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Within to Embrace
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2022 (*Serve to
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2019-2020 (*Rotary
Connects the World*)



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2020-2021
(*Rotary Opens
Opportunities*)



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(*Imagine Rotary*)



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2023-2024
(*Create Hope in
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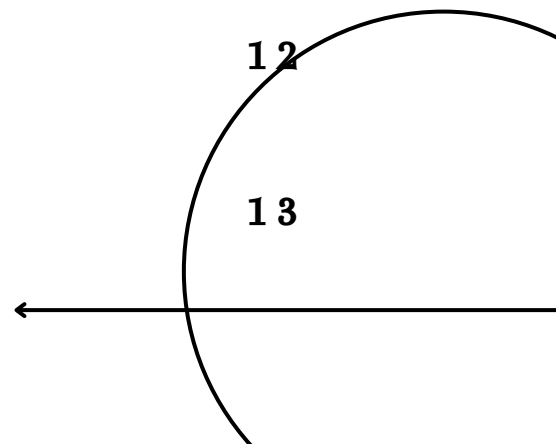


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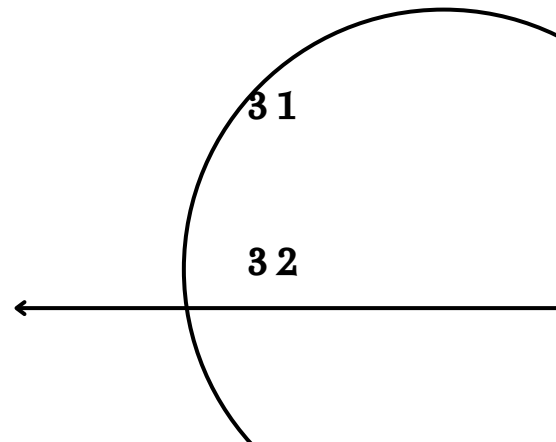


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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Rotary Week has commenced!

The celebration of Rotary Week started off with the photo exhibit of the Rotary Clubs' projects and activities that show Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. Our cover photo shows us at the said exhibit, 10 women strong.

As we celebrate Rotary's 120th anniversary this February 23, may we all be reminded why we chose to be a part of Rotary, and why we chose to stay.

Happy Reading!



Alessandra Könst

*GML Area 2B Editor •
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PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 • 18TH REGULAR MEETING

• VENUE: Roadway Inn, Bajada, Davao City

• ATTIRE: red blazer with team scarf, TMOR pin

Call to Order	<i>Pres Maria Vida Könst</i>
Turnover of Proceedings to Program Moderator	<i>PP Maria Victoria Jimenez & Rtn Janice Lao-Oliva</i>
Invocation	<i>PP Remedios Calaguas</i>
Pambansang Awit	<i>AVP</i>
The Four-Way Test	<i>AVP</i>
Acknowledgement of Visiting Rotarians, Zoom Attendees, & Guests	<i>Rtn Niptalez Avena</i>
Introduction of Guest Speaker	<i>Rtn Niptalez Avena</i>
Guest Speaker's Talk	<i>Atty. Elisa D. Evangelista-Lapina</i>
Secretary's Time	<i>DMC/Sec Armi Geralyn Espiritu</i>
President's Time	<i>Pres Maria Vida Könst</i>
Other Announcements	<i>RCWWD</i>
Adjournment	<i>Pres Maria Vida Könst</i>

Fellowship



We stay focused on the objectives we have for the world: Peace. Tranquility. Freedom from hunger, from oppression, from sickness. The freedom to choose our own destinies. We reaffirm our commitment to our simple Rotary Four Way Test for all we do and support: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? We reaffirm our commitment to high ethics in all we do. And we give thanks for all the blessings, opportunities and responsibilities that befall us as Rotarians. We continue in this new millennium with optimism, renewed energy, and a commitment to service to you and our fellow men and women.

AMEN.

