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A New Generation of Kandayan

About The Cover

Rotary members under the age of 40 play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Rotary clubs, infusing them with fresh perspectives, energy, and innovative approaches to service. Their participation ensures that Rotary remains dynamic, adaptable, and relevant in an ever-evolving world.

The inclusion of young professionals and leaders introduces a bridge between generations, fostering intergenerational dialogue and collaboration. They bring a wealth of modern expertise, from technological proficiency to novel problem-solving strategies, which can amplify the impact of Rotary's projects. Moreover, their networks often span diverse industries and demographics, broadening the club's reach and enhancing its inclusivity.

Engaging members under 40 is vital for the sustainability of Rotary. Their involvement ensures a continuous pipeline of leadership and a vibrant community that reflects the world's changing demographics. Young members' enthusiasm for causes like environmental sustainability, global health, and education revitalizes Rotary's mission, inspiring all members to think boldly and act decisively. Importantly, Rotary provides a unique platform for these younger members to develop personally and professionally. Through mentorship, leadership opportunities, and global exposure, they gain valuable skills while contributing meaningfully to their communities.

By valuing the voices of those under 40, Rotary secures its legacy as a forward-thinking organization that champions service above self while embracing the innovative spirit of the next generation. Their presence transforms the club into a hub of modern thought and action, ensuring its impact endures for years to come.

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The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary



MISSION

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION CODE OF CONDUCT

Rotary Core Values:

- Fellowship
- Integrity
- Diversity
- Service
- Leadership



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R.I. PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

December 2024

To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation. What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve. Talk to enough people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark The Magic of Rotary in your club.



Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President

CLUB PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As the year draws to a close, we are reminded of the true essence of the Christmas season—love, generosity, and service. This December, our Rotary Club continues to exemplify these values through meaningful initiatives that bring joy and hope to those in need.

Through “A Gift from our Heart to Yours,” we extend our care to the women and children in shelters and at Pope Francis Home for Orphans and elderly in KKottongnae Philippines, Palo Leyte. Our donation of 10 wheelchairs for the elderly, along with provisions for their immediate needs, reflects our commitment to enhancing their quality of life.

In line with shaping a brighter future, we also reach out to the young adults at Ridge View Park Integrated School in Brgy. Cabalawan, Tacloban. By supporting their educational journey, we contribute to a more vibrant and hopeful tomorrow. This month, we organized a mental health awareness activity with the theme “Young Self-Love: The Key to the Next Generation.” By fostering self-care and resilience, we empower the youth to face the challenges of their time.

Finally, we will celebrate fellowship and camaraderie with our fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors at the One District, One Christmas Party for all seven clubs in Areas 3B1 and 3B2. This gathering strengthens the unity and spirit of service within our Rotary family.

As we close 2024, let us continue to inspire and be inspired by the lives we touch. May the joy of giving light up your hearts and homes this Christmas and lead us into a brighter and more impactful 2025.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

ANNABELLE J. VY
PRESIDENT
ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN
R.Y. 2024-2025



Under 40

A New Generation of Kandayan

What inspired you to join Rotary, and how has it impacted your personal and professional life?

Lucy

The enormous Service activities-when Kandaya is asked 10, she gives more than that. It has always been my advocacy to serve so Kandaya creates a great channel for me to live day by day with this purpose.

Sam

I joined Rotary because I wanted to be part of something that makes a real difference. I loved that Rotary is all about giving back while building connections with amazing women.

Thea

Atty. Vispero Mayor, my mentor and a fellow Rotarian, inspired me to join Rotary. Joining Rotary has been an avenue for me to enhance my social skills and expand my social circle. I gained a family and I have become more confident about what I can do and become because of being a Rotarian.

Kimi

I was introduced to the concept of Rotary during college, when someone from our school's Rotaract asked me if I wanted to join. I didn't join then because I had my course-related organization, but I was always curious about their activities. When I moved to Tacloban & started looking around for organizations to be involved with, Ms. Cathy invited me to join RC Kandaya.





How does being part of Rotary help you make a difference in the community?

Lucy

Rotary way in dealing with things is very intentional, we make lots of connections as we go, carefully thought-of strategies, consistency in the systems, and embracing club's culture- by being an empowered person-woman! Rotary has a lot of connections with many people during projects and collaborations.

Sam

Being part of Rotary allows me to make a real difference in the community by connecting with like-minded individuals who are all focused on giving back. Through Rotary, I'm involved in projects that directly impact local needs—whether it's organizing a food drive, supporting youth programs, or helping with environmental initiatives. It's not just about giving time or money; it's about bringing people together to tackle issues that matter.

