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About the Cover

The cover featuring D3800 District Governor Roberto "Bobby" Zamora highlights his active participation and leadership during the "Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio" campaign. This event is a synchronized nationwide effort in the Philippines to combat polio, emphasizing the importance of vaccination in protecting children against this preventable disease. As a prominent Rotary leader, Governor Zamora's involvement underscores Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide, a cornerstone of Rotary International's global initiatives.

In addition, this month's focus on The Rotary Foundation Month aligns perfectly with the theme of "Doing Good in the World." During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide celebrate the Foundation's impact by organizing events, fundraising efforts, and service projects. This includes campaigns like "Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio," showcasing how contributions to the foundation directly support transformative programs that create lasting change. The dual spotlight on the polio campaign and the Foundation underscores Rotary's ongoing mission to serve humanity and foster goodwill globally.



Rotary International President Message

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 on February, 2025 will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is The Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

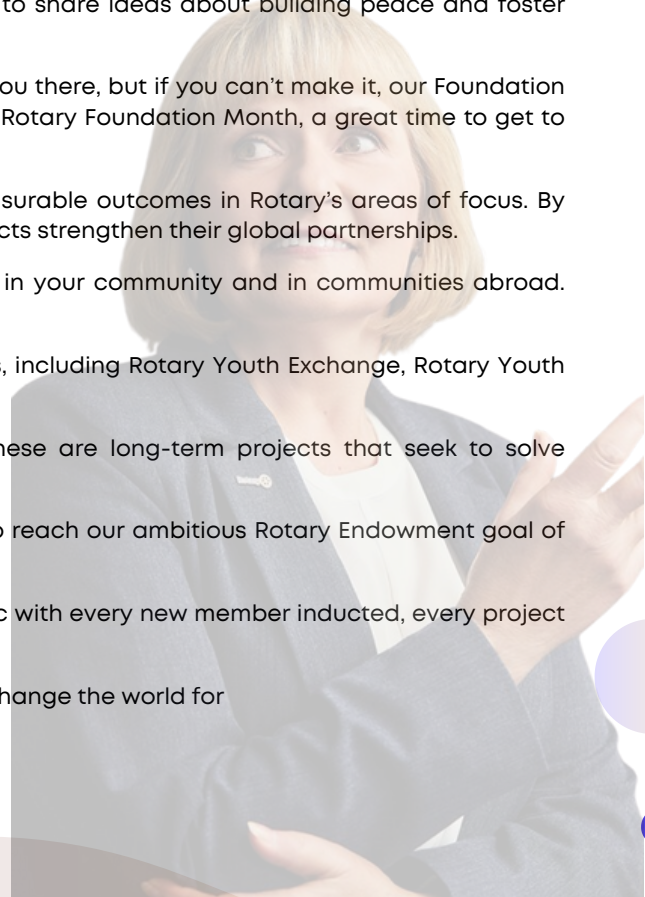
Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
President 2024-2025





District Governor's Message

This month of November, we celebrate The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month. Time and again, we are reminded to share our blessings to our less fortunate brothers and sisters through the TRF.

Indeed, the TRF is one of the avenues for sharing. TRF's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, education support, and poverty alleviation. Our TRF contributions directly support Rotary member-led service projects that supply clean water, support mothers and children, promote education, protect the environment, prevent disease, and will one day end polio.

Along this line, we encourage everyone to help raise funds and awareness for TRF this Giving Tuesday, 3 December 2024. Indeed, this global day of generosity is an opportunity for all members to make a big impact with a gift of any size. A donation to Annual Fund-SHARE supports projects you are passionate about, both in your community and around the world. A gift to [PolioPlus](#) helps transport vaccines and immunize children to keep them safe.

Please take note that TRF will again recognize the top three clubs in fundraising, donor participation, and online giving. Just be sure the gifts are made on 3 December!

As we approach this day of giving, let us remind our members that every contribution, regardless of size, helps Rotary create positive change in in the world. We know that with your help, we can make an even bigger impact because of Giving Tuesday!

On another note, let me congratulate RC Mutya ng Pasig for successfully hosting the district's End Polio Now Campaign last November 6, 2024 in Barangay Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City. Dubbed as "Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio," it was a successful event that benefitted around 100 babies aged 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 months. Spouse Raquel and I extend our special thanks to End Polio Now Zone 10A Coordinator and Past District Governor (PDG) Marilou Co, PDG Tony Co, District Governor-Elect Gina Sanchez, the Irresistible District Officers, the Irresistible Presidents, other Rotarians, spouses and guests who participated in that event.