Shared by VP Alessandra Könst; Adapted from an invocation by Joseph D. Coons Bellingham WA

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This newsletter is published bi-monthly by the Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao (RCWWD) and may be distributed in its entirety to any and all Rotary Clubs.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board of Directors and Officers officially inform the Club that there will be TWO HYBRID MEETINGS on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAY of the month, otherwise stated. VENUE of regular meetings will be at SARUNG BANGGI, DAVAO CITY, unless otherwise stated.

ROTARY MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

JULY - Maternal & Child Health Month

AUGUST - Membership & New Club Development Month

SEPTEMBER - Basic Education & Literacy month

OCTOBER - Community Economic & Development Month

NOVEMBER - The Rotary Foundation Month

DECEMBER - Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

JANUARY - Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY - Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month

MARCH - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene Month

APRIL - Environmental Month

MAY - Youth Service Month

JUNE - Rotary Fellowship Month



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Rotary
International
President



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Andrade**
District Governor
for RID 3860



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Assistant Governor
for Area 2B

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Aquino**



**Antonio VA
Llamas**



**PP Yoshinori
Ishii**
RC Narashino,
District 2790 -
Chiba, Japan



**Mario Luis
Jacinto**



**Francisco
Vilela, Jr.**



CLUB PROFILE

CHARTER DATE: January 20, 1992

CLUB NUMBER: 28480

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of East Davao

CHARTER PRESIDENT: Sylvia V.
Marfori

NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO DATE: 46

MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:
30

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: 2

TRF SUSTAINING MEMBERS: 6

MAJOR DONORS:

- *Active Members:* 3
- *Honorary Members:* 3

BENEFACTORS: 4

FOUNDATION: The Rotary Club of
Waling-Waling Davao Foundation,
Inc.

EXTENSION CLUB: Rotary Club of
Davao 2000

SISTER CLUBS:

- RC Pikesville-Owings, USA, D-7620; 2018 – present

- RC Adelaide, Australia, D-9500; 2015 – present
- RC Prospect, Australia, D-9500; 2007 – present
- RC Tagum North; 2006-2022
- RC Hundred Islands, D-3790; 2006-2009
- RC Galena Park, Jacinto City, Texas, USA; 2003-2004
- RC Escondido Sunrise, D-5340; 2003-2004
- RC Mabalacat, Pampanga, PH, D-3790; 2000-2001
- RC Poway, California, USA, D-5340; 1999-2009
- RC Cebu Fuente, D-3860; 1999-2022
- RC Commonwealth; 1998-1999
- RC J.P. Rizal, D-3830; 1995-1996

PARTNERS-IN-SERVICE:

- RC Narashino, Japan, D-2790
- Rotaract Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- Interact Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- RCC Tibungco Resettlement Area, Davao City
- RCC Matina Pangil, Davao City



CLUB PROFILE

- RCC Association of Differently Abled Persons Village, Davao City
- RCC Duha, Ma-a, Davao City

CLUB BULLETIN: BLOOMSCOOP

NUMBER OF ROTEX HOSTED: 2

NUMBER OF ROTEX SPONSORED: 1

NUMBER OF GSE HOSTED: 7

NUMBER OF GSE SPONSORED: 9

ROTARY CONFERENCES:

- *As Host Club*
 - VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR - Mindanao Rotary Clubs: September 7, 2024
 - MEMBERSHIP/TRF SEMINAR: 2022-2023; 2010-2011
 - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SEMINAR: September 2015
 - TRI-DISTRICT SEMINAR: August 2014
 - DISTRICT BLOODLETTING ACTIVITY: 2003-present
 - PETS/SETS & DISTAS: May 10-11, 2002
 - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: August 16, 2001

- INTERCITY FORUM: 1998-1999; 1997-1998; 1993-1994

- *As Co-Host Club*

- Fellowship Night, DisCon 2024
- Voice of the Youth Impromptu Speaking Competition, 2008
- Governor's Night, DisCon 2003
- DisCon 1996

