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**24TH REGULAR MEETING**  
January 30, 2025 @ RC Tacloban Clubhouse, Tacloban City

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**Philippine National Anthem** *AVP*

**Rotary Hymn** *AVP*

**Recitation of Object of Rotary and Four Way Test** *Dir. Rhoel Ladera*

**Introduction of Guests and and Visiting Rotarians** *PP Junie Andrade*

**Welcome Song** *PP Junie Andrade*

**Lunch Jokes** *Rtn. Bryan Vermug*

**Recognition Time** *PAG Boboy Escalona*

**President's Time** *President Joey Reyna*

**Adjournment** *President Joey Reyna*

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# President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Gōng xī fā cái!

As we welcome the Chinese New Year, we celebrate a time of prosperity and strengthened bonds which are values that resonate deeply with our club's mission of fellowship and service. This season reminds us of the importance of unity and resilience, much like how our Rotary family continues to work together to create lasting change in our communities. May this year bring us continued success, meaningful partnerships, and the inspiration to serve with greater passion and purpose.

As previously announced, we will have the honor of hosting our esteemed partners from the Rotary Club of Fukushima Minami, Japan, on February 8 and 9, 2025. Their visit reflects their deep commitment to Tacloban and their desire to witness the city's progress since the devastation of Typhoon Yolanda. More than a goodwill visit, this is an opportunity to explore potential community-based project collaborations that can make a real impact. Their itinerary includes visits to schools, hospitals, and the mass grave of Yolanda victims, reflecting their interest in our city's journey of recovery and resilience. To ensure their comfort, we have coordinated with CAAP for their arrival and departure at the VIP lounge of the airport and have also reached out to Tingog Partylist for vehicle assistance during their stay.

To allow us to focus on preparations for this important visit, there will be no regular meeting on February 5. Instead, we will convene on February 9 at 12:00 noon at Luxury Suites, where we will have the privilege of welcoming our guests and engaging in meaningful discussions. Your presence is highly encouraged as we strengthen our ties and advance our shared mission of service.

On another note, we have settled our Rotary International Club Invoice for January 2025 and PRM subscription, which amounted to over P100,000.00. We kindly remind all members to settle their dues promptly to ensure the continued success of our club and its initiatives. Your contributions allow us to sustain our projects, expand our reach, and uphold the standard of excellence that defines the Rotary Club of Tacloban.

Exciting days are ahead, and I look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with all of you.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jose Antonio "Joey" Reyna  
President, RY 2024-2025



# Secretary's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Happy Chinese New Year!

In the spirit of celebration, let's set the stage for an unforgettable Valentine's evening! On February 14, 2025, the legendary Martin Nievera will serenade us at the Leyte Convention Complex in a spectacular Valentine's Concert. The Rotary Club of Tacloban is honored to be one of the event sponsors, and a portion of the proceeds will go toward our community service initiatives. Twenty percent (20%) of ticket sales generated through our club will directly support our ongoing projects, making this not just a night of music and romance but also an opportunity to give back.

To ensure smooth coordination, we kindly request all members to remit payment or return any unsold tickets on or before February 10. Your support will help maximize our contributions to the club fund while ensuring the success of this meaningful event.

In other news, the Rotary Club of Naga has successfully distributed relief packs to families affected by Typhoon Kristine, thanks in part to our club's P145,000.00 donation. Severe Tropical Storm Kristine caused widespread flooding and landslides, submerging many areas, particularly Bicol and Naga City. The storm, internationally known as Tropical Cyclone Trami, brought heavy to intense rains across the Philippines on October 22, 2024, leaving countless families in need of immediate assistance. Our collective efforts as Rotarians continue to bring hope and relief to those affected by disasters.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and let's continue making a difference!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Neil M. Sia  
Secretary, RY 2024-2025





Jude A. Duarte  
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# Rotary Information

## Chinese Horoscope 2025 - Year of the Snake

### After tragic plane crash, Korean Rotary members race to help

She was spending the morning with her grandchild when Hyun Ok Baek saw the news on TV: There had been a tragic plane crash at South Korea's Muan International Airport.