Also, let me congratulate and thank Zones 4 and 5 for successfully hosting the 2nd Breakfast Meeting of the Irresistible Team at Club Filipino last November 9, 2024. Indeed, it was a must-attend and productive meeting as we discussed some important Rotary topics over breakfast. Special thanks to District Deputy Secretary (DDS) Josephine Bernabe, the Senior Assistant Governors, Assistant Governors and Irresistible Presidents of the host zones.

The month of November culminates with the Taipei Institute on November 29, 2024 to December 1, 2024 at the Grand Hotel Taipei. Expect another wonderful international conference experience in that event. I invite everyone to join us represent our district in that very important Rotary international gathering in Taiwan!

Roberto "Bobby" B. Zamora

District Governor, Rotary District 3800
Rotary Year 2024-2025



District Governor Spouse's Message

Ushering in the long festive season of the holidays, the 2nd Spouses' Breakfast Meeting was held on November 9, 2024 at Club Filipino. Hosted by the enthusiastic spouses of Marikina Zone, preparations began as early as 7:00 a.m. to ensure a warm and vibrant welcome to all attendees.

The Marikina Zone delighted everyone with a unique and fun introduction: each zone showcased their dancing skills as their way of being presented. This lively activity not only set a joyful tone for the morning but also unveiled new talents, perfect for the much-anticipated Talent's Night.

The event featured three inspiring guest speakers who shared valuable insights on food and drinks preparation for the holidays, to wit:

- Pres. AJ Cabarles of RC Rizal Premiere and owner of Kaulayaw Coffee kicked things off with a talk on hosting and planning parties, emphasizing the essential elements for a successful event;

- Chef Alysa Janine Balicanta Nino, another owner of Kaulayaw Coffee, shared expert tips on menu planning, creating themed parties and mastering table arrangements and tablescaping to elevate any gathering; and

- Spouse Lali Singson Fabie of RC Eisenhower and owner of Eleatist Kitchen, wrapped up the session with a discussion on crafting the perfect cheese platter. She introduced attendees to a variety of cheeses, cold cuts, dried fruits and wine pairings – an essential skill for holiday entertaining.

These informative talks provided practical and creative ideas, making sure that everyone was equipped to host memorable holiday celebrations.

Of course, no Spouses' Breakfast Meeting would be complete without the much-loved tradition of raffles! The event ended on a high note with raffle after raffle, spreading joy and excitement to all participants.

Thank you to everyone who made this intimate and successful breakfast meeting possible. Until our next gathering, let's carry forward the magical and festive spirit of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

Raquel D. Zamora
District Governor Spouse, Rotary District 3800
Rotary Year 2024-2025



District Secretary's Message

We celebrate The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month this November which emphasizes the virtue of sharing gifts to our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are beneficiaries of our service projects and activities. Governor Bobby Zamora in his column this edition expounds on the TRF as a channel of generosity which is regarded as one of the highly acknowledged charitable foundations in the world. Let us continuously share our gifts through the TRF and create hope and inspiration in the lives of others in need!

Speaking of sharing, we should continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who were victims of calamities and disasters that hit our country recently. So far, this is the best time to show our love and care for them. Let the world feel that we truly care for them. We hope that in the coming days they will be comforted with the thought that there are helping hands out there, especially from Rotary, who truly care for them, assisting them in their quest for recovery. Let us be gifts to them as they try to rebuild their lives from the wrath of the typhoons into a better state or condition.

Indeed, the calamity victims' lives aren't easy. Let us allow them to get a little comfort and support in the ways we can as they try to rebuild their lives from the challenge. Compassion is key. Kindness and generosity matter much to them now. Let us be one of the hands that will take them away from the quagmire of hardship brought about by the recent typhoons.

On a related note, let me point out that by making a donation now to the Disaster Response Fund, you allow members to respond swiftly and effectively when disaster strikes, bringing hope to people whose lives have been affected. Your gift makes funding available through disaster response grants. Rotary districts in affected areas can apply for grants from the Disaster Response Fund to quickly provide essential supplies such as water, food, medicine, and clothing.