FUNDED PROJECTS:

- Rotary Foundation Matching Grants: 10
- Global Grants
 - 2 as proponent
 - 1 co-proponent with RC East Davao, RC Prospect (Australia) and RC Adelaide (Australia)
 - District Grants
 - D-3860: 8
 - D-7620: 1 (with Pikesville-Owings)
 - World Community Service: Chiba, Japan; RC Narashino



CLUB PROFILE

NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCY

PARTNERS:

- Pag-asa ng Batang May Kapansanan Foundation, Inc.
- Kakayahan ng may Kapansanan Foundation, Inc. (KKFI)
- Member, Davao City Council for the Welfare of Persons with Disability
- Philippine Pediatric Society
- Davao Medical Society
- Brokenshire Memorial Hospital
- Davao City Children Cancer Fund, Inc.
- San Pedro College
- San Pedro Hospital
- Philippine Veterinary Medical Association - Southern Mindanao Chapter

GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS:

- Davao City Social Services & Development Office
- Department of Social Welfare & Development
- Department of Labor & Employment
- Department of Education
- Department of Environment & Natural Resources
- Davao Blood Center
- Davao City Planning & Development Office
- Davao City Health Office
- Davao City Nutrition Office
- Davao City Water District
- Department of Agriculture
- Technical Education Skills Development Authority
- Philippine National Red Cross
- Southern Philippines Medical Center

PRESIDENT'S PASSPORT



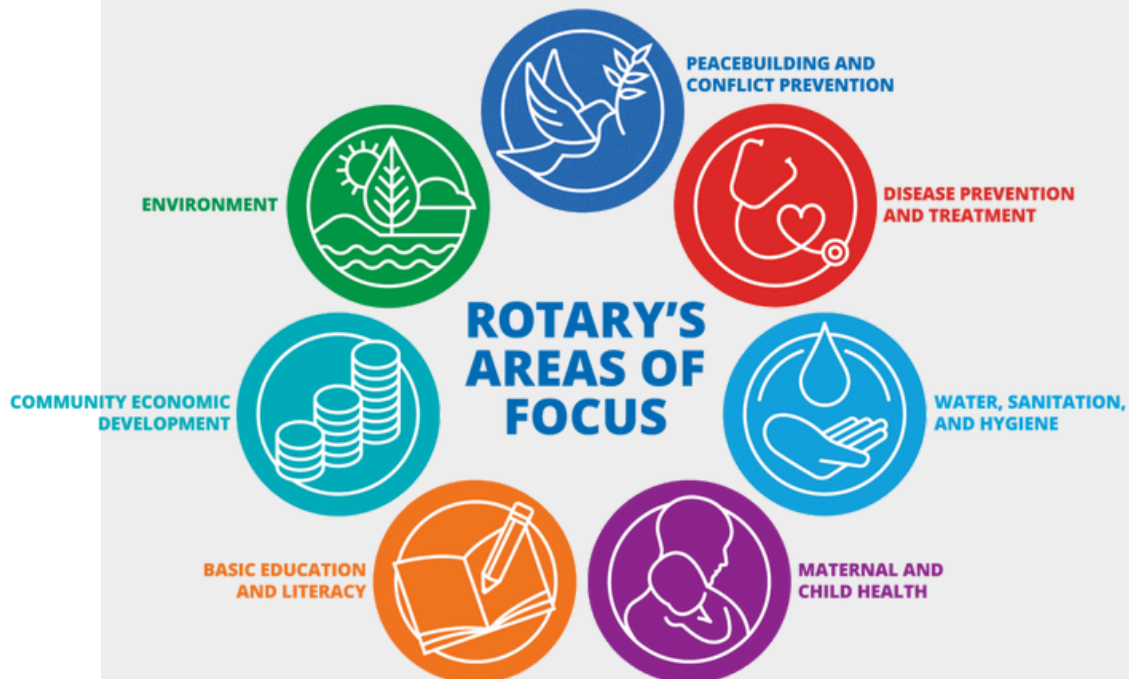
Maria Vida Könst

President

Greetings of Peace and Love!