Jeju Air flight 7C2216, arriving from Bangkok, crashed into a runway barrier during landing. The December 29 accident claimed the lives of 179 passengers, including a Rotary member, sending shockwaves throughout the country.

"I couldn't eat lunch that day," says Baek, governor of Rotary District 3710, which includes the Muan County in Korea. Her immediate question: How could Rotary help? "My mind kept turning to what role we could play in the aftermath of this tragedy," she says.

Emergency responders lacked basic necessities like water, hot food, and a warm place to rest, she learned from Geun-Heong Yang, a Rotary member and volunteer firefighter. She also contacted District-3710 Secretary Heng Shim, whose experience in disaster response helped her make a quick and informed decision.

They wasted no time.

Within hours, messages were sent to the district's volunteer group chat, summoning members who could help. Supplies like bottled water, coffee, ramen, and kimchi were quickly gathered, while team leaders coordinated shifts and transportation.

"In any disaster, the first 24 to 48 hours are vital," says Shim. "Before government or municipal resources can fully mobilize, there's a golden window where immediate assistance can make the most impact."

The district's Service Above Self Team, a rapid-response unit formed in 2010 to provide aid in times of disaster or crisis, quickly set plans into motion. The team's Food Truck of Love was ready to deploy, its mobile industrial kitchen capable of preparing up to 200 meals at a time.

Financial help also came swiftly. Rotary District 3710, with the support of 13 other Rotary districts across Korea, mobilized approximately US\$30,000-40,000 almost immediately. Funding came from a combination of district grants and contributions from individual Rotarians.

Eight hours after the crash, Rotary vehicles reached the heavily restricted crash site. Rotary was the first volunteer organization to arrive at the scene. While access was denied to many others, including bereaved families and journalists, the Rotary members' clear purpose and careful preparation ultimately won them entry.

"I assured them that our food truck was fully equipped to provide hot meals and beverages immediately, which would help sustain those doing the hard and heartbreaking work of recovery," says Baek.

The Food Truck of Love, a supply truck carrying water and food, and a six-passenger SUV packed with 12 volunteers entered, and the Rotarians got to work.

source: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

People born in the year of the Snake are said to be wise, charming, and mysterious. They have a keen intuition and a deep understanding of themselves and others. Snakes are also ambitious and determined, but they can be secretive and jealous at times. Snakes enjoy learning new things and exploring different cultures and philosophies.

The Snake is the animal that comes after the Dragon in the Chinese zodiac, and it has a very different personality and vibe. The Dragon is flashy and energetic, but the Snake is mysterious and subtle. The Snake brings a new influence that is more refined and elegant. The Year of the Snake will start on January 29, 2025 and end on February 16, 2026.

In 2025, the Chinese zodiac will enter the year of the Wood Snake, which is the 32nd cycle of the 60-year lunar calendar. The Snake is the sixth animal in the zodiac, and it has a complex and mysterious nature. The Snake years are: 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 and 2025.

Each Snake year has a different element, which gives it a different flavor and meaning. The Wood Snake is a charming, intelligent and creative sign, but also secretive, cunning and sometimes ruthless. What will the Year of the Wood Snake bring for us? Let's find out in this article.

### Origins and Symbolism of the Snake in Chinese Astrology

The Snake is one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, corresponding to the Earthly Branch si and the hours of 9 to 11 a.m.

### Why the Snake is the 6th animal in the Chinese zodiac?

According to the Chinese zodiac, the Jade Emperor invited all the animals to a banquet in heaven, and the order of their arrival would determine their rank in the zodiac. The Snake was clever and cunning, and hid in the hoof of the Horse, who was running fast. When they reached the gate of heaven, the Snake jumped out and startled the Horse, making it fall behind. Thus, the Snake became the sixth animal, while the Horse became the seventh.

### What Does the Snake Symbolize?

On the positive side, the Snake represents wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition, and creativity. Snakes are also associated with good luck, prosperity, fertility, and longevity. In some legends, snakes are considered to be divine messengers or guardians of sacred places. Snakes are also revered for their ability to shed their skin and renew themselves, symbolizing transformation and rebirth.