Thea

I always believe that we have a social responsibility to help those people who are in need and being a Rotarian helped me to make a difference in my community by opening the doors for me to be able to share my blessings no matter how small or big it is.

Kimi

There is a certain level of prestige in saying that you are a Rotarian. It helps us reach more people, help more communities & ultimately help make the world a little better. Every word of gratitude that we get from the people we interact with during the activities makes me believe that we are doing something right.



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What do you think makes Rotary unique, especially for young professionals like yourself?

Sam

Rotary is unique for young professionals like me because it combines service, leadership, and networking. You get to work on meaningful projects, develop new skills, and connect with like-minded people. It's a great way to give back, grow professionally, and have fun, all while making a real impact in your community and beyond.

Kimi

In today's fast-paced world, Rotary provides a much needed break from the work work work. It helps me get involved in stuff I would not have done if I weren't part of Rotary.

Lucy

Rotary is unique and is really a gem in the service for humanity. Impactful, calibrated, consistent.

Thea

For a young professional like me, Rotary is unique in the sense that it does not only aim to provide humanitarian services but it creates a home with high ethical standards for every member that makes it a big and a happy family.



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What advice would you give to other young people considering joining Rotary?

Nimi

Take the leap! Don't be afraid to try. We are excited to meet you & welcome you soon.

Lucy

Grab it if you're seriously ready. It is a rare opportunity since joining is by invitation. A privilege rather than recruitment so when Rotary comes your way, it is not random, it may not come again.

Sham

What are you waiting for? Come and join us! I used to be shy, unsure about stepping out of my comfort zone, and hesitant to join clubs and meeting new people but Rotary Club of Kandaya-Tacloban welcomed me with open arms. Here, you'll meet amazing people, gain valuable skills, and be part of something bigger than yourself. You'll be amazed at how much you can achieve—and how much fun you'll have along the way.

Thea

Try joining Rotary because you'll never know how it will positively impact your life and how it will inspire you to become a better version of yourself. It is also one way for you to be able to share to the world your resources, skills and talent.



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How has Rotary helped you grow as a leader or develop new skills?

Lucy

I can say I have upgraded. Though I am not a newbie in this since before I got invited with our Rotary club, I was the servant leader of my classification as Chapter President 2020-2021. I did have leadership trainings, but Rotary leadership trainings and seminars enhanced my knowledge, evaluate and recalibrate my past learnings and awareness, a process of re-think- re-learn and re-do in a global perspective. Also, it's upgrading my potential of servant leadership through the learnings I have gained from our senior members in the club.

Sam

As I mentioned before, I used to be shy. It was so hard for me to start new connections, but because of Rotary, I learned how to step out of my comfort zone and engage with others. Through volunteering for service projects and collaborating with club members, I developed skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. I learned how to lead with empathy, how to motivate a team, and how to bring people together around a common cause. The opportunities for personal growth were endless, from coordinating a local fundraising event to participating in leadership training sessions. Rotary also taught me how to be a more effective communicator, especially in diverse settings. Interacting with people from different backgrounds and perspectives helped me become more open-minded and adaptable.

Thea

Working with experienced and talented Kandanayan ladies inspired me to work harder and become like them. Seeing how effective leaders they are, inspires me to become just like them.

Kimi

I always hope to learn something new everyday. We have access to a lot of learning resources for the concepts, & we learn from the life experiences of our fellow Rotarians. A lot of them are also leaders in their respective fields, so they give a lot of valuable insights too.



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Why would you encourage others to join your Rotary club? What sets it apart?

Lucy I would encourage my lady friends to join Kandaya because we have quality members rather than aiming for more quantity in terms of membership.

Sam I'd encourage others to join my Rotary club because it's more than just a place to meet people—it's a community of people who genuinely care about making a difference. What makes our club special is the strong sense of teamwork and the real impact we have, both locally and globally. Everyone has a voice, and there's always a way to get involved in meaningful projects, whether it's helping out in the community or working on international initiatives. One of the best parts is the diversity in our group—women from all sorts of backgrounds and professions come together with a shared passion for service. If you're looking for a place where you can contribute, grow, and be part of something bigger, this is the club for you!

Thea I would encourage my lady friends to join Kandaya because we have quality members rather than aiming for more quantity in terms of membership.

Nimi We are an exciting all-female group, so that already narrows it down if you're looking to meet a lot of strong, empowered women leaders, then we're the right fit for you. Did i mention that we're also confidently beautiful with a heart?



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Can you describe the camaraderie and friendships you've built within the club?