From 16 to 22 February 2025, D3860 Areas 2A, 2B, and 2C have organized various fellowships and activities for ROTARY WEEK as we countdown to the main event: Celebrating the 120th ANNIVERSARY of ROTARY on 23February 2025 ✨

We enjoin you to visit the "7 AREAS OF FOCUS (AOFs) Photos Exhibit " of the 14 Rotary Clubs of Areas 2A, 2B, and 2C at Abreeza Mall, Davao City. These photos reflect each Club's commitment to service and selfless efforts for Rotary Year 2024 - 2025.



PRESIDENT'S PASSPORT

Completing our February events, we have invited a Guest Speaker for our 18th Club Meeting & Fellowship on 20February. Let us celebrate Rotary's 🌸 "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month" as we listen about the current political climates of our city and country. Venue is at Roadway Inn, Bajada, Davao City.

I am thankful again and again for your continued support and presence. Hang in there with me please, only 4 more months to go!

See y'all there!

Cheers ❤️

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. S. S.', written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY'S

IMPRESSION



**Armi Geralyn
Espiritu**
Secretary

FEBRUARY	<i>6</i>	<i>20</i>	MARCH	<i>6</i>	<i>20</i>
Members Present	30				
Members Absent	6				
Members w/ makeup	10				
Average	87%				
Adjusted Average					

19TH REGULAR MEETING

- DATE: 06 March, 2025
- VENUE: Sarung Banggi, Davao City
- TIME: 12 to 2pm
- ATTIRE: TBA

20TH REGULAR MEETING

- DATE: 20 March, 2025
- VENUE: Sarung Banggi, Davao City
- TIME: 12 to 2pm
- ATTIRE: TBA

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! KEEP YOURSELF UP TO DATE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND PROJECTS BY REFERRING TO RCWWD'S GCALENDAR OF EVENTS. THANK YOU!



**Ma. Alessandra Elisabeth
Könst**

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ROTARY WEEK 2025

120th Anniversary of Rotary International

February 16 - 23, 2025 | Area 2ABC



Organized and sponsored in 1991 by the Rotary Club of East Davao and CHARTERED on 20 January 1992, the ROTARY CLUB OF WALING - WALING DAVAO (RCWWD) is the 11th Rotary Club in DAVAO CITY and holds the distinction of being the FIRST ALL-WOMEN Rotary Club in DISTRICT 3860.



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

ENVIRONMENT



TOGETHER, WE

END POLIO

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



TOGETHER, WE

SAVE LIVES

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



TOGETHER, WE

EMPOWER

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Signature Project

For the past 33 - years, the ROTARY CLUB OF WALING - WALING DAVAO (RCWWD) has been known and accomplished projects on peace, disease prevention & treatment, fighting illiteracy and poverty, helping people gain access to clean water, sanitation, and environment awareness.

Together with a group of avid mountain climbers, this Project started in November, 2022 thru the efforts of our Past President Estela Maribel "Baby" Vilela; purposely to raise awareness on Rotary International's top humanitarian priority which is the ERADICATION OF POLIO. The Annual "Climbs" were able to raise greater awareness on the disease and raise funds for polio vaccines.

RCWWD will continue this Project until polio is globally eradicated.



TOGETHER, WE

TRANSFORM

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



Louis Palma Gil
Public Image Director



17th Regular Meeting
Sarung Banggi, Davao City
February 6, 2025

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



8th ACOM

Roadway Inn, Davao City

February 6, 2025

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



Rotary Week: Photo Exhibit Opening and Ribbon Cutting

Abreeza Mall, Davao City

February 16, 2025

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



Fellowship After Rotary Week Photo Exhibit

Abreeza Mall, Davao City

February 16, 2025

Advancing Women, Building Peace A Panel Conversation



#IWD2025

Rotary celebrates International Women's Day 2025! International Women's Day is celebrated each year on 8 March to help recognize the achievements of women and support equality for women and girls.