On the negative side, the Snake represents cunning, deception, jealousy, and temptation. Snakes are often portrayed as enemies or rivals of other animals, such as the Dragon or the Tiger. Snakes are also feared for their venomous bite, which can cause death or illness. In some stories, snakes are depicted as evil or demonic creatures that can harm or seduce humans.

### Characteristics of the Snake

If you were born in the Year of the Snake, you are a charming, elegant and sophisticated person who knows how to impress others with your wit and charisma. You are also intelligent, creative and ambitious, with a strong sense of self-worth and a keen eye for detail. You have a natural talent for leadership and can inspire others to follow your vision.

However, you also have some weaknesses that you need to be aware of. You can be secretive, manipulative and jealous, especially when it comes to your personal relationships. You tend to hold grudges and have difficulty forgiving and forgetting. You can also be stubborn, prideful and arrogant, refusing to admit your mistakes or listen to other opinions.

As a Snake, you need to learn how to be more open, honest and flexible in your interactions with others. You should also try to be more humble, compassionate and forgiving, and appreciate the value of different perspectives and experiences. By doing so, you will be able to improve your relationships and achieve greater happiness and success in life.





# Relief Operations for the victims of Typhoon Kristine in partnership with Rotary Club of Naga

JANUARY 23, 2025 @ NAGA CITY





# 23rd Regular Meeting

JANUARY 23, 2025 @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE, TACLOBAN CITY

# Upcoming Events



- JANUARY 9, 2025 - 21ST REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- JANUARY 16, 2025 - 22ND REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- JANUARY 19, 2025 - AREA 3B NATIONAL AUTISM & CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH, 9AM @ BURAYAN GYM, SAN JOSE, TACLOBAN CITY
- JANUARY 23, 2025 - 23RD REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE
- JANUARY 30, 2025 - 24TH REGULAR MEETING, 12NOON @ RC TACLOBAN CLUBHOUSE

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President, RY 2015-2016  
Theme: So A Gift To The World  
Assistant Governor, RY 2022-2023

**PAST PRESIDENTS**



**CHARLES P. UYKIM**  
President, RY 1976-1977  
Theme: I Believe In Rotary



**MARIO F. FIGUEROA**  
President, RY 1980-1981  
Theme: Take Time To Serve



**WILFREDO VARONA**  
President, RY 1988-1989  
Theme: Put Life Into Rotary-Your Life



**ROGELIO P. LO**  
President, RY 1991-1992  
Theme: Enjoy Rotary



**ROMULO M. SAN GABRIEL**  
President, RY 1991-1992  
Theme: Look Beyond Yourself



**VIRGILIO C. ANDRADE**  
President, RY 1998-1999  
Theme: Follow Your Rotary Dream



**VISPERO L. MAYOR**  
President, RY 2001-2002  
Theme: Marked In Our Business



**EDGARDO M. ESPERANCILLA**  
President, RY 2003-2004  
Theme: Lend A Hand



**ORLANDO C. UY**  
President, RY 2011-2012  
Theme: Reach Within To Embrace Humanity



**ANDREW P. NG**  
President, RY 2012-2013  
Theme: Peace Through Service



**JOSE C. JULIO**  
President, RY 2016-2017



**SERAFIN A. CAYUBIT, JR.**  
President, RY 2017-2018



**JOHN JEFFERSON S. UY**  
President, RY 2018-2019



**BONIFACIO S. TORDILLO, JR.**  
President, RY 2019-2020



**EUGENE A. TAN**  
President, RY 2020-2021  
Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities



**ROBERT C. ANDRADE**  
President, RY 2021-2022  
Theme: Serve To Change Lives



**JONATHAN P. CALVARA**  
President, RY 2022-2023  
Theme: Imagine Rotary



**Marco Nardo**  
President, RY 2023-2024  
Theme: Create Hope in the World







# OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 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;
- 3 The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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## 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?



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT