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District Governor, RI D3800

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District Governor Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag and First Daughter, IPP Kristine Marie Tanyag pose for posterity at the End Polio Now bear mascot during their attendance at the RI Convention in Melbourne, Australia held last May 25-31, 2023.

INSET:

District Governor Bobby Tanyag with his Rotary classmate, District Governor Florian Enriquez of RI District 3780, also at the Melbourne RI Convention.

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2023



I believe it is a time in our world for brave, courageous, intentional leadership.

Last month, in this column, you heard from my dear friend Anniela Carracedo. She is an amazing member of our Rotary family, and as a past Interactor and now Rotarian, she is this kind of leader.

Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The outpouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too. do you take the best from the worst?

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to ensure that it remains a priority — and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care.

That is why I'm so heartened by President-elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the global mental health system, not only for Rotary members, but for the communities we serve.

When Gordon announced our focus on mental health at this year's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. Rotary service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives.

Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do right, and yet it builds on something that has been part of who we are for 118 years. We are People of Action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion.

Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can **Create Hope in the World**, Gordon's inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities, and if we can meet people where they are and lift them up, they will imagine Rotary in a new light and come to fully understand our value and our infinite potential.

JENNIFER JONES

President, Rotary International
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PHILIPPINE ROTARY FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST



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May is the month of Youth Service, the fifth avenue of service.

My greetings to all of you my beloved Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors of our District 3800 as I attend the Rotary International (RI) Convention in Melbourne, Commonwealth of Australia!

As a fitting tribute to the Youth, the RI Convention's two-day pre-opening activities were focused on the Youth. Special sessions were held for Rotaractors and their role beyond the Imagine Rotary Year. The sessions were a mini-celebration of the significant achievements of the 204,000 Rotaractors in 190 countries. The sessions highlighted the elevated roles of Rotaractors with their new membership status in RI. The new rights and privileges of Rotaract Clubs and Rotaractors were likewise presented during the two-day conference for the youth.

RI President Jennifer Jones stood alongside the Rotaract International Representative as she formally called to order the International Convention, encouraging full participation of Rotaractors in Melbourne, and in all future international conventions as well. The five-day convention was likewise jointly adjourned by the RI President and the Rotaract representative as well.

My plans for an extended holiday in Australia will not materialize, and will be back home soon to be able to celebrate the Rotaract DISCON on June 3, and 4, 2023.

I will certainly not miss the Rotaract DISCON to celebrate the significant achievements of our District's Rotaract Team, having garnered all the most prestigious awards in Philippine Rotaract. Membership growth in Rotaract has been phenomenal at 25 percent with 1,400 registered members during the Imagine Rotary and Rotaract Year.

My sincerest congratulations to our District Rotaract Representative Christine Nicolas, her Executive Committee, and all the Rotaract Clubs in District 3800 for leading all Philippine Rotaract Clubs with all their sustainable service projects, their very creative public image projects, their super fun fellowships which I had a chance to participate in, their significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and their highest membership growth during Rotaract Year 2022 2023. I doff my hats off to DRR Christine Nicolas for an unimaginably Imaginative Rotaract Year! You indeed have done a fantastic memorable Rotaract Journey!

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) held last October 2022 in a Boot Camp in Calawis, Antipolo City by the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range successfully honed the leadership skills of all future leaders of Rotaract



Clubs with emphasis on excellence in leading clubs, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and deep commitment to the preservation of the Environment. The three-day RYLA was hosted by the Rotary Club of Cainta, headed by its Imaginative Amazing Treasure President Maggie Esteves, and her team of vibrant Rotarians, Rotary Academy Vice Chair Jeng Liban, PP Ophel Bello, DRC PP Jenny Cruz, PP Glen Rentoria, and AG Sixto Cruz.

Another forthcoming event is the Interact DISCON being planned by DIR Anasa Acebo, and the District Interact Chair, PP Sheila Yun de Borja, this June.

All the imagined possibilities for the Youth Service Avenue has been fulfilled immensely during this Imagine Rotary and Rotaract Year and I commend all of you for having built a bridge towards Creating Hope in the World!

My heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all my beloved Rotaractors, and Interactors of District 3800! Mabuhay ang Rotaract and Interact!

ARTURO C. TANYAG

District Governor, RI D3800
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PART OF THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT FROM RI D3800 WITH DG ARTURO "BOBBY" TANYAG WHO ATTENDED THE RI CONVENTION IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA LAST MAY 27-31, 2023



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DISTRICT SECRETARY for OPERATION NOEL L. CUICO



As we celebrate the month of May in Rotary as Youth Service Month, I am one with DG Bobby Tanyag in commending our Rotaractors and Interactors in the district for their valuable contributions to the success District 3800 has achieved so far. Special mention, of course to DRR Christine Nicolas for leading and inspiring all Rotaract clubs in the district to accomplish significant sustainable projects. Kudos also to her and to her team for garnering most of the major awards in Philippine Rotaract.

