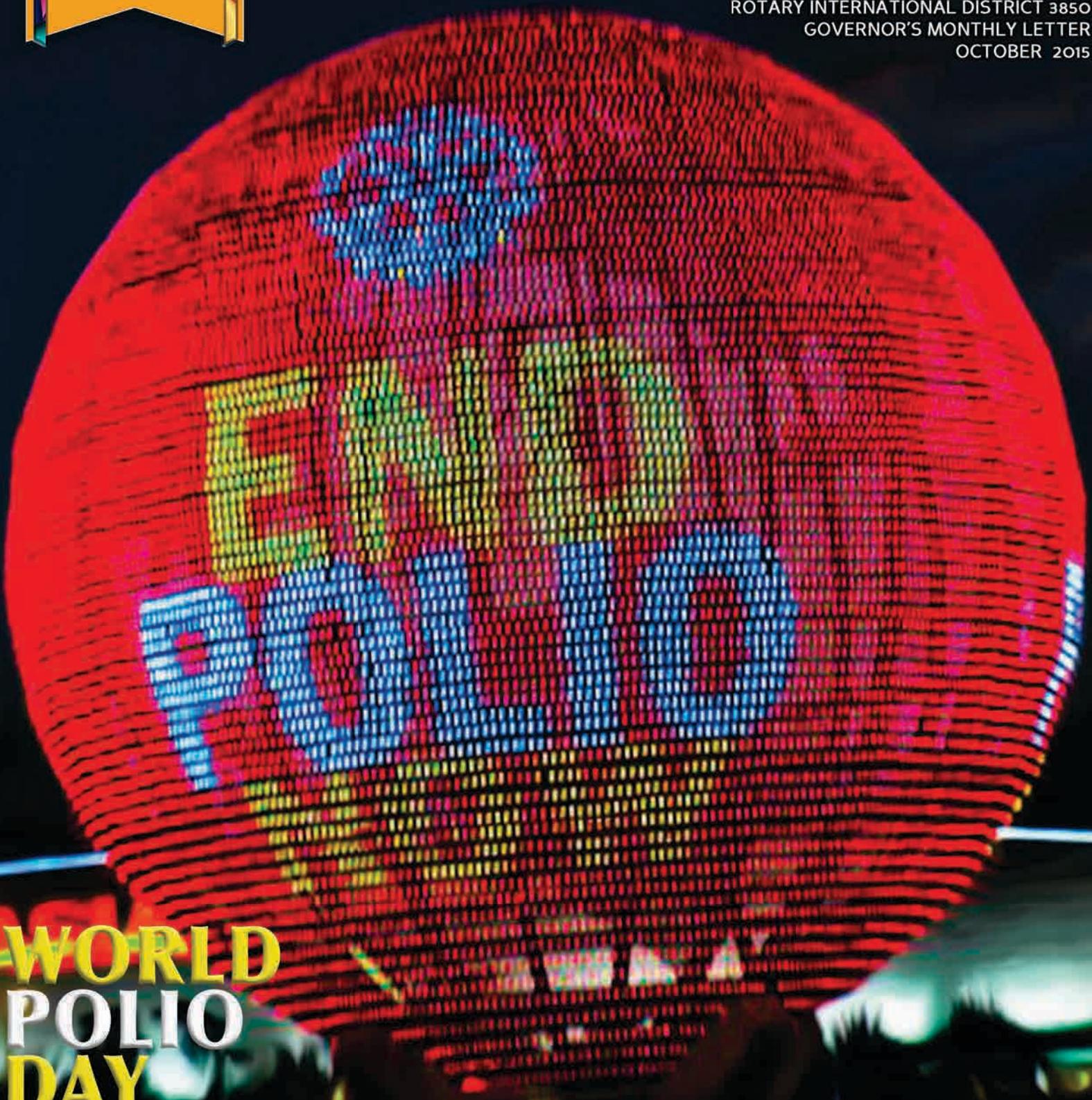


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3850  
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POLIO  
DAY**  
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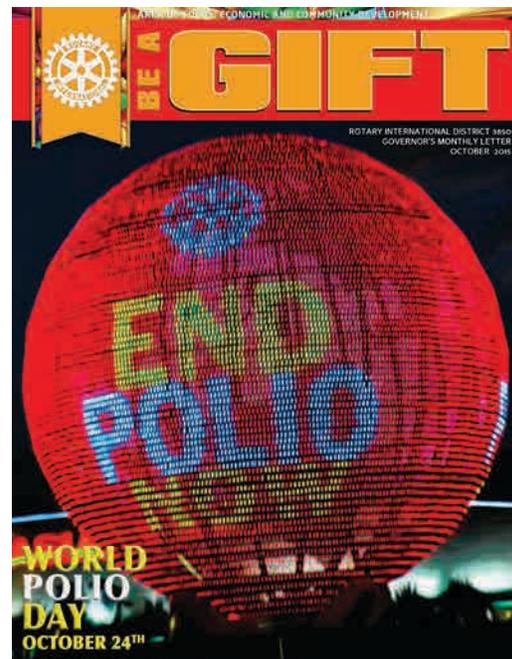
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In any publication, coming up with the appropriate concept for the cover is always an onerous and brain-wracking mental involvement. On the contrary, for our GML publication, it is all too easy for we have our Rotary monthly theme serving as guide. Comes thereafter is the appropriate photo for the cover. Rotarians in every nook and cranny of the whole wide world know by heart that October 24 is World Polio Day. In a recent “Max’s” meeting I had with DG Oliver Ong and PDG McGyver Makasiar, DG Oliver suggested a photo to use as our GML cover for this month; the iconic led-lighted globe at the entrance of SM Mall of Asia that prominently displayed Rotary’s End Polio Now logo in observance of the World Polio Day.

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After the Zamboanga Siege in September 2013, where my wife was stranded in Manila for 3 weeks while visiting our eldest daughter, my wife opened a Manila branch of her dental clinic. She employed two dentists as her associates. Every month— for a week, she flies to Manila to conduct clinic. It has been my routine to bring her and fetch her at the airport. This month, after fetching my wife at the airport, on our way home she popped a question: “Dad, are you going back to law school after your GML?” I responded with a question pointblank, “why you asked?” She then told me that a lawyer inquired if she can rent a table space for her notarial services within her dental clinic. Not a surprising circumstance as her dental clinic is merely a walking distance from the offices of Department of Justice, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. She remembered my law schooling with