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Club President's Message

MIP Natoy Almeda



Fellow Rotarians,

My Term as your President is coming to a close. As I have said before, I am humbled by this opportunity that you have bestowed on me. This past Rotary Year has been truly a fulfilling experience. I am blessed by the company of able Rotarians willing to serve and share. Yes, for it is indeed a blessing to "serve above self" and we should continue to do so regardless of position within our Rotary Club. Our motto lives on and is a part of our daily life.

I am proud to have served my Term with vigor and enthusiasm. I hope to have exalted our Rotary Club to what it is and should be in our Rotary community. Surely, our Golden Year Anniversary Event was an amazing success! Our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our outstanding Golden Anniversary Chairmen, PP Boy Sevilla and PP Diether, for their tireless efforts to steer this celebration forward. Many thanks too to our participating Anns, notably Yoling Sevilla and our Exec. Director Betty Centeno for arranging and following through on all matters leading to the event. Kudos and appreciation also to our Satellite members and Rotaractors who in one way or another has been a major part of our Golden Anniversary.

I am also happy to report that our Legacy Projects (Aetas in Botolan, ALPABASA & Feed a Child – Build a Nation) are secured for funding for the next 3 years. We should continue to fund these projects to honor our departed Past Presidents who have made this commitment.

And by the time you read this message, I would have turned over our RCMN Presidency to an able and equally motivated President Dennis Pe. I am committed to support Pres. Dennis and his Board as we continue to bring back the glory years of RCMN. I would also exhort our fellow RCMN members to actively participate in all club projects and fellowships. We need to keep this momentum going for RCMN.

And on that note, I sign off as your President and welcome Pres. Dennis Pe for 2023-2024 Rotary Year. It's been my honor to lead RCMN this 2022-2023.

Mabuhay!

Natoy Almeda

Marvelous Imaginative President
RY 2022-2023

RI President's Message

RI Pres. Jennifer Jones

Speaking to you through the pages of Rotary magazine this past year has brought me so much joy. I have especially enjoyed sharing the incredible stories of the wonderful people Nick and I have met on the Imagine Impact Tour.

From Patzún in the mountainous western highlands of Guatemala to a small village outside of Lusaka, Zambia, we have been greeted by countless people who imagine and work toward a better world.

We were inspired by teachers who imagine a better education for girls and boys facing gender-based violence, by Rotaractors in a refugee settlement who created a flour mill to provide for their families in a critical food shortage, and by brave polio workers who push tirelessly to reach every last child.

All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.

Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to Imagine Rotary. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.



Jennifer Jones
RI President 2022-23

The Week That Was

By: PP Dieter Brueckner



RCMN GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

From that day of May 3, 1973 at the Aberdeen Court where 29 businessmen chartered the RC Makati North, the Club has evolved into a truly large Rotary family with its various partners in service, Inner Wheel, Satellite Club, Rotary Community Corps, Rotaractors and Interactors.

Individually and jointly, RCMN and its partners in service engage in very numerous social projects but especially focusing on three legacy ones:

Feeding Program – “Feed a child – build a Nation”- (Chris Bellinger)
Aetas of Botolan and
Alpabasa – speed reading program -

Every Rotarian spontaneously contributed with his time, treasure, or talent to the success of the “once-in-a-lifetime celebration of service” together with Solaire Entertainment and the Grand Hyatt Hotel. A special recognition and thanks to our Executive Director Betty Centeno, Moli Almenario, Ida Rafols, Melissa Rafols for those long evenings putting all the details together.

Before the celebration proper, our Ladies' committee headed by Ann Yolanda Sevilla organized a social and cultural program for our foreign visitors. But let me please highlight the helicopter tour over Manila offered and piloted by our very own PP Ed Mijares.

The early direction given by MIP Natoy Almeda to the Anniversary Chairman PP Federico Sevilla was to make this Anniversary a celebration with fellowship and more fellowship, and also to celebrate the long-standing friendship we enjoy with our sister clubs.

With this direction in mind, the Official Program for our 150+ guests were to duly recognize our distinguished visitors from four International and three local Sister Clubs, DG Mildred Vitangcol and District Officers, numerous PDGs, and a large group of Marvelous Imaginative Presidents (MIP) classmates and friends of Pres. Natoy.



