



A NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JUANICO - TACLOBAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

# AUGUST

Membership & New Club Development Month

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The Magic of Rotary



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### August 2024 Message of Rotary International President



If we are to truly change the world with The Magic of Rotary, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members . I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites The Magic of Rotary.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.

**Stephanie Urchick** President, Rotary International



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### Message from the Club President

Dear Fellow San Juanico Rotarians,

As we review the activities held from August 1 to 15, I am deeply grateful for your unwavering commitment to the goals of our club. Each of you has shown remarkable dedication, and it is your enthusiasm and active participation that drive our initiatives forward.

Our regular meeting was a testament to the strength of our shared vision, as we reflected on recent accomplishments and discussed the next steps to advance our service to the community. Your contributions during these discussions were invaluable, helping us chart a path of growth and impact.

The evaluation of our Signature Project, the Manuel Ngo Student Center, was another highlight of this period. This project stands as a testament to our club's dedication to creating spaces for learning and development, and I thank each member who has supported its success.

Our involvement in Brigada Eskwela displayed the very essence of our motto, \*Service Above Self.\* Together, we worked alongside educators, parents, and students to prepare schools for the new academic year. The spirit of cooperation and the tangible difference we made are things we can all be proud of.

Finally, our ongoing Signature Project, \*Creating Pathways to Prosperity for Barangay Luneta,\* is progressing steadily. The impact we are creating here is profound, helping to empower the local community and support sustainable livelihoods. I am confident that, through our combined efforts, we will continue to open doors to opportunity and prosperity for the residents of Barangay Luneta.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our mission. Let us keep up the momentum and inspire even greater participation in future activities. Together, we are building a brighter future and making a lasting impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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



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# SIGNATURE PROJECT **MANUEL NGO STUDENT CENTER**

A project by the Rotary Club of San Juanico in leaders for nation-building in the years ahead.





San Juanico Tacloban **Rotary** 



### THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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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.

## 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?