Lucy

Our club has variation in age-group.. a mixture in the level of maturity and respect. I am glad the discussions/arguments are healthy. We would always arrive to a good decision as majority would make the rule. Also, our senior members are mostly Past Presidents and have held high positions, at times there will be a stronger conviction on the way things should be, the younger ones most likely give way thinking these facts would have been experienced before so to arrive at the solution as that. The fellowship would always set the tone of the bond we have, it's a 9/10 for me, so we can look forward to something more else it gets boring.

Sam

I'd say it's really like a sisterhood. The members have built strong, genuine connections because we don't just talk about projects—we really get involved in each other's lives. We support one another, celebrate each other's milestones, and lean on each other during tough times. It's more than just working together for a cause; it's about building real friendships and being there for each other, both in and outside of Rotary. That kind of camaraderie makes all the difference and really sets the tone for everything we do.

Thea

The camaraderie and friendship that we have built in the club is assuring, frank but peaceful and comforting.

Kimi

I have friends that I met in the club that I was sure I wouldn't have approached in a different setting. We talk about random stuff, we disagree on certain things, but we end up laughing about it afterwards. It's a complex mix of personalities & emotions but i'm happy to be part of it. So far.



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What's a fun fact or little-known detail about your Rotary club that you think more people should know?

Lucy

Our club is composed of truly- empowered women. All of us, wear many hats. Busy is not an option because we all are. Though we are so preoccupied in our daily personal things, I am just amazed and also learning in progress that aside from being the previous secretary, now the DTO we also can make time for meetings and activities, take time for jests or funny talks to balance the seriousness, simple acts of care, and equality. Nobody is above in the classification, every voice has the right to be heard. It is great to be in a club where the mind is at work. Magkarit gud la but Marisyu ghap kami.

Sam

A fun fact about our Rotary club is that we're an all-women club! When you walk into one of our meetings, you can really feel the energy of strong, independent women who are passionate about making a difference. There's a unique sense of empowerment and collaboration, and it's amazing to see how we support each other while working on impactful projects. It's a dynamic and inspiring environment that makes our club stand out!

Kimi

We have fun. That's a fact.

Thea

We are great performers. We can sing and dance.



FIRE AWAY

The Spirit of Christmas and Friendship in Rotary

The Christmas season is synonymous with joy, generosity, and togetherness. It is a time when communities come together to celebrate love, goodwill, and the magic of human connection. For members of Rotary, this season takes on even greater significance, as it aligns closely with Rotary's ethos of service, fellowship, and community building. The spirit of Christmas and the friendships fostered within Rotary form a harmonious bond, showcasing how shared values can amplify the impact of kindness and unity.

Christmas embodies the principles of generosity, compassion, and love. These values resonate deeply with Rotary's mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Just as Christmas reminds us to open our hearts and extend our hands to those in need, Rotary encourages its members to engage in acts of selflessness throughout the year.

During the holiday season, Rotary clubs around the world amplify their service efforts, organizing initiatives to support underprivileged communities. Food drives, toy donations, and fundraising events are just a few examples of how Rotarians embrace the spirit of Christmas. These activities not only address immediate needs but also instill a sense of hope and joy in those they serve.

At the heart of Rotary lies the principle of fellowship. The organization was founded on the idea of building professional and personal friendships that inspire members to work together for the greater good. This spirit of camaraderie aligns beautifully with the essence of Christmas, which emphasizes unity and togetherness.

Rotary fosters an environment where individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures come together, united by a common purpose. These friendships go beyond mere social connections; they form the foundation for collaborative efforts that drive meaningful change. Members of Rotary clubs often describe their fellow Rotarians as family, underscoring the depth of these relationships.

While Christmas provides a moment to celebrate these values, Rotary ensures that the spirit of giving and friendship endures year-round. The organization's commitment to service above self is a constant reminder that the principles of Christmas can guide our actions every day.

Rotary's dedication to causes like basic education, disease prevention, and community development demonstrates how the holiday spirit can be transformed into sustained action. Each Rotarian carries the light of Christmas into their communities, creating a world where generosity and friendship are not limited to a single season.

The spirit of Christmas and friendship in Rotary represents the best of humanity. It is a celebration of giving, unity, and the power of relationships to effect positive change. Through acts of service and fellowship, Rotarians not only bring joy during the holiday season but also inspire lasting hope and transformation in communities worldwide.

In a world often divided by differences, the union of Christmas cheer and Rotary's commitment to friendship serves as a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together. As Rotarians gather this season to celebrate, they exemplify the timeless message of Christmas: that love and friendship are the greatest gifts of all.