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One of the highlights of the evening was certainly the key note address delivered by our charter member (who was very emotional at times), PP Edilberto Bravo who came all the way from Dumaguete.

Service-oriented individuals are the very heart and soul of RCMN. It is therefore only fitting that the Club honored its two PDGs, Ernie Salas and late Renato Magadia (received by Ann Vicky Magadia) and all attending Past Presidents with a commemorative plaque.



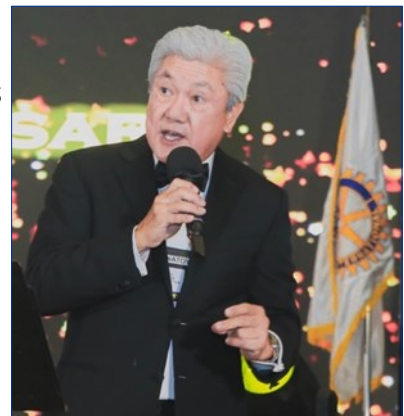
As it is our decades-long standing RCMN tradition, the centerpiece of the evening was again the very well-rehearsed dance number of ten very resolute and enthusiastic dancing pairs complemented for the first time by members of Satellite Club members.

Age is only a number...



The outstanding musical performance of our very own performer Ann Lorraine Motoomull, together with the eight musicians from the Bloomberg Band and Solaire' singer Jenny Garcia delighted the guests during the evening.

Those outstanding performances motivated our Pres. Natoy contributed several songs from Frank Sinatra's timeless songs.



A VERY FIRST but certainly not the last.

Again, this anniversary celebration brought the very best out of every Rotarian and former member. Let me highlight the generous donations received for our social – legacy- projects:

One million PhP or more:

- MIP Natoy Almeda
- Anonymous friend of P Natoy

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- PP Augusto Gus Lagman
More than PhP 100,000
- PP Edilberto Bravo
Below 100,000
- PP Toti Herbosa
- RC Raffles City
- PP Elizabete Fong (RC Macau)



The photographic and video summaries will be uploaded shortly on our website (<http://rotaryclubmakatinorth.org>) for remembrance and enjoyment.

We paid tribute to our departed members who contributed for so many years to RCMN's success. Thank you and continue resting in peace.

Let me conclude with a note of admiration. This Anniversary celebration has strengthened the Rotary spirit among our members and partners in service exponentially. I wish to highlight the participation of our younger Rotarians who are already firmly taking up the responsibilities to bring the club's achievements to new heights.



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By: PP Dieter Brueckner



The Week That Was

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City tour & golf fellowship for our visiting sister clubs.



Service Above Self—Outstanding Teachers Award

By: ED Betty Centeno / April 1, 2023



Last April 1, the Rotary Club of Makati North once again recognized the two awardees for Service Above Self—Outstanding Teachers for RY 2022-23. This is the 10th year this Vocational Service Project is being held. This is a club initiative to recognize the hardship of our teachers. It is said that teachers are the “unsung heroes” of the society. Teachers are not well compensated; they spend more time in teaching their students than their children. They bring their works at home thus sometimes they spend sleepless nights just to finish their laborious responsibilities. The FBES-Main and Maximo Estrella SHS family is very grateful for recognizing the significance of our teachers.

To be recognized for their contribution to teaching and nurturing their students is one of the biggest achievements a teacher could ever have. The Rotary Club of Makati North for the past years have shown the importance of recognizing the role of the teachers in our society.

From the deliberation of nominees conducted by the two principals—Mrs. Sally Miranday and Dr. Edwn Salviejo, Ms. Shelyn E. Buenaventura (FBES Main) and Ms. Charry Cervantes (MESHS) were the chosen recipient of the award. The awarding ceremony was conducted at the AVR of Francisco Benitez Elementary School – Main. Present during the awarding ceremony were PP Boy & Yoling Sevilla, PP Dieter Brueckner, Rtn. Charl Arisgado, Satellite & RCC headed by Ida Rafols, Rotaract headed by Melissa Rafols, together with RCC members and teachers.



