pre-Chorus & Chorus)





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