



# Keeping the Magic Alive





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July Message from RI President Stephanie Urchick

### TOWARD A GREATER VISION

Dear fellow Rotary members,

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself. With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges. The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times. Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And 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 peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support. The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.

**Stephanie Urchick** President, Rotary International



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### Message from the Club President

ear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,



As we close out the month of July, I am delighted to share with you the remarkable milestones our club has achieved. This month has been a vivid illustration of our collective dedication to Rotary's mission of service and fellowship.

We started the month on a joyful note, celebrating the Rotary New Year on July 1 with the children Dr. Banez Memorial School, in partnership with other Area 3B Clubs. This event was a heartwarming way to usher in the new Rotary year, as we brought smiles to the faces of the young ones and reaffirmed our commitment to serving the community. The collaboration with our fellow Rotarians from Area 3B made this celebration truly special, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

On July 19, 2024, we held our Handover and Induction Ceremony at the SPSPS Mary Ngo Auditorium. This significant event marked the transition of leadership within our club and the welcoming of new set of officers. The evening was a blend of tradition, inspiration, and fellowship, setting the tone for what promises to be a vibrant and impactful year ahead. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all members who attended and supported this important occasion.

Continuing with our commitment to service, our club spearheaded a Bloodletting Activity for Area 3B on July 22, 2024, at the SPSPS Auditorium in partnership with Saint Paul School of Professional Studies Health Services Unit and Divine Word Hospital. The turnout was impressive, and the generosity of our donors was truly inspiring. The 80 bags of blood collected will undoubtedly save lives, demonstrating once again the power of our collective efforts. My deepest gratitude goes to all the volunteers, donors, and partners who made this life-saving event possible.

Additionally, our club meetings this month have been a testament to our strong sense of community and shared purpose. The impressive attendance and active participation in these meetings highlight the enthusiasm and commitment of our members. Your contributions during these discussions are crucial as we plan and execute projects that will benefit our community and beyond.

As we move forward into the new Rotary year, I encourage all of us to build on the momentum we've created this month. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and Rotary spirit. I look forward to another month filled with service, fellowship, and positive impact.

Yours in Rotary,

Erwin Vincent G. Alcala President, Rotary Club of San Juanico - Tacloban

Rotary San Juanico - Tacloban District 3860

#### **ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JUANICO – TACLOBAN** JULY ACTIVITIES









#### District Handover and Induction Ceremonies

Rotary New Year with the Children Dr. A. P. Bañez Memorial Elementary School Bañezville, Tacloban City July 1, 2024







San Juanico Tacloban **Rotary** 



### THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

Club

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.

## THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?