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BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

April 28, 2023 | Corinthian Garden



ARTURO "BOBBY" C. TANYAG
District Governor, RI D3800



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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2023



Introducing the Rotary Youth Network

How do you take the best from the worst?

None of us will forget how the pandemic altered our world and our lives. Each of us had to traverse this period of uncertainty, and no one had a free pass from the effects.

I personally believe this has created space for a different kind of global leadership — one that is courageous, empathetic, and vulnerable. I met my good friend Anniela Carracedo online in early 2020. She is one such leader, and I'm thrilled to turn this month's column over to her.

— Jennifer Jones

In March 2020, I had a panic attack. I couldn't breathe, and I felt a terrible pain in my chest.

It had been a few days since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and I was in the middle of my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in the United States. Think about it:

an 18-year-old girl stuck in a different country, with a foreign language, with people she had only met six months before. It was scary.

But I am familiar with uncertainty. I was born and raised in Venezuela, which is going through one of the worst humanitarian and political crises in the Western Hemisphere. But my mom always said, "Challenges are nothing more than needs that require a solution."

I called up my Interact and Youth Exchange friends. Together, we organized an online meeting to share projects and get inspired by what everyone else was doing during the quarantine. In that first meeting, we had 70 people, mainly students, from 17 countries.

From that beginning, we built an online platform for Rotary youths worldwide to share their experiences and inspire others with project ideas during isolation. We looked for mentors and supporters who would help our group connect young people, share cultures, and open new collaborative opportunities for international service projects. We called it Rotary Interactive Quarantine, or RIQ.

After only a year, we engaged with more than 5,000 students from 80 countries. Several of our team members became district Interact representatives and district committee members, and some of us even serve on Rotary International councils.

Eventually, quarantine restrictions were being lifted, and the needs of our participants were changing. At our last official meeting as RIQ, Past RI President Barry Rassin inspired us to create even bigger change, so we transformed RIQ into the Rotary Youth Network, or RYN.

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A few of our members, including me, were selected to serve on the inaugural Interact Advisory Council, where we presented our vision for youth in Rotary to the RI Board of Directors.

Our presentation to the Board inspired President Jennifer and her team to create a Youth Advisory Council in Rotary International, which I am honored to serve on as a co-chair.

The Rotary Youth Network officially launched during a breakout session at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. Five of us, who had participated in Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, traveled across continents to launch an organization we had kicked off online two years before. The convention was also the first time we had met in person.

When my friends and I finished our talk, we realized more than 500 people were giving us a standing ovation. Tears filled our eyes, and the feeling of excitement and accomplishment took over.

Who would have thought that a panic attack would lead to this?

ANNIELA CARRACEDO

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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My Greetings to all of our Rotarians in District 3800!

April is dedicated to the Preservation of the Environment, the 7th Area of Focus of the Rotary Foundation.

We all share an interest in protecting our common Legacy, the Environment. We are all committed to support activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between our communities and the environment.

All our clubs are mandated to empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and constantly innovate in all efforts to help retard environmental degradation.

We, Rotarians understand that the whole World is our backyard, and must constantly safeguard our environment and this is everyone's ultimate mission.

We not only do lip service to this particular mission, we are all deeply involved and are committed to the basic requisites; we all plant thousands of trees. We have cultivated mangroves to protect our foreshores and provide a sanctuary for marine life, cultivate bamboos, plant giant bamboos along our rivers to mitigate flooding, help keep our waterways clean, and harness our communities to raise awareness to be part of the global initiative to preserve our Mother Earth.

But a deeper and more meaningful approach to really make a difference in our world is for all of us Rotarians to rally everyone to help in the drastic initiative of reducing global warming, and be more conscious of the catastrophic changes to the world we live in brought about by climate change. The disastrous typhoons and hurricanes which have devastated vast areas around the world, our traumatic experience with catastrophic floodings and thousands of lives lost annually with Typhoon "Ondoy", Typhoon "Yolanda", Typhoon "Ulysses", and the unusually lengthy monsoon rains, and the rising sea levels need a concerted approach by all Rotarians around the globe, all 1.4 million Rotarians- strong to help raise and lead all efforts to bring down seawater temperature levels to help mitigate climate change.

We must all rally and create a string voice to influence our nation's leaders and captains of industry to be more conscious of each and everyone's contribution to bringing down sea water temperatures and help arrest climate change through a concerted voice and effort for everyone to be aware of how we can mitigate climate change through incessant information campaigns on the following:

- A. How each one of us can help reduce each one's Carbon Footprint through the reduction of each one's use of



energy from fossil fuels whose combustion continuously generate Carbon Dioxide, and Carbon Monoxide which continuously damage the earth's Ozone Layer. Any reduction in our individual Carbon footprint will contribute to arresting global warming.