Ms. Shelyn E. Buenaventura (FBES Main) - *“Being a teacher is one of the professions that I will always look up to. They have the biggest heart and I can’t imagine how they are capable of nurturing and loving all their countless students. Just like a real parent, they are also a driving force that motivates us to reach our full potential that is how important they have become in our lives. Every year there may only be one most outstanding teacher, but it does not necessarily mean that the other teacher may lack something for the biggest award any teacher could have is the pride of students that they are their teachers.*

I applied my philosophy of teaching which is the learner-centered approach or Humanistic learning theory. This Philosophy focuses on both cognitive and affective learning and creating a safe environment for the learners which I use in my teaching. Focuses not only on the cognitive development of the child but also on the feelings of the child. Feelings and knowledge go hand in hand in the learning process and should not be separated.

As a kindergarten teacher, I believe that when children feel that they are loved, cared and respected their eagerness to learn will follow. Creating a safe environment, and enjoyable and fun activities for the class makes it easier for the child to love learning even at an early age. Let the children feel first that they are welcomed, and they belong to the class so that

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they can express themselves and show their skills and talents. They will actively participate in the class without fear.

With this philosophy, I will not only measure the knowledge that the child has but also understand the needs of the child pertaining to his feelings and emotions so that I can provide appropriate activities and interventions for them. By understanding their feelings I can create positive and harmonious relationships among my pupils and their parents as well.

Lastly, this Philosophy helped me a lot in teaching kindergarten children."



Ms. Charry Cervantes (MESHS)—"As an educator, my teaching philosophy centers on the importance of fostering strong relationships with my students, their parents, and my colleagues. I believe that cultivating positive and meaningful relationships is essential for creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

To me, the relationship between a teacher and their students is paramount. I view my role as an educator as a guide and facilitator rather than a traditional authority figure. I believe that every student has unique strengths, abilities, and interests, and it's my responsibility to create a learning environment that allows them to discover and develop these qualities. By getting to know my students on a personal level, I can tailor my lessons to meet their individual needs and provide them with opportunities to succeed.

I also recognize the importance of building positive relationships with my students' parents. Communication is the key, and I make it a priority to establish open and honest lines of communication with parents to ensure that we are working together to support their child's academic and emotional growth. By keeping parents informed about their child's progress and involving them in the learning process, we can create a collaborative partnership that benefits the student.

Equally important is the relationship I have with my colleagues. As a team, we can work together to create a cohesive and collaborative learning environment. By sharing ideas, resources, and best practices, we can support each other's growth as educators and ultimately provide better outcomes for our students. Collaboration allows us to identify areas of strength and weakness in our teaching, to learn from one another, and to develop more effective teaching strategies.

Ultimately, my teaching philosophy is centered on relationships. When students feel valued, supported, and heard, they are more likely to engage in the learning process and achieve their full potential. When parents feel included and informed."

Project G.U.I.D.E

(Gabay sa pag-Unlad ng Isip, Diwa at Edukasyon)

By: Rtn. / RAC Kianah Manalili / May 20, 2023

"Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away." — Abraham Lincoln. As some people will remember you, you are so kind in helping other people. The event was participated by some members of Rotary Satellite Club of Makati North Partners headed by SP Ida Rafols, Rotaract Club of Brgy Sta Cruz headed by yours truly Pres. Kianah Manalili, PP Melissa Rafols and PP Peter Paul Canzon, sponsored by **RCMN Pres. Donato "Natoy" Almada, Universal Robina Corporation, Del Monte Foundation** and **Satellite/RAC members.**

In celebration of Youth Service, the Rotaract Club of Brgy Sta Cruz conducted a donation drive in an orphanage. It all started when I was in my province Pandacaqui Mexico, Pampanga, when my aunt told me that there was an orphanage just near my home which is the Philippine Baptist Orphanage. We first visited the orphanage last October 21, 2022. My aunt introduced me to the coordinator named "Kristine Ferguson" and she told us the history of the orphanage. I started to tell my fellow Rotaract officers and members that I like to donate to this orphanage.



After I told my fellow officers, we first planned to donate at the orphanage during the World Rotaract Week (March 18, 2023), but then it was postponed due to lack of time. Me and PP Melissa Rafols asked the coordinator right away how many kids do the orphanage. At that time there were around 60 kids, but then a few months later, there were a total of 95 kids. I was shocked because I did not expect the number of kids to increase so fast, but you know 95 is just a number as long as you want to help children and make them happy. We continued and finalized the plan for the donation drive. It was settled on May 20, 2023. We asked the coordinator what we were going to donate if it was toys or school supplies, but she chooses school supplies because some children from the orphanage are still studying from Grade 1 to College.