In this regard, I am inviting everyone to support the Rotaract DISCON which will be held on June 3-4, 2023. I am vigorously campaigning for support of our youth organizations as I will be the Youth Service Chair the following Rotary year.

To all IATPs and Rotary clubs of RI District 3800, after all the best efforts you have given to Rotary service during RY 2022-2023, now is the time to reap the fruits of your hard labor. The District Awards and

Recognition Night goes live on June 24, 2023 at Arete Ateneo. Good luck everyone, this is your most-awaited moment, the time for you and your club members to whoop it up and celebrate as you and your club is called upon and given its deserved recognition. And hopefully, all of you have already complied with the criteria and requirements set by the awards committee.

The recently-concluded Rotary International Convention held in Melbourne, Australia last May 27-31, 2023 was a rousing success. The convention's theme, "Imagine What's Next" was a fitting challenge for me and for all Rotarians around the globe to think of what we can do beyond what has already been done, what we could still achieve beyond what has not yet been accomplished. The Philippine contingent composed of Rotarians from the 10 Rotary districts in the Philippines was united as ever with the delegates from District 3800 being the most energetic. Congrats to "On to Melbourne" Chair, DGN Bobby Zamora for "taking care of the needs" of our delegates.

Let me also take this time to tell you that incoming District Governor Ronald "Pope" Solis, spouse Vicky and yours truly had the opportunity to attend the District 3750's DISCON 2023 in South Korea.

My home club, the Rotary Club of Malabon, is celebrating its 50th Charter Anniversary on June 7, 2023 at Winford Hotel Manila. Hope you could all come to witness the milestones our club has achieved during its 50 years of existence.

Lastly, may I remind all Assistant Governors to please fill up the Senior Assistant Governor Endorsement Form as I advised in the Rotary D3800 Announcements viber group chat. Thank you.

NOEL L. CUICO

District Secretary for Operation

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May is celebrated in the Rotary Calendar as Youth Service Month. Emphasis is placed on plans, projects and programs for the new generation who are said to inherit this earth. In our district, a number of great projects and initiatives have been done in pursuit of youth development, spearheaded by our Youth Service Committee.

On another note, May also marked the 2023 Rotary International (RI) Convention. Specifically, on May 27-31, 2023, this international confab is conducted in Melbourne, Australia. Governor Bobby and IPP Kristine Tanyag led the delegation from our District. It was a fun and enriching experience as Rotarians from various parts of the world gathered in the name of service and fellowship.



Also, May is the second to the last month before the end of a Rotary Calendar. This means that our term of service is closely drawing to an end in a couple of months and a new team has to assume leadership posts.

As our Imaginative Amazing Treasure Year is drawing to an end, let us reflect on what we have done so far. Did we meet the set goals and objectives for this Rotary Year? I hope our clubs have successfully met their goals and aspirations that hopefully created positive impact on the lives of our beneficiaries and brought a great sense of fulfillment and joyful feeling to our club members and officers as well.

Let me exhort everyone to rejoice and celebrate our success and triumphs in the name of service and fellowship. Indeed, our year together had been marked with challenges and constraints but we managed to carry on. There were fun, exciting and good memories together, with a number of people benefiting from our projects and programs. We attended fun and exciting events which brought us great memories which we should cherish even beyond our term of service. We forged partnership and friendship with peers and colleagues inside and outside our district, and even internationally. These are some of the wonderful things that we remember and keep in our hearts during our term of service.

Of course, the hard work of our IATPs, District Officers, Rotarians and Spouses during RY 2022-2023 cannot be left unnoticed. Indeed, since Day 1 of RY 2022-2023, the District Awards Committee had actually been searching and noting for your projects and activities. While to some of us, awards and citations are not just as important as what matters is service above self, let the District, however, as a show of gratitude and thanksgiving, bestow awards to deserving individuals and clubs who have made a great impact in Rotary Year 2022-2023, to hopefully bring inspiration and positive impact to everyone!

So, on behalf of Governor Bobby and our District Awards Committee, chaired by PP Armi Quibael, I am exhorting you all to attend our 2023 District Awards and Recognition Night which will be held at the Arete Ateneo Hyundai Hall, Quezon City on June 24, 2023, 2 p.m. onwards. Let this be an occasion to celebrate our year of fun and success!

SHERRYLOU O. KHOSIKING

District Secretary for Administration

D3800 Spouses attended the RI Convention 2023 held in Melbourne, Australia



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

The Rotary International Convention is an annual event that brings together members of Rotary Clubs from around the world to share ideas, learn from each other, collaborate with projects, and celebrate their accomplishments, to name a few. The Convention features keynote speakers, workshops, breakout sessions, and social events. For this year, it was held in the beautiful city of Melbourne in Australia from May 25 to 31.