- B. All Rotarians should conduct information drives in schools and communities to kick-off the global effort to reduce global warming.
- C. All efforts must be exerted by industry to use renewable energy to further reduce our dependence on fossil fuels as the primary source of energy. All new industrial and community developments must focus on Renewables as a source of alternative energy, such as Wind Power, Solar Energy, Energy from the Seas Tidal Changes, Green Energy from Tree Farms, and Hydroelectric Power. There are tremendous energy reduction possibilities by also simply changing each and everyone's lifestyle.

All efforts will take a long time to fruition, but the long journey to preserve our environment, to preserve our planet Earth, and to really make a difference in this world is to pitch in to help reduce our individual carbon footprint, reduce and help conserve energy.

As a start, I personally have harnessed solar cells to generate electricity, provide alternative lighting in my household, and helped distribute saltwater lamps to far flung communities to provide alternative lighting, and donated solar lamps to communities without electricity.

And, I raise this plea for all of us to help reduce our own individual carbon footprints, reduce our dependence on energy from fossil fuels, for this is the most effective way to contribute to the global effort to prevent climate change, and preserve our Legacy, our World, our Environment!

ARTURO C. TANYAG RY 2022-2023





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DISTRICT SECRETARY for OPERATION NOEL L. CUICO



We are in the last quarter of our Imaginative Amazing Treasures journey and truly our beloved RI District 3800 has made great strides and accomplished amazing feats which would make every Rotarians from the fishing city of Navotas to the outskirts of Rizal province proud of their membership.

Many thanks to our indefatigable and hardworking District Governor Arturo “Bobby” Tanyag, to all the Imaginative Amazing Treasures Presidents, to all the District officers and to the Spouses’ Committee, the grand vision we have all collectively imagined at the start of our term have now not only come to fruition but was achieved with great impact..

Yes, we have achieved more than we ever asked for; in terms of member attraction, district and club administration, service projects in support of the 7 areas of focus, support to The Rotary Foundation, our district and global grant projects and many more. Our recently-concluded DISCON 2023 was probably and arguably the best we ever had during the present

times. And all our social fellowships were big hits as well, thanks to the remarkable efforts done by all the chairs of these events and to the host clubs.

To all Imaginative Amazing Treasures Presidents, after all the best efforts you have all given to Rotary service in your respective clubs, now is the time to reap the fruits of your labor. The District Awards & Recognition Night goes live on June 24, 2023 at Arete Ateneo. This is a fun time for you and your club members to whoop it up and celebrate as you and your club is called and given recognition. You will also enjoy the feel of Oscar Night with red carpet, plush auditorium seating and first class sound system plus the view of the magical garden of Arete, as the organizers proudly say.

But, first things first, have you already complied with all the requirements and met all the criteria and deadlines set by the District Awards Committee? The 4th cut-off deadline was last April 15, 2023, I do hope every club have already complied as our District leadership wishes that all clubs qualify for the awards. As your District Secretary for Operation, it is my duty and responsibility to see all of you through.

Just a few more days after that and you will be able to see the “finish line” ahead and you can all heave a sigh of relief, and proudly say, “I have completed my journey, given my all and my very best to the community through Rotary.”

Let me also congratulate incoming District Governor Ronald “Pope” Solis and the Hope Creating Presidents for the very successful District Training Assembly (DISTAS 2023) held last April 15-16, 2023 at Baguio Country Club. I wish you all the best on your own exciting journey of Rotary service.

Last but certainly not the least, let me again wish DG Bobby Tanyag and daughter, IPP Kristine Marie Tanyag, happy, happy birthday as they both celebrated their natal day on the same day, April 11.

NOEL L. CUICO

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In the Rotary Calendar, the month of April is marked as Environment Month. In our district, April is also the month where some important events are being celebrated or taking place.

First off, it is the month when our District Governor (DG) Arturo “Bobby” C. Tanyag celebrates his big day. April 11 is such a special day as it is DG Bobby’s natal day. Not only that, it is also the birthday of her daughter, Kristine Marie Tanyag, Immediate Past President (IPP) and the Honorary Chair of the Spouses Committee. Yes, you got it right! DG Bobby and IPP Kristine have the same birthdate - April 11. Happy happy birthday to both of you!