Now, the day has come. We donated school supplies to 48 children who are still studying from Grade 1 to College including food, while the other children received toys, food, reading books and coloring books. They were so happy as soon as they received the donations. It makes my heart melt as I see them smiling while looking at their school supplies.

After the donation drive, the owner of the orphanage already told us to visit or come back someday and make some more activities for the children. We love to go back soon and have more fun.

Helping others is amazing and makes me cry. We, The Rotaract Club of Brgy Sta Cruz are thankful and were inspired to continue the best that we can do. This project means a lot especially for the children from the orphanage.

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Turning Dreams into Reality (Alpabasa Global Grant Project)

By: Ms. Diana Mariz / April 13, 2023

The Rotary Club of Makati North partnered with Read to Achieve Foundation Philippines Inc. (RAFPI) and ALPABASA Reading Program have made a significant step towards fulfilling their goal of promoting literacy in the Philippines. With the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement last April 18, 2023 Tuesday with Payatas C Elementary School, the Rotary Club has committed to a 3-year program grant that will benefit the school's Kindergarten, Grades 1, and 2 students.

For Kindergarten Teacher Ma. Lourdes Calaguas, this achievement is a dream come true. She received complete materials from ALPABASA in the past and knows firsthand how valuable these resources are in promoting reading among young learners.

The MOA signing event attended by Rotary Club of Makati North, led by President-elect Dennis Pe, and Project Chair PP Archie Reano, together with PP Boy Sevilla, ED Betty Centeno, and other Rotary members, officially marks the start of the 3-year program that will help improve literacy rates among the learners of PaCES.

The program aims to provide complete materials and resources for the students, including instructional materials, student's learning kits, and teacher training. The program's goal is to make every PaCES learner a reader after the 3-year program.

Teacher Tisha Gonzalez-Cruz, the Executive Director of RAFPI and founder of ALPABASA who also attended the signing, hopes that this program is just the start of a long term partnership with Rotary Club. Right now, there are more public schools in different parts of the country who are still asking for their help. RAFPI's mission is to provide the ALPABASA Reading Program to more public schools in need until "Every Filipino Child, becomes a Reader."

The program's success would not be possible without the support of the school's principal, Dr. Alicia Masubay, and the other teachers, MT Cherry Antiporda, MT Regina Lestino, and the entire faculty and staff of Payatas C Elementary School. Their support and cooperation are critical in ensuring that the students receive the full benefits of the program.

The project is a significant step towards promoting literacy in the Philippines. With their commitment to the 3-year program grant for PaCES, the foundation and the Rotary Club are helping to create a brighter future for the young students of the school.

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Signing of Memorandum of Agreement and turnover of checks for Global Grant Alfabasa Project.



Inspirational Stories

The Power of Words

Overcoming Adversity: Inspiring Stories Of Success And Resolve - Nothing is impossible if you make the resolution to never give up!

What is life without a little misfortune? Would we ever truly feel happy if we hadn't had first-hand experience with sadness? We all are dealt different hands in life but one thing is for sure: We all struggle. What would life really be without adversity?

But how you choose to respond to that difficulty or situation is what makes you who you are. Your reaction to the struggles shapes your life for better or for worse. Believe it or not, there have been countless people in the past who have made history by taking on their difficulties by the horns. Not everyone is born with a silver spoon, some struggle to make it big, and all their hard work does pay off.

Here are some prominent stories which have left us inspired to work harder and grind no matter what situation we have to deal with.



1. Running For A Cure

A Canadian athlete lost his leg to cancer at the young age of just 18! Terry Fox did not let his illness define him. Instead, he went on a cross-country run to raise cancer awareness and funds for cancer research. Every day he ran a marathon and covered around 5,300 kilometers. After this, his cancer returned and he had to retire from the journey.

His legacy continues to live in the name of the Terry Fox Foundation and has managed to raise over \$750 million for cancer research.