District Secretary's Message continuation

When you donate to the Disaster Response Fund, our Foundation has the financial resources to help communities through immediate responses, short-term assistance, and long-term rebuilding efforts. Learn more about [how Rotary members help their communities respond to disasters](#).

Here's how you can take action:

- Donate today to the Disaster Response Fund; and/or
- [Fundraise](#) among your colleagues, friends, and family members using Raise for Rotary.

By donating to the Disaster Response Fund, you empower Rotary members to provide recovery assistance in their communities so that, together, we can continue Doing Good in the World!

Moreover, allow me to share to you the few remaining district events scheduled in the first semester of RY 2024-2025, to wit:

Date	Event	Venue	Host
6 Nov.	Sabayan Patak Kontra Polio	Brgy. Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City	RC Mutya ng Pasig
9 Nov	2 nd Breakfast Meeting	Club Filipino	Zones 4 & 5
29 Nov-1 Dec	Taipei Institute	Grand Hotel Taipei	-
7 Dec	District Christmas Party	Ynares Gym	RC Malabon

Danilo D. Santos
District Secretary, Rotary District 3800
Rotary Year 2024-2025

RD 3800 conducts “Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio” in Pasig City

By **DDS Josephine V. Bernabe**
Rotary Club of Marikina Heights

On November 6, 2024, Rotarians from Rotary District (RD) 3800 came in droves to beat the morning rush and overwhelmingly expressed their unqualified support to the "End Polio Now" Campaign. The “Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio” featured about 100 babies aged 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 months from one of the country's most populous and 4th largest barangay - Barangay Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City - as beneficiaries of this premier Rotary service project.

The quintessential leader known for her brand of excellence in Rotary service, the End Polio Now Zone 10A Coordinator and Past District Governor Marilou Co, left no stone unturned and entrusted this project to the high performing Rotary Club of Mutya ng Pasig, who prepared a short but meaningful program that delighted those in attendance. They were welcomed by a festive group of young members of the community who showed their approval for the project aimed at eradicating and completely ending the spread of polio in their community.

Irresistible District Governor Roberto “Bobby” Zamora led the “Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio,” assisted by EPNC PDG Marilou Co, PDG Tony Co, DGE Gina Sanchez, PDGL Vicky Solis, Irresistible District officers, Irresistible Presidents, and Rotarians from 74 clubs in RD 3800.

Just before the immunization, each infant beneficiary passed through a thorough medical check up to ensure their readiness to receive the polio vaccine. Aside from giving them Polio vaccine, beneficiaries were also given loot bags filled with toiletries like toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, tissue wipes, baby bottles and clothes, including biscuits, and chocolates.

The Rotarians themselves went home happy and fulfilled after doing good for humankind, made more special with a buffet breakfast courtesy of the host club. They also received a commemorative mug and a cute polio bear as tokens. Some were even fortunate enough to win prizes in the surprise raffle draw.

To cap the event, three dozen of doves were released simultaneously by the district’s Irresistible Team and End Polio advocates, symbolizing a promise of a brighter tomorrow and a new beginning for a world free from the menace of the dreaded polio disease.



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District 3800 Holds Successful 2nd Breakfast Meeting

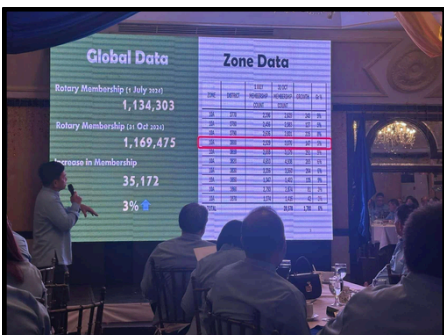
By DDS Josephine V. Bernabe
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The 2nd Breakfast Meeting of Rotary District (RD) 3800 took place on November 9, 2024 at the Kalayaan Hall of Club Filipino in San Juan City, hosted by Zones 4 and 5. The event was chaired by Zone 4 and 6 Deputy District Secretary Josephine Bernabe, alongside Zone 5 Deputy District Secretary Carlo Reyes.

The morning session saw a vibrant turnout of Irresistible Presidents and District Officers, all eager to engage, share updates, and collaborate on initiatives that will drive Rotary's mission forward in the district. The meeting began with a warm and welcoming gesture led by the emcee, who asked all attendees to stand, move around the room, and offer a handshake to one another. This simple yet meaningful icebreaker fostered goodwill and laid the groundwork for networking and meaningful conversations throughout the morning.