In celebration thereof, a special event took place last April 28, 2023, 6 p.m. at the Corinthian Gardens Clubhouse in Quezon City. It was the “Birthday Thanksgiving” of Governor Bobby, a splendid moment as he gathered his family, friends, and Rotary Family who have been with him in his Rotary journey, especially during the current Rotary Year where he sits as DG of our district. As one of the “*punong abala*”, I sincerely extend my gratitude and appreciation to all who joined us in this event, for making it such a successful special event. Truly, that night was marked with fine music, live dancing, good company, friendly chats, sumptuous dinner, and an array of party foods and drinks to the delight of the attendees. It was a momentous event showing how generous and thankful our DG is!

Moreover, the 2023 District Assembly (DISTAS) was also held in the month of April, particularly on April 15-16, 2023 at the Baguio Country Club in the cool and picturesque Baguio City. In that event, DG Bobby delivered the opening message before turning over the proceedings to incoming DG Ronald “Pope” O. Solis. In that same event, I was also given the chance to serve as Lector in the Holy Mass, particularly during the second day. Thank you PP Marie Jane “Jeng” I. Liban, Chair of the 2023 DISTAS, and to the Rotary Club of Cainta, for another great opportunity to serve, learn and bond with fellow Rotarians and Spouses.

April 15, 2023 also marks the 4th and last cut-off deadline for the submission of reports for the District Awards. Hope all the clubs have submitted their reports on time as no extension was allowed by the District Awards Committee. By the way, the District Awards and Recognition Night will be held at the Arete Ateneo, inside Ateneo Manila University in Quezon City on June 24, 2023, Saturday. Registration starts at 1:30 pm. to be followed by the Program Proper at 2:30 pm. A number of awards and recognitions are to be bestowed by DG Bobby and IPP Kristine to Rotarians and Spouses who performed so well to make this current Rotary Year a rousing success. This is a strictly formal event as ladies are expected to wear evening gowns while coat and bow tie are prescribed for the gentlemen. Early bird registration rate is up until May 24, 2023 at PHP3,000 each. From May 25, 2023 up to June 22, 2023, the regular rate applies at PHP3,500 for Rotarians and PHP3,000 for non-Rotarians. The event will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Ortigas Center to be chaired by PP Luz Cotoco. See you there!

**SHERRYLOU O. KHOSIKING**

Rotary Spouses Attended DISTAS 2023 Weekend Get Away @ Baguio City



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

It was DISTAS weekend last April 15 – 16, 2023 held at the City of Pines, particularly at the exclusive Baguio Country Club in Baguio City. I must say, it was very refreshing for us Rotarians to get away from the city even just for the weekend, thanks to the DISTAS! This special event brought together members of the different Rotary Clubs in District 3800, together with their Spouses, to reflect on the past Rotary Year and plan for the year ahead. It was hosted by the Rotary Club of Cainta and District Governor-Elect Pope Solis with his lovely Spouse Tita Vicky. I would like to express my gratitude to the Hope Creating Team for the very fruitful weekend filled with well-planned activities that were designed to promote fellowship, learning, and service. Kudos to all of you!



One of the unique features of a DISTAS weekend is the inclusion of workshops tailored, specifically for the spouses of Rotarians. These workshops provide an opportunity for spouses to connect with each other, share their experiences as Rotary partners, and learn about topics that are relevant to their lives. Thanks to Tita Vicky, the first workshop she prepared for the Spouses' of the Hope Creating Team was about their roles and expectations for the incoming rotary year. She chose the lovely and eloquent Spouse Lana Parungao as guest speaker. It was surely very informative as Spouse Lana shared her ideas, insights, and first hand experiences when her husband, Past District Governor Tonipi Parungao, became President of his club before. Overall, the idea was to embrace what the Rotary Year has to offer but more importantly, enjoy every moment of it and I couldn't agree more!

Indeed, it was a weekend with valuable and enriching experiences for everyone. It was a great bonding experience for the District and no doubt that next year will be a great one for the Hope Creating Team!



GOVERNOR BOBBY, IATPs, et al. PARTICIPATE in DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY 2023

by **CP PRISCO S. RIVERA, JR.**
Rotary Club of San Mateo Highlands

Fresh from the success of the 2023 District Conference (DISCON), District Governor (DG) Arturo “Bobby” C. Tanyag and his Imaginative Amazing Treasure Team joined the 2023 District Assembly (DISTAS) held at the Baguio Country Clubhouse in Baguio City last April 15 to 16, 2023. Convened by the incoming District Team led by District Governor-Elect (DGE) Ronald “Pope” O. Solis, it was a successfully event hosted by the Rotary Club of Cainta, chaired by Past President (PP) Marie Jane “Jeng” I. Liban.