2. From Rock Bottom To Success

We have all seen movies where the lead hits rock bottom and then works all the way to the top with hard work. This happens in real life too. J.K. Rowling is one of the most famous authors of all time. But people don't know the struggles that she had to go through to get to where she is today!

She was a single mother who was battling depression and had to survive on only welfare. Regardless, she gave all that she had left in her soul to the book Harry Potter. Her book was so imaginative but it was rejected by a lot of publishers initially. Yet, Rowling did not give up.

Eventually, she was able to make Harry Potter global phenomena that earned her fame, fortune, and a lot of love. Today her fans adore her and she has a huge family to support her in the shape of her fans.

3. The Pursuit of Happiness

A struggling father who has no nowhere to go, but he does not give up. Chris Gardner lived on the streets of San Francisco before he decided to make a career in finance. He had zero experience and connection but he worked hard day and night and landed an internship at a well-known brokerage firm.



That did not make things any easier. He faced a lot of hurdles on his way to success but he was consistent. This is what helped him land a full-time job and he went on to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs of all time.

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4. Rising From The Ashes

Just like the phoenix, Oprah Winfrey rose from the ashes to untouched heights. She is a philanthropist, an icon, or one can say a media mogul. But if you think she had her way to success already paved when she was born, you are quite wrong.

She struggled with emotional and physical abuse, trauma, and extreme poverty in her childhood. Despite facing countless obstacles during her early life in Mississippi, she never caved in. She was a shining star throughout her education until she landed a broadcasting job. That is what gave her a sense of the direction she wanted to head in.

Honing her skills, she launched her own talk show. Her talk show became one of the most high-rated shows in American Television History.

Oprah Winfrey is an inspiration to a whole generation and many to come!

5. Breaking The Social Barriers

A brilliant mind but a disabled body, Stephen Hawking refused to let his illness define him. At the ripe age of 21 when he had many dreams and plans lying ahead of him, the doctors diagnosed him with ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). He was told he would only have a few years to live.

This did not stop him from pursuing his deep interest in science. He defied all odds and made a hugely successful career in science. He went on to become a professor at the University of Cambridge.

Stephen made countless discoveries in the field of cosmology and is still remembered today through his work.



6. Breaking The Shackles Of Negativity

A well-known therapist who struggled with an eating disorder in her youth, Marissa Peer. Today she has helped to save many lives through her books and therapy. She helps people overcome the negative feelings they have about themselves but things were not so easy for her in the start.

She struggled with negative thoughts about herself when she was suffering from an eating disorder. She took her learnings from the unfortunate journey and decided to pursue a career where she would be able to help other people walking the same unfortunate path as her.

Today her books Ultimate Confidence and Mind Over Fatter among many others have helped people overcome emotional hurdles and challenges.



What Lesson Is There To Learn?

You can always redeem yourself, no matter how far low you have fallen. It is never too late to turn your life around. A positive attitude combined with resilience will help you overcome any physical or social barrier in your way.

Remember, the key is to always believe in yourself.

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Excitement builds for Melbourne

The 2023 Rotary International convention will offer endless inspiration for the year to come.—By Etelka Lehoczky



Rotary will hold its annual convention in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia next week. Rotary members and guests will gather in Australia's second-most-populous city from 27-31 May to Imagine What's Next for Rotary and for themselves.

(View convention images and videos)

With electrifying speakers, powerful breakout sessions, and more than 200 booths in the House of Friendship, the convention will offer endless inspiration for the year to come.

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones said the convention will be a chance to both look back and think ahead: to share stories of the past year's triumphs and get excited about new possibilities.

"We are looking forward to welcoming so many of you from across the globe to come and celebrate the great stories of what we've all accomplished together during this year," Jones said. She called for attendees to "imagine transformation," saying, "We transform ourselves from year to year. We don't change – we become better. We're going to celebrate what's next."

At the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Rotary's people of action will discover new perspectives, challenge themselves, and inspire each other. They'll address causes important to Rotary like protecting the environment, eradicating polio, advancing literacy, strengthening communities, and promoting peace. Most of all, they'll experience what it feels like to belong to an organization with 1.4 million members worldwide.