Spouses of Rotary members are also welcome to attend the Convention and can participate in most of the activities. The Convention organizers typically offer a spouse program that includes tours of local attractions, cultural experiences, and social events. Spouses can also attend the general sessions and some of the workshops and breakout sessions.



I was able to attend the general sessions at the legendary Rod Laver Arena, where the Australian Open is held yearly, with each session always leaving me inspired and motivated. Another interesting event to take

note of is the House of Friendship. This is where attendees can visit exhibits showcasing Rotary's areas of focus but more importantly, this is where friendships are built as we were able to interact with different Rotarians from all over the world! We even met Captain Rotary! How exciting was that! We also had the Philippine Breakfast organized by PRID Raffy Garcia. We were able to meet all the Philippine delegates as well as a few select Rotarians from other countries. It was nice to be with everyone in a different country for a change!



Attending the Rotary International Convention is a great opportunity to meet new people from different cultures but aside from that, it is also a great opportunity to explore the host city. In this trip, we were able to explore Yarra Valley which is one of the most renowned wine regions in Australia. We were able to go on a wine tasting tour and indeed it was a great way to see what Melbourne has to offer 50km away from the city. The weather was perfect as we enjoyed the scenery while sipping wine.

Thank you Melbourne and to the Rotary International Convention 2023 organizers for this amazing experience!





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FROM DOWN UNDER:

A Memorable Rotary Convention in Melbourne

by IATP Margaret Canlas



Atending the Rotary International Convention was a remarkable experience I will cherish for years. The convention's theme, "Imagine What's Next," was a perfect fit as it encouraged all attendees to think beyond what's currently happening and imagine a better future for Rotary. Being a Club President and a first-time RI convention delegate, I was thrilled to be a part of this inspiring and meaningful event.

From the moment I arrived at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Center, I was struck by the excitement and enthusiasm of the attendees. There was an air of anticipation as everyone was gearing up for an eventful and productive week. The convention provided a perfect platform for networking and collaboration. Delegates worldwide shared ideas, exchanged information, and learned from industry experts.

During the Opening Ceremony, I felt a swell of pride as I stood alongside my fellow Philippine Delegates. The energy in Rod Laver Arena was infectious, and it was clear that we were all united in our commitment to the values of Rotary International.

One of the highlights of the convention for me was the House of Friendship. This is where I met many Rotarians from around the world and got some fantastic ideas for community service projects. Networking with fellow Rotarians and learning from their experiences was inspiring, and it reminded me of the great global work that Rotary does.

One of my most meaningful experiences was attending the President's Luncheon on May 29, where RI President Jennifer Jones shared her personal experiences and inspired all the Club Presidents in attendance. Her leadership and vision are truly inspiring, and it was an honour to be in the same room with her and so many other leaders in the Rotary community.

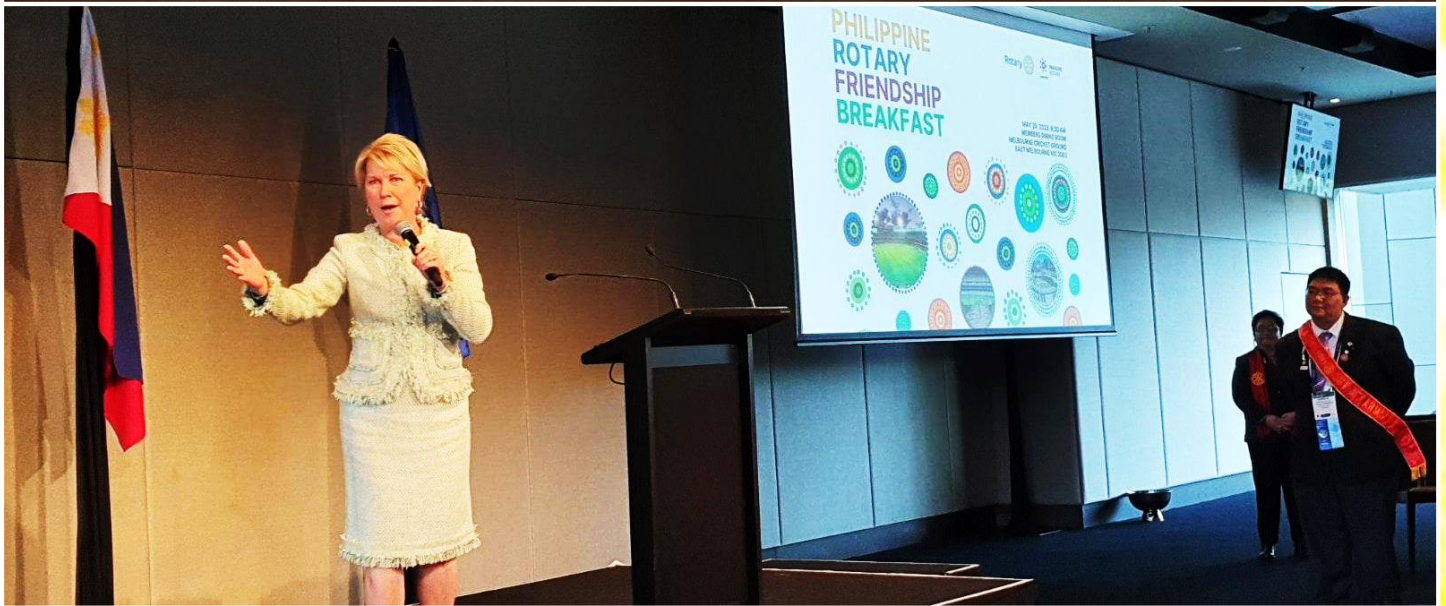
All in all, my Rotary International Convention experience was one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. It was a well-organized and meaningful event, and I look forward to attending future conventions. The theme, "Imagine What's Next," reflects the spirit of innovation and collaboration that is synonymous with Rotary International. I left feeling energized and motivated, with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to serving my community through Rotary. I am proud to be a part of this global organization and look forward to what the future holds.