During the Opening Session, and as the current district chief, DG Bobby called the confab to order. He later on delivered his Opening Message wherein he acknowledged the hard work of his team and everyone in making the Imaginative Amazing Treasure Year a success. He urged everyone to continue conducting unimaginable projects that would aid others in need to create hope to humankind.

Meanwhile, DGE Pope delivered a message which provided a glimpse on things to expect during the forthcoming Rotary Year under the theme “Create Hope in the World”. Past Rotary International



Director (PRID) Rafael “Raffy” M. Garcia III delivered an inspirational message expounding on some important Rotary concerns that need action.

Key personalities from the summer capital, who are also Rotarians themselves, graced the event. During the Opening Session, Baguio City Mayor Benjamin “Benjie” Magalong eloquently delivered an inspirational speech calling on all Rotarians to strengthen their civic duty by actively promoting good governance and fighting graft and corruption in government. On the other hand, during the Dinner and Fellowship Night under the theme “Havana Nights”, Past District Governor (PDG) and Baguio City Congressman Marquez “Mark” O. Go shared some important Rotary concerns, including the proposed legislation declaring February 23 as Rotary Day, a working holiday in the country.

Other plenary speakers who discussed various Rotary-related topics were, as follows: 1) PDG Rolando V. Villanueva - “Delightful Membership Experience: Key to Retaining Members”; 2) E/MGA PDG Virgilio G. Farcon - “Create Hope in the World Through the Rotary Foundation; and 3) Mr. Louie Banta, CEO and Chief Trainer, LJMB Consulting – “Teamwork in Rotary”. A host of session speakers also shared some important pieces of information and insights during the breakout session. The Spouses, led by Honorary District Governor Lady (DGL) Kristine Marie “Kristine” G. Tanyag and DGE Spouse Victoria “Vicky” B. Solis, conducted a Spouses Workshop with the following speakers and topics: 1) PDG Spouse Lana Bennett B. Parungao – “The Role of the Spouses”; and 2) Mr. Esmael Lapena - “Enhancing One’s Personality, Expanding One’s Wardrobe”.



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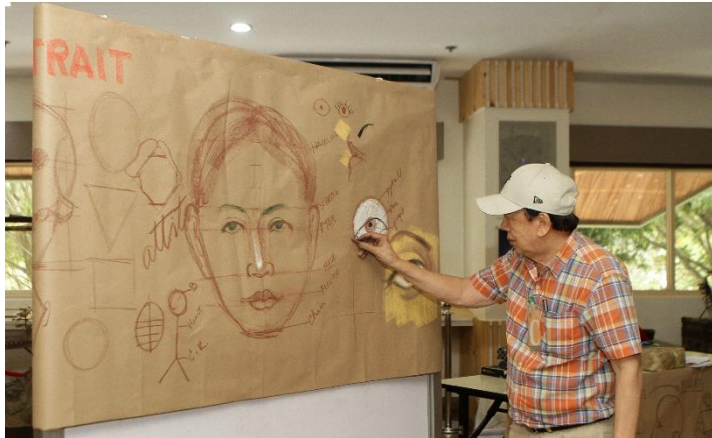


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WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE, RI DISTRICT 2770, JAPAN

By **PP PETER QUINTANA**
Chair, WCS Committee

World Community Service (WCS) is the Rotary program wherein a club or district in one country provides humanitarian assistance or project to a club in another country. Typically, the aid goes to a developing community where the Rotary project will help raise the standard of living and the quality of life. The ultimate object of the WCS is to build goodwill and understanding among the people of the world.

Through the efforts of Past District Governor (PDG) Eduard Chua Co Kiong of our District and the late PDG Tanaka of District 2770 (Saitama, Japan), the WCS project has been continued. Indeed, our partnership has gone a long way!

Certain clubs from our District received funding from our friends in Japan. For Rotary Year 2022-2023, three (3) clubs received project funding, as follows:

1. Rotary E-Club of Edsa Ortigas - IMAGIN-ABLE: An Interactive Program for Autism;
2. Rotary Club of San Juan West - Makina kay Inay; and
3. Rotary Club of Valenzuela West - Great Taking.

Project funding has a maximum amount of US\$1,500.00 and any amount in excess thereof could be covered by the recipient club unless the partner provides otherwise.

To our future club leaders interested in the WCS, kindly prepare your project proposals before November of each year for implementation the following Rotary Year.