Register and submit your questions for the panelists at the Advancing Women, Building Peace webinar. This online discussion takes place **Tuesday, 11 March, at 11:00 Chicago time (UTC-5)**. If you can't take part then, register anyway and you'll receive a recording of the session.

This conversation featuring speakers from around the world will focus on the critical leadership role women have in building sustainable peace and how Rotary is uniquely positioned to support these efforts. The event is open to Rotary members and nonmembers of all genders.

Register here: <https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/12pPRyeMLaFMYtmdBIhownb0h3hI4v>

The Magic of **DEI** pt. 16



What does it mean to be a Rotary member? For Julie Mulligan, it meant having a global community that stood by her during the most harrowing time of her life.

After being kidnapped in Nigeria, Julie endured 13 days of fear, uncertainty, and unimaginable strength. But with the love of her family and the support of fellow members worldwide, she survived — and continues to serve communities with purpose and passion.

Taken from *Rotary International's Instagram account*

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Leamie Retales
Assistant Treasurer •
DEI Officer •
Managing Editor



Guest Speaker's **PROFILE**



ATTY. ELISA D. EVANGELISTA-LAPINA

Director IV at the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Reconciliation and Unity (February 2023 - Present)

Technical Adviser on Judicial Matters, Davao City Mayor's Office (July 2021-December 2022)

Municipal Administrator, Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte (September 2019 - June 2022)

Attorney III and Focal Person, Davao City Mayor's Office (2018 - September 2019)

Member of Davao City Peace and Development Committee (October 2017 - September 2019)

Rotary



MEMBERSHIP

Check

Dear club leader,

Rotary is launching an improved system for managing membership leads early in the new calendar year! We're excited about this process that will make it easier and faster for clubs to connect with prospective members.

Under the new system, people who want to join a Rotary or Rotaract club review their options and submit their interest to a club they choose.

Club presidents, membership chairs, secretaries, and executive secretaries then get an email that includes a link to the person's profile in Salesforce. Club leaders can track follow-up actions in the system and keep notes about the membership lead.

We know that following up with prospective members can be a big job, so you'll receive reminder emails if you don't record any action. You can also easily escalate leads to your district if a prospective member isn't the right fit for your club.

We'll share more details in the coming weeks about the new system that will help your club connect with the more than 30,000 people who indicate their interest each year at rotary.org/join.



Shared by:
Maria Luisa
Aportadera

Membership Director

Rotary



MEMBERSHIP

Check

What can you do right now?

- **Be sure that all your club officers have a My Rotary account.** As with the current process, access to membership leads starts by signing in to My Rotary.
- **Ensure that information about your club is correct in My Rotary as well as on your club's website and social media.** This includes your meeting details and location. Providing accurate information will make your club more visible to prospective members.
- **Think about how your club can be even more welcoming and open to prospective members.** Having a plan for how you'll respond to membership leads and implementing it can help prospective members have a good experience with Rotary.

Soon, you will receive additional information about the launch of the membership leads management system including instructions to opt-out of receiving leads if your club does not wish to participate.

Thank you for your continued collaboration in growing Rotary!

Sincerely,

Brian King

Director of Membership Development

Rotary International

WORLD WATER SUMMIT

WWS17

WASH AWAY POLIO + OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES



**SATURDAY,
JUNE 21ST**

Calgary, Canada

Marriott Downtown
110 9th Ave SE

8:00 - Noon

Full breakfast at 7:45 am



Featuring

Mike McGovern
Chair, International
Polio Plus Committee

Dr Olha Paliychuk
DGE-D2232 Ukraine

Aziz Memon
National Chairman
Pakistan Polio Plus

Dr. Ann Marie Kimball
Dept of Epidemiology
Univ of Washington

From Source, System, Storage, Sip to Sanitation

The WASH Rotary Action Group's World Water Summit unites global leaders to explore how WASH prevents polio and other diseases. This year's event spotlights proven tools, emerging trends, and scalable solutions for lasting impact. Experts will share insights on WASH in healthcare, schools, and communities, ensuring safe water access and stronger public health systems. Through discussions, case studies, and interactive sessions, participants will gain actionable strategies for sustainable disease prevention.