RI CONVENTION 2023 PHOTO GALLERY



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Exciting things to happen on the 2023 District Awards Night

By **PP LORENZO MINA**
Rotary Club of Marikina North

Get ready for one exciting glittery Awards Night!

After nearly a year of collating, tabulating and finalizing all quarterly reports from every Rotary Club in the District, the Awards Committee led by Chair Armi Quibael will finally reveal the awardees of this year's District Awards and Recognition Night. Will your club make it to the Most Outstanding or Most Outstanding with Distinction Club of District 3800? Who will take home the coveted Outstanding President and Assistant Governor of the year? What would make the cut for Outstanding Projects?

Join us this June 24, 2023, 2 pm onwards at the Arete Ateneo Hyundai Hall, Quezon City, for a gathering of glitz, glamour and crystal trophies, all custom designed from China. So slink into your toniest outfits and bask in the applause and recognition for all the hardwork and projects you have accomplished for the last 12 months. Presidents, this is your night! Have a blast!

Along with all the awards committee members, Adviser Dan Santos, Secretary Jo Sarte, Vice-Chair Bea De Guzman-Cabatbat and Chair Armi Quibael, a set of stringent and simplified rules were followed to the dot to easily rate and rank each Club's accomplishment reports. Good luck to everyone!



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PAGSIBOL (The Birth of a New, Unique Rotary Club)

By **ROTARIAN ALEXIS CARL CLIDORO**
Rotary E-Club of Scale Experts MaRiz



Introducing the Rotary E-Club of Scale Experts MaRiz, a community of passionate changemakers dedicated to making a positive impact in the world. Join us in our vision to create a better world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive! Together, let's make a difference and build a brighter future for all!

The birth of this unique club showcased the commitment and innovative spirit of Rotary International (RI), as well as the drive for progress in the digital age. This new club is one of the firsts in Rotary's new club models, being the first Corporate Club in District 3800, the second perhaps in the Philippines, but the first Corporate e-Club in the world!



The club's Charter Presentation was held at the Theodore Events Place in Marikina City on May 20, 2023. It was a grand affair attended by Rotary

dignitaries, corporate leaders, community members, and of course, their mother club, the Rotary Club of Rodriguez. The event showcased the innovative approach of the Rotary E-Club of Scale Experts MaRiz, highlighting its unique features and objectives.

The event started with a call to order by the club's New Club Adviser, Brian Mathew Ligsay of the mother club, and guests were acknowledged by SAG Arthleen Fetalvero of RC San Mateo. Then, the guests were welcomed by our District Membership Chair, ARPIC/ PDG Tonipi Paruñgao. Charging of members was done by District New Club Development Chair PP Edman Manzanares, while SAG Arthleen led the charging of club officers. Our esteemed District Governor, Bobby Tanyag, led the induction ceremony for our new club members and officers.



In her speech, Charter President (CP) Pamela Ann Baluyo emphasized the importance of fostering a sense of community among corporate professionals and utilizing their collective skills to address societal challenges. She stressed the need for collaboration and encouraged members to actively participate in service projects, both locally and internationally. As the current District Membership Engagement Chair, she also encouraged Rotarians with their own businesses to involve their employees through Rotary, and use this club model to foster employee engagement and retention.

The charter presentation of the Rotary E-Club of Scale Experts MaRiz marked a significant milestone in the history of RI. Led by CP Pamela, this groundbreaking Rotary Corporate E-Club aims to empower corporate professionals to make a positive change in their communities.



ZONE 8: MANDALUYONG

By **PP HELEN K. BUENCAMINO**

Senior Assistant Governor, Zone 8
Rotary Club of Greater Mandaluyong



Mandaluyong City is being referred to as “Tiger City of the Philippines”, “Metro Manila’s Heart”, and the “Shopping Mall Capital of the Philippines”. There are lots of sources of where this city got its name. Some claim that the place got its name from the Tagalog terms “mga” which means many and “daluy” which means flowing in reference to the tall grasses that grew in the land many years ago. Others also claimed that it got its name from the incident when Acapulco, a navigator, saw that the rolling hills were frequently lashed at by “daluyong” or big waves from the sea. Hence, the residents gave an answer to those who inquired about the name of the place as “madaluyong”. Later, the Spaniards affixed a consonant “n” to it, thus, making it “Mandaluyong”.

The Rotary Clubs in Mandaluyong City undertake various service projects to address local community needs and contribute to the betterment of society. While specific projects may vary over time, here are some examples of service projects that the Rotary Clubs in Mandaluyong City or nearby areas have been involved in:

- **Education Initiatives:** We supported educational programs, like organizing literacy campaigns, donating books and school supplies to underprivileged schools, and funding infrastructure improvements for educational institutions.
- **Health and Wellness:** We engaged in initiatives to promote health and wellness in the community like blood donations, medical missions, conducting vaccination drives, supporting healthcare facilities with equipment or funding.
- **Environmental Conservation:** Many Rotary Clubs in Mandaluyong City participated in activities that focus on environmental sustainability and

conservation. We organized/joined tree-planting campaigns, coastal clean-ups, recycling drives, and awareness campaigns on climate change and environmental protection.

- **Community Development:** We often undertake projects to uplift local communities. This involved supporting livelihood programs for marginalized groups, providing clean water and sanitation facilities to underserved areas, and implementing infrastructure projects for community development.
- **Disaster Response and Relief:** Rotary Clubs undertook prompt response during natural disasters, and fire. They provided immediate relief assistance to affected communities, including distributing food, water, and essential supplies.
- **Youth Development:** The Rotary Clubs in Mandaluyong City focus on nurturing the next generation of leaders through various youth development programs and did mentoring initiatives, leadership training, career guidance, and scholarships for deserving youth.

It is important to note that the specific projects and initiatives undertaken by the Rotary Clubs in Mandaluyong City can vary from year to year based on the needs of the community and the priorities of the individual clubs. We highlighted some of this year’s service projects from Zone 8 in the succeeding pages.

With the diligent and remarkable support of my Assistant Governors namely: Vince Diy, Gerald Gallardo, Bryan Lu, Rey Pineda, and Joel Reña, all 14 Rotary Clubs surpassed their challenges and rewarded with generous appreciation from the communities they served. Kudos to all of my 5 Imaginative Amazing Treasure Assistant Governors and my 14 Imaginative Amazing Treasure Presidents of Zone 8 – Mandaluyong, your club members and spouses! I appreciate all of you, thank you!



Here are the Rotary Clubs of Zone 8 and their respective Imaginative Amazing Treasures Presidents:

- RC Mandaluyong – IATP Rogelio T. Cruz, Jr.
- RC Mandaluyong West – IATP Herminigildo “Hermie” Cariño
- RC Mandaluyong North – IATP Estanislao V. Alim III
- RC Mandaluyong Central – IATP Margaret D. Canlas
- RC Mandaluyong East – IATP Clarisa S. Clemente
- RC Mandaluyong Uptown – IATP Divina Gracia B. Antang
- RC Wack Wack – IATP Roberto A. Castanares, Jr.
- RC Manpasan – IATP Ma. Regina Patricia A. Sim-Ruiz
- RC Greater Mandaluyong – IATP Ema T. Malinao
- RC Southern Mandaluyong – IATP Michelle D. Manuel
- RC Mandaluyong Premier – IATP Julius M. Guevara
- RC Mandaluyong Biyaya – IATP Pemoel R. Ng
- RC Greenfield District – IATP Rosanna L. Llenado
- ReC Inner Heart – IATP Jaena Jimenez

RC Mandaluyong's Rotary Class Act

By IATP ROGELIO T, CRUZ, JR.
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong

The Rotary Club of Mandaluyong (RCM) has embarked on a unique service project called "Rotary Class Act." Their mission was to uplift the lives of ten (10) remarkable female students attending La Salle Green Adult Night High School (LSGH ANHS).

For these 10 young women, education was the key to unlocking a brighter future. However, they faced numerous obstacles, including the lack of resources and financial constraints. Recognizing their potential, RCM saw an opportunity to make a difference and decided to sponsor their education journey.

The project's objective was to alleviate the burdens that weighed on these young shoulders. RCM committed to sponsoring their transportation costs for eight (8) months, ensuring that they could travel to school hassle-free. They also provided them with mobile data, allowing them to access online resources and stay connected with their teachers and classmates.

As news of the "Rotary Class Act" spread, the students were filled with hope. They felt a renewed sense of determination to make the most of this incredible opportunity that had been bestowed upon them.



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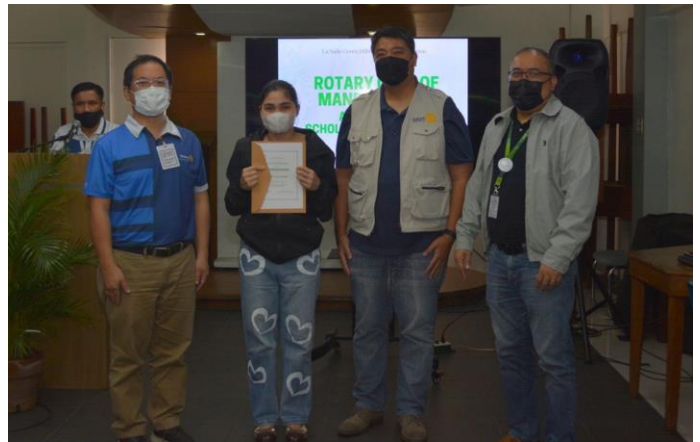
Every day, the 10 students would wake up with a spark of excitement, knowing that they could pursue their dreams and aspirations with unwavering support from RCM. Their commitment to their studies became unshakeable, as they understood the importance of education in transforming their lives.

The RCM members, too, were deeply moved by the impact they were making. Witnessing the 10 students' perseverance and dedication fueled their passion to continue making a positive change in their community. The project became a symbol of female empowerment, reinforcing the idea that education is a powerful catalyst for progress.

As the 8 months flew by, the students' progress became evident. They not only excelled academically but also grew as individuals, gaining confidence and self-belief. Their stories began to inspire others, igniting a ripple effect of positive change within the community.

At the end of the sponsorship period, a ceremony was held to celebrate the incredible journey of these ten female students. RCM applauded their achievements, knowing that they had helped set them on a path toward a brighter future.

"Rotary Class Act" became a testament to the transformative power of education and the impact a collective effort could make. It served as a reminder that by investing in the dreams and aspirations of young minds, a community could be uplifted, and the world could be changed for the better.



Aiding the Fire Victims

By IATP HERMIE CARIÑO
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong West

A service project activity may be simple but the joy it creates lasts a lifetime.

In Mandaluyong City, there were thousands who experienced losses due to fire. Their recovery would be facilitated if assisted or aided by others.

For the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong West (RCMW), we believe that is in helping and sharing that we will be able to actualize our potentials and become the best versions of ourselves. Hence, RCMW conducted a project meant to help fire victims in their road to recovery.





RCMN's Tulong Pangkabuhayan Project

By **RTN. CLARISSA P. TIBAR**
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong North

“Think of your future for your parents will not be there forever. It is important that earning becomes your habit.”

Thus, emphasized by the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong North's (RCMN) Treasurer and lead project proponent, Rotarian Maria Socorro G. Jimenez, during the conduct of the club's project entitled *“Tulong Pangkabuhayan: Livelihood Skills and Entrepreneurship Program for Parent and Batang Andres”* conducted on October 22, 2022 at the Andres Bonifacio Integrated School Senior High School (ABIS-SHS) Department.

Further, the RCMN Treasurer motivated the 12 Batang Andres beneficiaries of the project, together

with their parents, to persevere, rather than depend on anyone else.

Accordingly, the livelihood project aims to inspire the participants not to be afraid to start a small business as stated too by Rotarian Jimenez.

The livelihood project graced by the certified TESDA Trainer Jeddhalyn C. Gelera as the guest demonstrator lasted for four hours of assisted cooking. Gelera taught the Batang Andres and parents on how to cook siopao, siomai, and empanada.

Meanwhile, the event was attended by the following members of the RCMN, namely, Rotarian Clarissa P. Tibar, Program Moderator; Rosalyn Manlangit, RCMN Secretary; and Analyn So, Co-Project Proponent, Annabelle G. Cazin, Past President and Public Image Chairperson; Rtn. Anselma M. Almarez; Rtn. Marilou T. Gabriel; and Past President Ricardo Z. Santos, TRF Director.

Moreover, Technology and Livelihood Education teachers assisted the RCMN during the project run. The project concluded with the participants receiving tokens from the RCMN which consisted of cooking apron, hairnet, siomai wrapper, flour and streamer.



RCMC empowers women deprived of liberty

By IATP MARGARET D. CANLAS
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Central

With only one week preparation, the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Central (RCMC) managed to implement a memorable and meaningful service project that is worthy of being the Special Charter Anniversary Project of the club. Aptly called “Giving Back and Looking Forward on our 38th”, this project was conducted in celebration of the 38 glorious years of the RCMC. Armed with the deep desire to help others, the members and spouses of RCMC were able to do unimaginable things, coming up with 8 service projects covering 7 Areas of Focus, all in one Rotary Day of Service.

Last March 27, 2023, on the very day of the 38th Charter Anniversary of RCMC, members and spouses proceeded to the Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) in Mandaluyong City to conduct 8 service projects for empowering women. These projects consisted of the following:

- 1) Mental Health Wellness Seminar;
- 2) Free Yoga;
- 3) Free Haircut, Massage, Manicure, Pedicure;
- 4) Dental Mission (Examination and Extraction);
- 5) Donation of Hygiene Kits;
- 6) Donation of Waste Bins for Waste Management;
- 7) Donation of Salon Chairs and Materials; and
- 8) Modules for livelihood training

It was a very sunny afternoon as the RCMC members, spouses, and guests entered the CIW.