DG BOBBY TANYAG'S BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING PARTY

by **CP PRISCO S. RIVERA, JR.**
Rotary Club of San Mateo Highlands

District Governor (DG) Arturo “Bobby” C. Tanyag hosted a Birthday Thanksgiving Party last April 28, 2023, Friday, 6 p.m. at the posh Corinthian Gardens Clubhouse in Quezon City. It was an intimate and fun event as DG Bobby gathered his family, friends, and Rotary Family who have been with him in his Rotary journey, especially during the current Rotary Year (RY) where he sits as chief of Rotary International District 3800.

As guests started filling the hall, they were greeted by fine music provided by a live band which gave a feeling of relaxation, comfort and stress-free atmosphere. Then, IATP Rodel Enriquez led a prayer before meals, followed by photo ops with the dashing celebrator before guests were led to the buffet table. Guests, which included a host of past and future District Governors and spouses, IATPs and District Officers, enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. While guests were having dinner, video presentations on the 2023 District Conference and some RY 2023-2024 Rotary events and activities were played in the big screen which depicted a very successful Rotary Year with DG Bobby at the helm of the district.



At around 7 pm, the Program Proper started with IATP Margaret Canlas serving as host or master of ceremony. DG Bobby’s sweet granddaughter, Ma. Sofia Veronica, led a short special prayer for her



dashing grandparent. In his Welcome Remarks, DG Bobby acknowledged everyone around and expressed his gratitude for their being part of his life and journey, especially during the current RY. He also shared his philosophy in life and secret for staying young and able. Then, song numbers were splendidly rendered by the BTS, otherwise known as the Bobby Tanyag Singers, which was later on complemented by dance numbers courtesy of some IATPs composing the BTD or the Bobby Tanyag Dancers. DG Bobby gamely joined the performers, showing off his singing and dancing prowess to the delight of the crowd.

One of the highlights of the event was the messages of DG Bobby’s daughters, namely, Karla Margarita Tanyag-Hizon and LCP Kristine Marie Tanyag. Undoubtedly, his daughters have only good things to say about their cool father who continuously serves as their confidante, guiding star and source of inspiration.

Then, the traditional birthday cake presentation ensued where DG Bobby, surrounded by his lovely family, blew the candle while everyone was happily singing the birthday song. Family photo op followed.

Then, fellowship proper followed where everyone partied with gusto over good tasting foods and drinks. Live dancing, friendly chats and cheers filled the hall. Tokens were given to guests as an expression of gratitude. It was a very fun, enjoyable, intimate and memorable occasion with DG Bobby!

Happy birthday, Gov. Bobby!









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ROTARY VAX DRIVE: Zone 7's District-Grant Funded Service Project

by **PP CALVIN JAVINIAR**
Senior Assistant Governor, Zone 7



The dynamic interplay between Service and Fellowship has always been one of the most fascinating and perhaps most appealing cornerstones of Rotary. The conceptualization, facilitation and execution of Service Projects are not merely intended to make a difference in the communities that Rotary serves but they are also aimed to promote better friendships and develop meaningful relationships amongst Rotarians who are involved. In effect, through meaningful relationships and deeper connections, Rotarians are able to conceptualize, facilitate and execute better Service Projects which are timely, impactful and sustainable.

At the start of the Rotary Year, in the spirit of Service and Fellowship, the Imaginative Amazing Treasure Presidents of Zone 7, District 3800, decided to pool together their District Grant allocation to do a memorable service project that will have a lasting impact in the communities they intend to serve. The result of community consultations and months of planning was Rotary Vax Drive, an anti-pneumonia vaccination campaign which aims to provide the needed vaccines to the financially challenged residents of San Juan City and in the poor communities of the Municipality of Tuy, Batangas.

Rotary Vax Drive is Zone 7's effort and advocacy to address the current needs of the underprivileged sectors in its adopted communities aimed at improving health and preventing diseases. The first leg of the campaign was held last August 13, 2022 in San Juan

City wherein a total of 230 underprivileged residents were given anti-pneumonia vaccines. Aside from the over 30 volunteer Zone 7 Rotarians present during the campaign, the project was also supported by the Rotary Community Corps of RC San Juan East, the City Government of San Juan, the Philippine Red Cross and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP). Subsequently, the second leg of the campaign was held on September 14, 2022 in the municipality gym of Tuy, Batangas wherein a total of 230 residents coming from various poor barangays were provided with anti-pneumonia vaccines. In addition to about 15 volunteer Zone 7 Rotarians who travelled from Manila to assist in the campaign, the project was supported locally by the Municipal Government of Tuy, the Provincial Government of Batangas and the Department of Health (DOH) which also utilized the venue to provide other health-related services to their constituents. In both legs of the campaign, the most vulnerable such as the elderly, people with comorbidity, children and mothers, were prioritized.