Rotary



WASH

Rotary Action Group

WATER - SANITATION - HYGIENE

TRF BLUEPRINT

GRANTS

The 2026 Programs of Scale grant competition opens soon

It's not too early for clubs and districts to start working on their concept notes for the 2026 Programs of Scale grant competition, which begins in February 2025. This Rotary Foundation program awards grants of US\$2 million and distributes them over three to five years to a successful program that is ready to expand. To learn more about the competition, visit the [Programs of Scale Application Process page](#), and download the [Programs of Scale Handbook](#) and the [template for a concept note](#).



Shared by:
Luna Gaviola
TRF Director

Rotary



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE STATION

Help Rotary recruit peace and development leaders

Applications for the 2026 Rotary Peace Fellowships are open until 15 May.

You can help promote peace in the world by encouraging peace and development leaders in your community to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds to study at one of our peace centers located at leading universities around the world. This year, we'll select 50 peace fellows to study in our master's degree programs at six partner universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States and 80 fellows to participate in our professional development certificate programs at Makerere University in Uganda and Bahçeşehir University in Türkiye.

Rotary Peace Fellows use their training to amplify their work at the local, regional, or global level. Together, we can advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn about Rotary and apply for this unique fellowship.

Rotary and Rotaract members can help find candidates within their networks and community organizations. It's easy to use our referral form so potential candidates can receive more information about applying.



Shared by:
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*International
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KOREA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP CONFERENCE SPARKS DIALOGUE

BY SEOHA LEE & REIKO TOKIYAMA

Rotary leaders from both countries reflect on the challenges and opportunities of peacebuilding across borders

Korea and Japan share a complicated history and sometimes have different views on historical issues. Yet Rotarians from these neighboring countries are determined to transcend such differences by building strong friendships.

For more than 40 years, Rotarians from Korea and Japan have come together through the Korea-Japan Rotary Friendship Conference, a tradition aimed at building peace, understanding, and friendship between the neighboring countries. This year, after a four-year pause due to the pandemic, the 16th Korea-Japan Friendship Conference was held on October 24-25 in Seoul. The conference, attended by 220 Japanese Rotarians and numerous Korean Rotarians, included a keynote speech by former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the theme of “International Peace and Rotary.”

“In an era of global instability, the five ‘Ps’ — person, planet, peace, prosperity, and partnership — are essential virtues for Rotary,” Ki-moon said. “I hope all members will strive for the peace and prosperity of humanity.”

To mark this milestone event, we spoke with Past District Governors Kiho Hong of Korea and Hironori Sugawara of Japan, both of whom serve as vice-chairs of the Friendship Committees in their respective countries. In a conversation the day before the conference, they shared their experiences, the importance of collaboration, and their vision for future cooperation.



Q: How did you get involved with the Japan-Korea Friendship Committee?

Sugawara: My family and I love Korea, so I've been visiting the country at least once a year. My club has a sister club in Korea, and that was how I first became involved. My district (D2520) and Mr. Hong's district (D3640) are sister districts, so I also got involved at the district level. In 2019, the Japan-Korea Friendship Conference was held in my hometown, Sendai, and many Rotarians, including myself, participated. Now I am involved in this conference at a national level.

Hong: I've also been deeply involved in the exchange between Korea and Japan. The relationship is so close that, in my mind, I can't distinguish between Japanese and Korean Rotarians.

Not only I, but many members in my district have relationships with Japan, especially through sister clubs. Members come and go like families and build friendships. What we gain from these experiences is not something we can buy with money.