Convention highlights
World-class speakers will include:

Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate and founder of Gbowee Peace

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Foundation Africa

Nakeeyat Dramani Sam, a 10-year-old climate change activist and poet Kari Aina Eik, who's led numerous programs to meet global environmental targets and helped shape the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals Chantal Vallée, the first woman in basketball history to be named as both head coach and general manager of a men's professional team

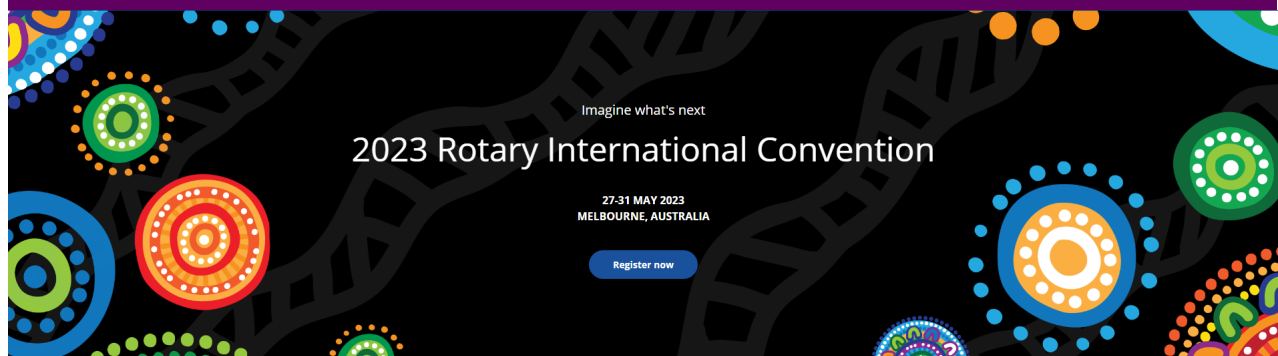
Download the Rotary Events app for a guide to each day's activities, and follow the convention on Facebook.

In the House of Friendship, attendees can meet Rotary members from around the world while exploring exhibits like a Peace Park, sponsored by the Rotary Action Group for Peace, which includes a community conversation space and a "peace portal." The portal will allow visitors to videoconference with peacebuilders in different parts of the world. There's also the Interact60 booth, which celebrates the youth program's 60th anniversary.

The convention will showcase how Rotary is protecting the environment – Rotary's latest area of focus. Breakout panels will address such issues as plastic waste, water pollution, and the value of plant-rich diets. By using the convention app, attendees can eliminate paper waste from printed programs and schedules. Melbourne's excellent public transportation system will reduce emissions by making it easy for attendees to get around without cars. Plant-based and meatless options will be included in menus, and water coolers will be provided throughout the venue to minimize single-use plastics.

Attendees can also enjoy ticketed events organized by local clubs. They include a visit to the Melbourne Museum, a trip to an Australian rules football match, and a food packing event in Melbourne's Federation Square. Volunteers will aim to pack 100,000 meals to be sent to countries in need.

Register for the 2024 Convention in Singapore in the House of Friendship. Those who register during the convention will enjoy a special reduced rate. Drop by the booth for more information about this incredible destination.



Calendar of Club & District Events

JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

MAY 03	RCMN 50TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 09-15	TRIP TO THAILAND, SIGNING OF SISTERHOOD WITH RC VADHANA
JUNE 28	CLUB HANDOVER & TESTIMONIAL
JULY 01 (Sat)	DISTRICT CHILDREN'S DAY AT MANILA SOUTH CEMETERY
JULY 05	DISTRICT TEAM VISIT

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

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GREETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

PP Chet Tan	Ma7 08
SP Ida Rafols	May 09
Ann Marisse Almeda	May 18
Ann Chichi Salas	May 21
PDG Ernie Salas	May 22
Rtn. Vic Lim	May 23
Ann Mel Zialcita	May 27



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Rtn. Nato & Jo Sumalde	May 21
PP Chris & Michelle Bellinger	May 22



WORDS TO LIVE BY

**BE SOMEONE'S STRENGTH.
BE SOMEONE'S INSPIRATION.
BE SOMEONE'S REASON
TO NEVER GIVE UP.**

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do.

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

2.

Is it **FAIR** to all **CONCERNED**?

3.

Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4.

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all **CONCERNED**?