Rotary Vax Drive was an overall success and the Rotary Clubs of Zone 7 were able to participate and contribute their time, talents and treasures in the conceptualization, facilitation and execution of this worthwhile project. The project was spearheaded by IATP Von Ong of the Rotary Club of San Juan Del Monte and IATP Jerome Canlas of the Rotary Club of San Juan North. They were supported by the IATPs Nancy Wee (San Juan), Kurt Soliman (REC Edsa

Ortigas), Roselle Suan (San Juan West), Ann Manhit (San Juan Central), Carol Ranillo-Zaragoza (Greenhills), Sonny Ayop (Downtown San Juan), Andi Aduhan (REC San Juan), Josh Santos (San Juan Supreme), Allan Floresca (San Juan Neopolitan), Annie Laborte (San Juan East) and Amby Capulong (San Juan United). Zone 7 Assistant Governors AG Lem Delos Reyes (San Juan North), AG Cesar Pangan (San Juan Neopolitan), AG Evelyn Butcon (San Juan East) and AG Joahanna Pimentel (San Juan Central) were also heavily involved in the project.



RCSJ'S SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

by **IATP NANCY WEE**
Rotary Club of San Juan

It was a wonderful experience to be an Imaginative Amazing Treasure President of the Rotary Club of San Juan (RCSJ) for Rotary Year 2022-2023. I learned a lot of things and I am thankful that RCSJ has made many people happy and inspired more people to fight and continue with their lives. I am happy to share to you some photos of the Club, District and Global Grant Projects which helped various communities. We did 23 successful service projects revolving on RI's areas of focus, namely:

1. Financial Literacy 101 for Rotaractors;
2. Financial Wellness Seminar for Teaching and Non-Teaching Employees;
3. Financial Literacy 2.0: Mag-invest sa Stock Market;
4. Brigada Eskwela 2022;
5. Trauma Healing Project;
6. Protect Your Eyes;
7. Rotary Vax Drive Anti Pneumonia Vaccination (Part 1);
8. Rotary Vax Drive Anti Pneumonia Vaccination (Part 2);
9. Rotary Vax Drive Anti Pneumonia Vaccination (Part 3);
10. Project Dos: Kulambo for The Family;
11. School Supplies For The Children;
12. 11th Blood Olympics;
13. Dugo ng San Juaneno Para Sa San Juaneno;
14. Tsinelas Para sa Batang Pier Year 2;
15. Out Race Polio: A Walk For A Cause;
16. Pediatric Care Global Grant Project in Partnership with RC Rodriguez;
17. Nanay At Anak Kadamay Mo Ang Rotary;
18. Feeding Project Handog ng Rotary Club of San Juan;
19. Gift Giving Project for Lolos of Little Sisters of The Abandoned Elderly;
20. Libreng Water Filter Handog ng Rotary Club of San Juan;

20. Lababo ng Bayan Handog ng Rotary Club of San Juan;
21. District 3800 Mangrove Tree Planting Project, Rehabilitation of Bamboo Bridge and Donation of Footwear or Boots; and
22. District 3800 Tree Planting Project.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Governor Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag for inspiring us, to DS Sherryl, DS Noel, SAG Calvin, AG Eve, AGs, IATPs, and to my RCSJ Family for all your support and guidance. Together, we did it as one!





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 SAN JUAN CITY HALL



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OCTOBER 24, 2022



SPORTS FOR HOPE, LEARN IT & ARUGA: RCGH'S Flagship Service Projects

by **IATP CAROL RANILLO**
Rotary Club of Greenhills

For this Rotary Year, the Rotary Club of Greenhills (RCGH) conducted its three (3) flagship service projects designed to inspire, educate and nurture the residents of the communities they serve. These projects are Sports for Hope, LEARN IT and Aruga which cover Rotary's Areas of Focus of Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, Basic Education and Literacy and Saving Mothers and Children.

Sports for Hope project was conducted on November 22, 2022 at the Camp Bagong Diwa, Bicutan, Taguig City. In partnership with Toby's Youth Sports Foundation, this annual project aims to assist the facility's rehabilitation efforts through the promotion of sports as an avenue to improve the patients' well-being as they try to reintegrate into the society as fully rehabilitated and reformed individuals. This year's activity under this project featured a volleyball and basketball clinic facilitated by Toby's Youth Foundation and their student-athlete interns from the University of Sto. Tomas designed to develop the value of health, fitness and mental wellness as a key rehab intervention and a potent tool in drug prevention. RCGH also invited sports personalities to further inspire the patients.