Sugawara: About 220 Japanese Rotarians are coming to Seoul to attend this year's conference. I would like to see more members attend. I know they need to pay and make time to travel, but this isn't just any trip. Like Rotary's international conventions, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the significance of Rotary. I hope that all new members can experience this and feel the excitement like I do.

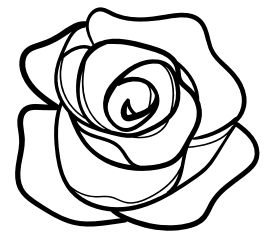
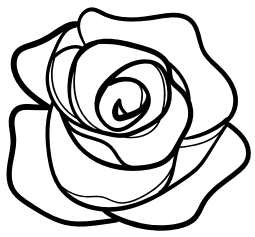
Q: What have you each learned from working with Rotarians from the other country? How has the collaboration contributed to building peace and understanding?

Sugawara: What I learned through my involvement in the exchanges is that Rotarians in both countries are the same, because we share the spirit of Rotary.

In Rotary, we don't have representatives of a country, such as a representative of Korea or Japan. In Rotary, about 530 district governors deliver the president's messages to their clubs. Those messages change slightly from year to year, but the underlying philosophy is the same. It has been the same since its founding.

Yesterday, I happened to have dinner with a group of four Korean friends. I first met them in Sendai when they visited us. They could only speak a few words in Japanese, but we were all happy for two to three hours at the dinner table. In Rotary, we all respect and understand each other, despite our differences, because we all feel and think in the same way.

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



Dir Luna Gaviola
February 5



Rtn Cha Lim
February 9



Dir Myriam Tan
February 13



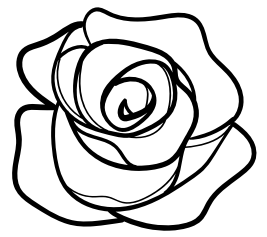
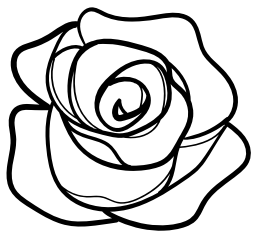
PP Fe Boiser
February 15



**AG/PP Jaja
Valderosa**
February 22



**Rtn Evamay Dela
Rosa**
February 26



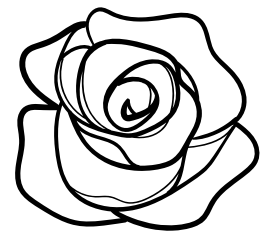
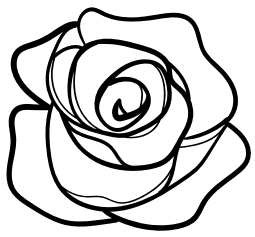
FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Wedding Anniversary



**PP Melot Baarde &
Spouse Larry**

February 1



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Membership Milestones



**PP Vangi
Schwendener**
February 1, 2002



Pres Vida Könst
February 1, 2002



Treas Bel Chua
February 1, 2007



**Rtn Chona
Lamparas**
February 6, 2020

HERMES

(July, October,
January, April)

1. **TEAM LEADER:**
POLINTAN, Mynne
2. **APORTADERA,**
Luchi
3. **BOISER, Fe**
4. **CHUA, Bel**
5. **DELA ROSA,**
Evamay
6. **GAVIOLA, Luna**
7. **GUIDING, Pao**
8. **KÖNST, Vida**
9. **LIAMZON, Jo**
10. **LLAMAS, Lorna**
11. **PALMA GIL, Loi**
12. **ROSALES, Happy**
13. **SANTOS, Nen**
14. **SCHWENDENER,**
Vangi
15. **YÑIGUEZ, Tess**

DIOR

(August, November,
February, May)

