



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



Building Resilience and Promoting Well-Being: RC San Juanico's Meaningful October Initiatives





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Rotary International President October 2024 Message

With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days, and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, director for polio eradication at the World Health Organization.

I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth.

But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now.

We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio.

Stephanie Urchick Rotary International President



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Message from the Club President



I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your dedication and active participation in our club's activities during the second half of October. Your commitment to service and leadership continues to inspire and create a meaningful impact in our community.

The Mental Health Awareness Seminar and Psychological First Aid Training were vital initiatives in promoting mental well-being, equipping individuals with the knowledge and skills to support those in need. Hosting the Vibrant Club Seminar for Areas 3A, 3B, and 3C was a proud moment for our club, as we strengthened Rotary's mission of fostering strong and engaged clubs. Our World Polio Day Activity reaffirmed our commitment to Rotary's global fight against polio, ensuring a healthier future for generations to come. Lastly, the 7th Joint Board and Regular Meeting was another milestone in aligning our efforts toward achieving our goals as a club.

Your dedication, passion, and service continue to make a difference. Let's carry this momentum forward as we strive to Create Magic in Rotary through our collective efforts!

Yours in Rotary,

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







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?