Governor's Address: Key Updates and Announcements

District Governor (DG) Roberto "Bobby" Zamora delivered a compelling address, marking significant developments and upcoming milestones for RD 3800. One of the major highlights of his address was the announcement of the RY 2024-2025 District Nominating Committee, which is expected to convene within the month. In the same breath, DG Bobby also provided clarification on the upcoming voting of Rotary Clubs in the district as mandated by Rotary International. Said election is between Past President (PP) Jerry Ang of RC Valenzuela Sunrise and PP Celso Montalla of RC Marikina Hilltop who are vying for the position of District Governor-Nominee for RY 2026-2027. DG Zamora distributed the bio-data of both candidates in line with the Amended Terms of Reference, giving clubs the opportunity to review their credentials to have an informed decision. DG Zamora also sought the Irresistible Presidents' understanding as they await the release of the official club voting guidelines, which are set to be issued by Rotary International.



Rotary District 3800	
Irresistible Team- 2nd Breakfast Meeting 09 November 2024, 7:00AM, Club Filipino, San Juan City	
PROGRAMME	
7:00AM	Registration/ Breakfast
8:00AM	Call to Order Invocation National Anthem Rotary Hymn Acknowledgement of Guests Welcome Remarks Governor's Message
	Minor Raffle
8:30AM	Committee Reports/Upcoming Events
	A. Committee Reports
	Membership
	TRF
	End Polio Now
	Service Projects
	Public Image
	Game 1
	DG Roberto B. Zamora AG John Christian L. Reyes AG Cherie Sandoval AG Mary Rachele E. Enriquez DG Roberto B. Zamora
	CP Lauro A. Secreto LTG Sherrylou O. Khosking EPNC PDG Marlon O. Co PP Noel L. Calco PP Elisse Y. Ang



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Committee Updates: Progress and Plans

Throughout the meeting, various Committee Chairpersons shared updates on their respective projects and initiatives, as follows:

- Rotary Foundation Chair/DGND Sherryl Khosiking reported that the District's total giving has reached an impressive \$550,000, underscoring the continued generosity of Rotarians from RD 3800;
- Membership Committee Chair CP Larry Secreto highlighted the recent growth in membership, with the chartering of new clubs and a current membership count nearing 3,000 members across the district;
- Service Projects Chair PP Noel Cuico provided updates on several key initiatives, with a special focus on the upcoming District Christmas Party on December 7, 2024 where select service projects will be showcased and celebrated, marking an important event in Rotary's service calendar for the district;
- Awards Chair PP Jeng Liban shared insights on the mechanics and criteria for the current District Awards, which recognize outstanding Rotarians and clubs for their contributions and service;
- Ways and Means Committee Chair PP Celso Montalla updated attendees on the success of the Simply Irresistible Draw, a fundraising initiative that engaged more than 50 paying clubs. Montalla explained how the incentive scheme, which rewards early remitting clubs with special prizes, helped increase participation and funding for the district's projects; and
- Vocation Committee Chair CP Hermie Cariño spoke about the most recent projects under the Committee, particularly focusing on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives that will take center stage in the coming months.



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Looking Ahead: Key Dates for District 3800

As the meeting concluded, DG Bobby Zamora reminded attendees on several important upcoming events and dates to mark on their calendars, to wit:

1. On to Taipei (Nov 29 – Dec 1, 2024) - A district trip to Taipei to foster international Rotary connections;
2. Rotary 102 (Jan 18, 2025) - A celebration of Rotary's long-standing impact, with special programs and recognitions;
3. RYLA (Jan 18-19, 2025) - The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, where young leaders from the district will gather for training and development;
4. Mid-Year Review (Jan 25, 2025) - A vital review meeting to assess progress, challenges, and solutions halfway through the Rotary Year;
5. Palarotary (Feb 2, 2025) - A day of fun and friendly competition among Rotarians, aimed at strengthening bonds and promoting fellowship;
6. 3rd Breakfast Meeting (Feb 8, 2025) - The next gathering in the series of district breakfast meetings; and
7. District Convention and Van Raffle Draw (March 28-29, 2025) - The district's grand convention, which will feature the much-anticipated van raffle draw.