1. **TEAM LEADER:**
EVANGELISTA, Bec
2. **AUSTRIA, Sylvia**
3. **AVENA, Jeejee**
4. **CALAGUAS, Remie**
5. **DE LOS SANTOS,**
Lara
6. **ESPEJO, Gina**
7. **GOMEZ, Che**
8. **JIMENEZ, Vicky**
9. **LAMPARAS, Chona**
10. **LIBRON, Elsie**
11. **MADAYAG, Vanessa**
12. **LAO-OLIVA, Janice**
13. **REYES, Zony**
14. **TAN, Irish**
15. **VALDEROSA, Jaja**
16. **ZHANG, Ma-em**

CHANEL

(September, December,
March, June)

1. **TEAM LEADER: DE**
LOS SANTOS,
Jenah
2. **BAARDE, Melot**
3. **DIAZ, Ces**
4. **DOLENDO, Mae**
5. **ESPIRITU, Gigi**
6. **FITZBACK, Teri**
7. **JACINTO, Malou**
8. **KÖNST, Alex**
9. **LIM, Cha**
10. **RETALES, Mimi**
11. **TAI, Letti**
12. **TAN, Myriam**
13. **TE, Creng**
14. **VILELA, Baby**
15. **VILLAGOMEZA,**
Elsa

MONTHLY HOST TEAMS



RCWWD CLUB RECOGNITION SUMMARY (CRS)

AS OF JANUARY 2025

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Estela Maribel Vilela	+8	8000

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Myriam Tan

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Lorna Llamas	USD 9,000.00 +8	1400
Divina Fe Boiser	USD 9,000.00 +8	2000
Hermie Polintan	USD 9,000.00 +8	3300
Remie Calaguas	USD 8,476.88	1000
Mae Dolendo	USD 7,650.93	4400
Teresita Yñiguez	USD 7,177.92	2200
Jannette Valderosa	USD 6,904.29	2900
Marivic Jimenez	USD 6,715.38	200
Armi GERALYN Espiritu	USD 6,499.79	1400
Luna Gaviola	USD 6,173.38	1000
Leonida Santos	USD 6,004.56	1300
Marydict Rosales	USD 5,007.12	4400
Luchi Aportadera	USD 4,913.38	1000
Vangi Schwendener	USD 4,879.79	400
Gina Marie Espejo	USD 4,311.38	1600
Marilou Baarde	USD 4,003.38	1900
Letty Tai	USD 3,726.96	1500
Vanessa Madayag	USD 3,637.40	2600
Ma. Corazon Reyes	USD 3,618.38	600
Maribel Chua	USD 3,576.92	700
Vida Könst	USD 3,419.91	1400
Elsa Villagomez	USD 3,306.29	1100
Emmanouelle Zhang	USD 3,238.14	2300
Sylvia Austria	USD 3,354.29	400
Cecile Diaz	USD 3,192.46	200
Teresita Fitzback	USD 2,513.38	1200
Josephine Liamzon	USD 2,281.38	500
Alessandra Könst	USD 2,177.91	700
Leamie Retales	USD 1,005.00	500
Niptalez Avena	USD 1,000.00	500

Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris Fellow	USD	FRP
Cheryl Gomez	USD 1,490.42	400
Elsie Libron	USD 1,385.38	100

Sustaining Members

Chona Lamparas	USD 653.38	-
Carina Abellera-Te	USD 329.00	-
Jenah De los Santos	USD 229.00	-
Caryl Lim	USD 229.00	-
Irish Tan	USD 129.00	-
Faustell Guiding	USD 100.00	-

Other Contributors

Lara De los Santos	USD 35.00	-
Loi Palma Gil	USD 35.00	-

Honorary Members

Nonoy Aquino	Major Donor +8	1500
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Antonio Llamas	USD 2,000.00	100

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3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE 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:

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 and community life;

FOURTH, the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

CORE VALUES: SERVICE · FELLOWSHIP · DIVERSITY · INTEGRITY · LEADERSHIP

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world. With a commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most importantly, advance the community.

While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, Rotary has focused its efforts in seven areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs:

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development
7. Supporting the environment