In the quadrangle of the maximum security compound, there were chairs set up under a big tent, for the guests to sit down and watch the introductory performances of the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

A welcome marching dance by beautiful PDLs in majorette costumes greeted the visitors with grace and smiles. This was followed by a fervent invocation



by young women who, instead of singing or reciting a prayer, executed the same through dance, barefooted under the scorching heat of the afternoon sun. Thereafter, a big Philippine flag was placed on the flagpole in front. A corner of the flag was held by a PDL who stood proudly in attention while the national anthem was being played, a display of love of country despite their circumstances. Intermission numbers were given by talented PDLs, in costumes and executions worthy of being in “Pilipinas Got Talent”.

CTSUPT Elsa Alabado delivered the Welcome Remarks, thanking the RCMC for its generosity and thoughtfulness on behalf of the PDLs. RI District 3800 Governor Arturo “Bobby” Tanyag mentioned that it was his first time to enter the women’s facility and encouraged the PDLs to always hope for a “second chance” in life.

Governor Bobby and District Secretary Sherryl Khosiking conducted rounds in the facility to check on the implementation of each service project, from witnessing the long line of the dental check-up, to observing the haircuts, and even participating in the yoga session. Thank you Governor Bobby and DS Sherryl for being part of our Charter Anniversary event!

This Charter Anniversary Service Project could not have been possible without contributions from the members and spouses of RCMC and the assistance of service partners, namely, Kumare Klub, David’s Salon, and Mandaluyong Manpower Technical Vocational Training Center.

Thank you to all those who were instrumental in making this 38th Charter Anniversary Project successful, meaningful, and worthy of epitomizing the 38 years of our club service!





Aabante sa Pante

By IATP DEE B. ANTANG
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Uptown



Fishing holds immense significance for countless coastal communities in the Philippines, serving as a vital source of sustenance and income. However, fishermen often confront hurdles as they endeavor to explore further fishing grounds due to limitations in their equipment. The use of traditional nets restricts their fishing activities to shallower waters near the shore. Unfortunately, certain communities, such as the fishermen of Brgy. Binuangan, Obando, Bulacan, are confronted with an even more daunting predicament. The ongoing construction of an airport in Bulacan has had a profound impact on these coastal communities, intensifying their struggle to meet their basic needs and adequately support their families.

The Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Uptown (RCMU) had the privilege to immerse themselves and experience a day in a life of these hopeful fisherman from Bulacan. In response to the call for help and hope, RCMU journeyed to deliver some sparks of happiness, not just to the fishermen, but their families as well.

With the donation of the RCMU of fish gillnets to these fishermen, they were provided with the necessary tools to enhance their fishing range and

expand their catch to uplift their economic prospects. Providing them with larger fish nets designed for deeper waters empower them to explore and fish in more distant areas. This offers two-fold advantage: it increases their catch potential and reduces the strain on heavily fished coastal regions, fostering sustainable fishing practices.

Engaging in service projects like this is truly gratifying and inspiring. It allows us to empower coastal communities and advocate for sustainable fishing practices. Undoubtedly, this compassionate gesture significantly influences the welfare of fishermen and their communities. By working together, we can make a substantial difference in the lives of these hardworking individuals and contribute to a more promising future.





Promoting Peace: YAKAP AKAP Year 2

By IATP MA. REGINA PATRICIA A. SIM-RUIZ
Rotary Club of MANPASAN

I finally met them face to face during the Imaginative Amazing Treasure Year – twenty (20) orphaned children and their guardians who were adopted by the Rotary Club of MANPASAN. Together, we played, we sang and we danced, we learned, we laughed and we spent time together!

In 2016, the then Duterte administration launched an unrelenting violent “war on drugs” that affected urban poor communities. This had left behind thousands of families orphaned, traumatized and scarred for life. “Binaril po siya ilang beses...napakasakit po dahil kaharap ng aming mga anak!”

In response to the immediate needs of families devastated by the tragic loss of their loved ones, humanitarian worker and Rotary Club of ManPaSan’s Rotary Peace Fellow, Milet Mendoza, established Akap Pamilya with the Diocese of Novaliches in 2017. Since then, the program has grown and developed a more holistic approach which includes Psycho-Emotional Support (e.g. counseling, art therapy, recreational activities), Social Enterprise (e.g. interest-free loan assistance) and Educational Assistance Program (provision of monthly school allowance for orphaned families), among others.