On the other hand, the LEARN IT project is a partnership of RCGH with Poweredge and Infsoft and focuses on the training and education of elementary students to advance their knowledge of the IT world. It is the vision of the program to foster future IT Engineers and software experts by laying down the foundations of IT learning and inspire the students. The LEARN IT hands on trainings program conducted at the Nicano Ibuna Elementary School in San Juan City also included donations of complete computer sets and printers donated by the RCGH.

Lastly, Project Aruga is a medical mission for mothers



and children with included post maternal and pediatric check-up which was conducted last Sept 13, 2022 in Pasig City. RCGH also conducted psychological talk and mother care seminar for mothers who were victims of rape and abuse.



THIS IS WHY WE JOINED ROTARY

by **IATP JEROME CANLAS**
Rotary Club of San Juan North

For this Rotary Year, the Rotary Club of San Juan North (RCSJN) adopted a barrio as we envisioned to have a long-lasting positive impact to the community. We chose Barrio Dalima, Tuy, Batangas, a poor community whose economy used to depend on its dry fields for sugarcane production. Given tough competition from imported sugar and outdated farming practices, the “central” in the area closed down, thus, devastating the livelihood of the residents in the area.

After months of preparation, studies, fund raising projects, internal planning, and coordination with the locals, we finally launched the seven (7) projects last April 1, 2023 aptly titled the 7 Magnanimous Service Projects of the RCSJN. The event was attended by barrio officials, medical volunteers, residents, and several Rotarians from RCSJN.

The projects that were meant to address the needs of the club’s adopted community and aligned to Rotary International’s areas of focus are, as follows:

1. **Tanglaw Ang Ngiti** – RCSJN conducted a dental mission in partnership with the dentists and assistants of Empire Dental meant to provide dental procedures to 160 residents. RCSJN also provided toothpastes and polident adhesive gels to the children;
2. **Tanglaw Ng Kagitingan** - RCSJN enhanced the Barangay Tanods’ capabilities to enforce safety and security of the barrio by providing them with raincoats, boots, batons and flashlights;
3. **Tanglaw Para Kay Inay** - RCSJN enabled the elderly women by providing two (2) wheelchairs to the Barangay Health Center;
4. **Tanglaw Para Sa Kaligtasan** - RCSJN improved the sanitary condition of four (4) elementary schools and the senior high school of Tuy by providing them *lavabos* where the students can

properly wash their hands. We also donated facemasks, alcohol and a disinfectant spray machine to the Barangay Health Center for proper disinfection of the public facilities;

5. **Tanglaw Para Sa Kalikasan** - RCSJN spearheaded a clean-up drive in the barangay roads and installed signages to promote cleanliness;
6. **Tanglaw ng Katalinuhan** - a feeding program for sixty (60) elementary students of Dalima Elementary School. RCSJN gave them McDonalds toys; and
7. **Tanglaw ng Kabuhayan (Magkambing Ay Di Biro)** - a goat-raising livelihood initiative which serves as RCSJN’s flagship project this Rotary Year. RCSJN used the traditional “*pa iwi*” system where seven (7) does (female goats) were delivered to chosen residents who are tasked to take care of the animals to produce offsprings (baby goats). All proceeds from this “*pa iwi*” system shall be shared equally by the community. RCSJN intends to expand and sustain this project for the coming years by using the proceeds to purchase more does.

Through these 7 Magnanimous Service Projects, we were all reminded of why we Rotarians do what we do. This is Rotary! We are the proud Rotarians of San Juan North!





“MAKINA NI INA” – Self-Sustaining Livelihood Project for Solo Parents

by **IATP ROSELLE SUAN**
Rotary Club of San Juan West

The Philippines’ solo/single parents are approximately 13.64% of the nation’s 110 million population as reported by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Their predicament includes being hampered in domestic chores, manifold role as a mother and father to a child, and the need to earn double or additional income to augment for the needs of the child. In San Juan City alone, solo/single parents need a benefit that will be able to ease some of their worries, one of which is the availability of daily earnings in a steady homebased livelihood.

The Rotary Club of San Juan West (RCSJW), District 3800–Philippines, and the Rotary Club of Kasukabe West (RCKW), District 2770–Japan, jointly responded to the call of these marginal members of our society through the World Community Service Project called “Makina ni Ina.”