KANDAYAN SPARKLE

Events and Calendar of Activities

November

- 7 - RC Central Tacloban Charter Anniversary
- 9 - RC Leyte Gulf Water & Sanitation Project, Brgy. 107 Sta. Elena
- 13 - Regular Meeting @ Socsargen Grill
- 17 - Dental Outreach Activity @ Ikigai Dental Center Inc.
- 23 - TRF Recognition Night 2024 @ Cebu Parklane International Hotel
- 24 - Alay Lakad para sa Kabataan ng Bagong Pilipinas @ Cebu City Sports Center
- 28 - Bingo Socials Night for Polio @ Samsam Bistro

December

- 4 - Turnover of 3 Jetmatic Pumps @ Javier, Leyte
- 7 - Christmas Cheers: A Gift from Our Heart to Yours @ Women & Children's Shelter, Brgy. 25 Paterno Extension
- 7 - Regular Meeting @ Socsargen Grill
- 12 - Young Self-Love: the Key to a Vibrant & Better Future @ RidgeView Park Integrated School
- 13 - Christmas Cheers: A Gift from Our Heart to Yours @ Pope Francis Center
- 14 - One Area, One Christmas Party @ SPSPS Mary Ngo Auditorium

Here are some funny Christmas jokes that might get you laughing until the New Year.....

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? Because he was outstanding in his field.

What did one Christmas tree say to another? Lighten up!

What do you call cutting down a Christmas tree? Christmas chopping!

What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less.

Ho
ho,
ho





I told Santa I wanted a slim body and a fat bank account. He mixed them up this year as well.

What's the difference between a snowman and a snow woman? Snowballs!

I didn't think I was a snowman but you just made me melt.

What's more unbelievable than a talking reindeer? A spelling bee.

What do you call Santa when he's on the beach in Australia? Sandy Claus!

Why was Frosty the Snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!

Council of Presidents

1992-1993

CRES CHAN-GONZAGA
(Charter President)



Real Happiness is
Helping Others

1996-1997

NORMA MORANTE

Build the
Future
with
Action
and
Vision



2000-2001

FLODELIS MENZON

Create
Awareness
Take
Action



1993-1994

REDIA ATIENZA

BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO



DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

Believe on What You Do
Do What You Believe In

1997-1998

VICTORIA NOCON

Show
Rotary
Cares



Show Rotary Cares

2001-2002

EVELIA MARTIN

Mankind
is our
Business



1994-1995

CYNTHIA NIERRAS

Be A
Friend



1998 - 1999

RAQUEL SEGOVIA

Follow
Your
Rotary
Dreams



2002 - 2003

JULITA ALDA

Sow the
Seeds
of
Love



1995-1996

ARLENE SALVO

Act with
Integrity,
Serve with
Love,
Work For
Peace



1999 - 2000

DALISAY SEVILLA

Act with
Consistency
Cedibility
and
Continuity



2003 - 2004

ARSENIA MAYE

Lend
A
Hand



Council of Presidents

2004 -2005

VICTORIA NOCON
(Centennial President)



2008 -2009

MA. TRINIDAD DACUYCUY

Make
Dreams
Real



2012 - 2013

CAROLINE ANDRADE

Peace
Through
Service



2005 - 2006

DR. OLIVE CRUZ



SERVICE Above Self
Service Above Self

2009 - 2010

ATTY. IMELDA NARTEA

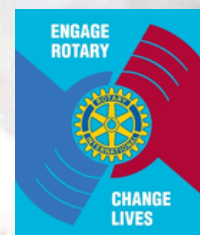
The Future Of Rotary
is in Your Hands



2013 - 2014

CAROLINE ANDRADE

Engage
Rotary,
Change
Lives



2006 - 2007

DEMETER PANIS

Lead
the
Way



2010 - 2011

MA ELVIE G. CASAL

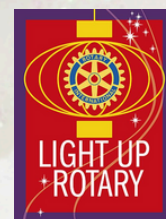
Building Communities,
Bridging Continents



2014 -2015

NAOMI ZELENT

Light
Up
Rotary



2007-2008

**CATHERINE
BONAVITACOLA**

Rotary
Shares



2011 - 2012

FLOR HENEDINA LELIS

Reach
Within To
Embrace
Humanity



2015 2016

LIZA CALDA

Be A Gift to the World



Council of Presidents

2016 -2017
MARLYN S. RUIZ

Rotary Serving
Humanity



2018-2019
FE MAGNOLIA ADIZAS

Be the
Inspiration



2020 -2021
LOLITA ESCANO

Rotary Opens
Opportunities



2017 - 2018
**JEAN MARGARET
C. YU**

Rotary
Making A
Difference



2019- 2020
LIZA CALDA
Rotary Connects the
World



2021- 2022
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Lives



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