In Yakap Akap, Rotary Club of ManPaSan partners with Akap Pamilya for the second year. Through personal fundraising efforts and corporate sponsorship (Gandang Kalikasan, Inc.), we were able to send twenty (20) children to school. Through our members’ valuable contribution of time and skills, we organized two in-person enrichment sessions where we designed and facilitated activities that promote healing and upliftment of the orphans, the widows and the guardians. Amidst darkness, I saw how the human spirit’s resilience shone through. What a privilege to be a witness to the Lord’s unfailing love and mercy! Truly, Rotary creates environments where peace can happen!





Growth Mindset and the Power of Yet

By IATP MICHELLE D. MANUEL
Rotary Club of Southern Mandaluyong

This service project was developed as an initiative, taking response to our problematic state of education. Being in the academe during the pandemic has been the most challenging time for both our beloved teachers and students. Thus, I have decided to take on the challenge and share something valuable to somehow help create change.

Last December 8-9, 2022, the members of the Rotary Club of Southern Mandaluyong (RCSM) were blessed to be given the opportunity to conduct our 7-in-1 service project in Malasiqui, Pangasinan.

Specifically, for the Basic Education and Literacy area of focus, we have conducted a seminar workshop on “Growth Mindset” and the “Power of Yet” to the grade school faculty, consisting of 70 teachers of the Malasiqui Central School.

The following insights were discussed with them: (1) Growth Mindset as a new way of thinking; (2) it is a new perspective of looking at things; and (3) it is about accepting and appreciating each of the students’ abilities and potentials, as well as failures and difficulties. Another main point emphasized was the importance of turning each learning experience into a fun, meaningful, and purposeful moment to make the students enjoy the learning process.



It was, indeed, our club’s pride and pleasure to be of service to our dear public school teachers. Enlightening them about the benefits of shifting their perspective from a Fixed Mindset to Growth Mindset was amazing. Highlighting the importance of making the students feel safe and looking at their failures as a learning opportunity, rather than impediments to learning, was enriching. Lastly, encouraging them to embrace the Power of Yet has made them determined to carry out their role to help each of their students reach their full potential.

As an educator myself, I feel tremendously happy to be part of this endeavor that will hopefully, create a lasting change in our education system.



Tulungan, Diyabetiko: Part 2

By IATP JULIUS M. GUEVARA
Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Premier

Last April 29, 2023, the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Premier (RCMP) organized a repeat of its “Tulungan, Diyabetiko” medical mission project at Barangay Old Zaniga, Mandaluyong City. Similar to the first medical mission held back in August 2022, this was conducted together with the local government of Barangay Old Zaniga, who identified qualified indigent diabetic patients from the community. For the second medical mission, the previous diabetic patients were invited for follow-up checkup so that their progress could be monitored. The medical mission was held at the new Multi-Purpose Hall of Barangay Old Zaniga.

Once again, Quanta Paper Corporation and Quanta Foundation were extremely generous to provide medicine vouchers from The Generics Pharmacy worth P5,000 each to forty (40) patients, as well as samples of their products. Doctors and medical students from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), through the Tau Mu Sigma Fraternity, as well as medical students from the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay College of Medicine (UERMCM), lent their time and expertise to diagnose and prescribe medicines to the diabetic patients. The Rotaract Club of Mandaluyong Premier also participated in assisting the patients as they went through their checkup. This project was truly a community effort with all of the various groups participating, ensuring that it would be a success.



Keeping the Community Healthy, Equipping Barangay Health Station

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On April 29, 2023, the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Biyaya (RCMB), in partnership with Kalipi Foundation and the Department of Social Welfare and Development Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), turned over a donation of medical equipment and supplies to the otherwise ill-equipped barangay health station of the far-flung and remote Barangay of San Mariano in Peñaranda, Nueva Ecija.

The health station was built by the Peñaranda LGU, while the DSWD sought for donors of the medical equipment to address the basic needs for medical emergency response and health maintenance of 46 family-grantees of the DSWD 4Ps program plus about 280 households or 1,300 individual other members of the community.

RCMB Rotarians led by Charter President (CP) Gani Dominguez and Spouse Phet, Imaginative Amazing Treasure President (IATP) Boy Ng, Past President (PP) Monjay Jimenez and Spouse Ellen, Club Secretary Danny Palma, President Nominee (PN) Mike Temporal, Service Director Serge Tinawin and Club Sergeant-at-Arms Rodel Dominguez, drove 5 hours from Manila to personally handover the donations. Kalipi Foundation Executive Director and at the same time RCMB Rotarian, Eloisa Jane Cunanan, was RCMB's project coordinator at the site.



The RCMB's donation was composed of oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, stretchers, blood pressure monitors, oximeters, nebulizer machine and kits, stethoscopes and a hospital bed, with a total value of P200,100.00, which was made possible through a District Grant awarded by RI District 3800 c/o Grant Chair PP Pilar Lee and District Governor Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag.

The Nueva Ecija-based Kalipi Foundation donated cabinets, tables and electric fans with an approximate value of P50,000.00, which was supported by a grant from the Japan Asian Friendship Society of Osaka, Japan.





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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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