Ten (10) units of brand-new JUKI Industrial sewing machines were turned over to four (4) barangays (Brgy. Onse, Brgy. Salapan, Brgy. Batis and Brgy. Corazon de Jesus) and to the RCC SJW PWD Association on January 23, 2023. The turnover was led by IATP Roselle Suan, together with the members of the Makina Committee. The solo parents were subjected to a 5-day Dressmaking Skills Training-Seminar at TESDA-San Juan City before they were allowed to start producing different products out of the scraps of fabrics that we provided them so that they can start their production.

Last April 18, 2023, the RCSJW and RCKW conducted a project site visit wherein the recipients showcased the different products that they made such as rags, potholders, aprons, pillows, pillowcases, bedsheets, etc.

Indeed, this project’s goal to provide a long-term and sustainable source of income for the solo parents of San Juan City is now starting to come into fruition.





Celebrating International Women's Day 2023: Highlights the Power of Technology in Empowering Women

by **IATP ALLAN FLORESCA**
Rotary Club of San Juan Neopolitan

"Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong, it's about changing the way the world perceives that strength." - G.D. Anderson

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Rotary Club of San Juan Neopolitan (RCSJN), in partnership with the Rotaract Club of PUP San Juan College of Education, and Young Educators' Society of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) San Juan (SJ) branch, conducted a webinar on March 1, 2023 at the PUPSJ Multi-Purpose Hall. The discussion revolved around the ways in which technology can be used to empower women and promotes gender equality, thus the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality." This event brought together leaders from various fields to share their experiences, triumphs, and insights on how technology can address the challenges faced by women which signals a significant step forward for women's rights, and empowerment.

San Juan First Lady Keri Zamora delivered her inspirational message about women's empowerment in recent years. She shared that women remain underrepresented in the technology fields, and also in gender diversity—referring to the representation of both men and women in the workplace, the equal treatment and opportunities for all genders, and protection from online harassment in different social media platforms.

Councilor Bea De Guzman, a Rotarian and a licensed psychometrician, also shared her experiences and insights on how technology can be harnessed to address the challenges faced by women, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. She discussed how she used technology to empower women in rural communities by providing them with access to



e-learning and e-commerce platforms.

Feminism has been instrumental in advancing women's rights and promoting gender equality in various spheres of society. Feminist activism and advocacy have contributed to significant gains in areas such as women's suffrage, reproductive rights, workplace equity, and domestic violence prevention, among others.

The event emphasized the importance of continuing to explore innovative ways to harness the power of technology for women's empowerment and to promote gender equality. They encouraged participants to work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable world, where women have equal access to education, employment, and opportunities for growth and development.





IMAGIN-ABLE: Interactive Program for Autism

by **IATP KURT SOLIMAN**
Rotary E-Club of EDSA Ortigas

IMAGIN-ABLE is an Interactive Program for Autism that provides the Kabayanan SPED Teachers with modern educational tools like smart phones and VR Glasses, allowing them to offer their SPED students learning experiences that cannot be provided by books. This project is focused on providing and aligning today's Special Education (SPED) teachers to be exposed to modern learning tools which will enable the expansion of new ways on how we can teach different kinds of learners through different kinds of technology and implementation of Education 4.0 (21st Century Learning Systems). This innovative project uses Virtual Reality (VR) technology, which changes how teachers utilize technology in the classroom. Students can now experience an interactive learning environment via the VR Reality Apps that can be downloaded in Google Play Store. This innovation in teaching triggers interest in learning with levels of questioning increased and questions asked by those who wouldn't normally engage. This technology can also help children who find learning difficult and challenging.

The Rotary E-Club of EDSA Ortigas, led by Imaginative Amazing Treasure President Kurt Soliman, Immediate Past President Maria Liza Pelagio, President Elect Ej Esguerra, President Nominee Francis Fabie and Rtn. Eman Esteras along with their World Community Service Fund project partner, the Rotary Club of Urawa (D2770 Japan), represented by District 2770 Chairperson International Committee (RC Urawa Nagoya Makoto, Tanaka Uichi of RC Urawa International Committee, donated forty (40) pieces of Oppo F1s mobile phones and 40 pieces of VR Glasses with Controller to the Kabayanan SPED School in San Juan City on April 22, 2023. The project was made possible by the World Community Service Fund donated by RC of Urawa of RD 2770 Japan amounting to PHP 132,000.00. The Turnover Ceremony was also attended by the Kabayanan

Elementary School SPED principal, faculty team, students and their parents.





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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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