The 2nd Breakfast Meeting of RD 3800 was a resounding success, offering Rotarians the chance to network, learn about ongoing and upcoming initiatives, and reaffirm their commitment to Rotary's principles of service and fellowship. With updates from various committees, key announcements, and exciting events on the table, RD 3800 is poised for a dynamic and impactful Rotary Year 2024-2025. As Rotarians continue to collaborate and support each other, the district's collective efforts will undoubtedly make a meaningful difference in the communities they serve.



My fond memories on the Rotary Institute in Taipei

By **AG Angie Sioco**
Rotary Club of Northbay East

Rotary Institute is another event of Rotary International that provides professional development and leadership training for Rotarians. It is a week-long conference held every year designed to provide opportunity to learn new skills, build network with other Rotarians, and participate in leadership development training. It is an important event that brings together past, present and future district governors, as well as senior Rotary leaders. It also offers Rotary members a good opportunity to not only learn from each other but to build new connections and strengthen existing relationships.

The 2024 Taipei Rotary Institute was held on November 27 to December 1, 2024 at the iconic Grand Hotel Taipei. It was a jampacked and successful event. The following were the events some of us attended:

November 27-28: Governors-Elect Learning Seminar
Governors-Nominee Learning Seminar
District International Service Chairs Learning Seminar

November 28: District Learning Facilitators Seminar
Council on Legislative Representative Learning Seminar
Golf Fellowship

November 29: Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar
Major Donor / AKS Luncheon
Institute Opening Session & 1st Session
Welcome Dinner Banquet

November 30: Institute 2nd Session
Taipei City Mayor's Lunch Banquet
Institute 3rd Session
International Culture Night

December 1: Institute 4th Session
Farewell Luncheon



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A tour was organized last November 30, 2024 where we visited the National Museum and the oldest street in Taiwan. We were treated to a sumptuous lunch where we had an opportunity to be with Rotarians from other districts. The International Culture Night was also a blast, where participants from different countries showcased their talents. The Philippine delegation has presented a well-applauded production number that showcased the different cultural dances in our country. It is also worth mentioning that our very own District Governor-Elect Gina T. Sanchez made us proud in her performance at the DGE Learning Seminar. She was the best or should we say, the class valedictorian, gaining the trust and confidence of her classmates. EMGA/PDG Virgilio “Jun” Farcon Jr., one of the Learning Facilitators, was there present who could attest to this fact.

During the last day of the Institute, we enjoyed another lauriat lunch and great entertainment from celebrities and Rotarians. It was a great opportunity and privilege for me to attend this event. I am looking forward to the 2025 Genting Rotary Institute, happening from 28th to 30th of November 2025, with pre-institute events beginning on 25th November 2025.



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The sun shines brightly in the open sky
Spreading love from the heaven above
Time to reach communities, building trust, and promoting peace
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let the magic spark and let us start!

CHORUS

Shalala la-la-la
Share the Magic of Rotary
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Spread the Magic of Rotary
Serve the year with love
Let's have a magical one

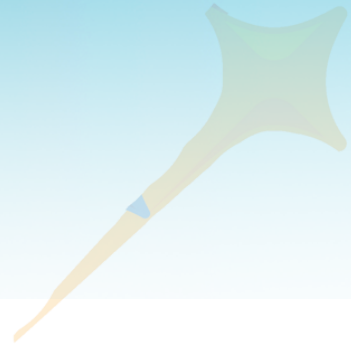
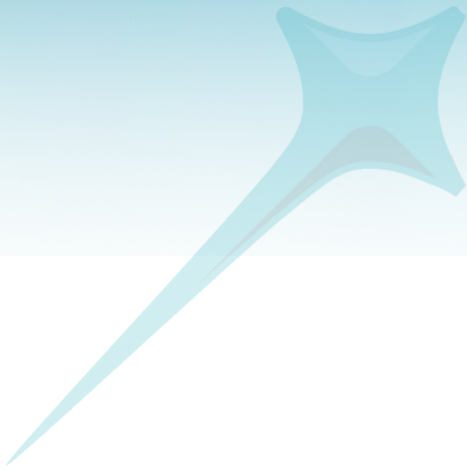
Let's connect and communicate
Share the mission we are to take
Serving others above ourselves
Unity in diversity
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let the magic spark

Repeat Chorus

Lead the way in fulfilling dreams
Set examples of leadership
Open doors of opportunities
Imagine a word that's embracing peace
Listen to the beat of your heart
Let that magic spark
And let us start

Repeat Chorus

Share the year with love and fun
Let's have a magical one
Let's have a magical one



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