that happenstance. After listening to her, I answered, “yes, am going back after GML and finish my last year in law school.” It involves a great deal of time and effort being the E-in-C of our GML. Certainly, 24 hours in a day will not suffice if I had not taken a leave of absence from law school while being the E-in-C. As E-in-C of our District’s GML is a back-breaking work, albeit literary. However, with the hands-on support of DG Oliver Ong, his admin secretary Carmel Crauz, and the Clubs of our District, it is fun and mentally rewarding in producing the GML from beginning to end.

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PDG Melvin dela Serna recently added me to their facebook page “Antiqueño Ako.” Though I am not an Antiqueño by birth, but by affinity I am. My father-in-law, Noli Dyhinco Coronica, was born and grew up in Culasi. He, however, headed South to pursue a career in the academe and settled in a town reminiscent of his birthplace—New Culasi, Tulunan in North Cotabato. On the other hand, my father came from the town of Calinog, Iloilo. After he received his law degree from University of San Agustin and passed the Bar Exam in 1966, he settled in Gen. Santos City. He worked for the then Ministry of Justice until 1983 when he was appointed as RTC Judge here in Zamboanga City. Me and my siblings had our formative years in Zamboanga City. My father, fearing that we might consign to oblivion a part of our cultural upbringing, made it certain that we learn and speak fluently the native tongue early on. Through it all, I am a Zamboangueño by heart but Ilonggo by blood.

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month, after confirming a full year without a single case of wild poliovirus, Nigeria was removed from the list of the world's polio-endemic countries. It was the last polio-endemic country in Africa. Today, only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – harbor the world's final reservoir of endemic poliovirus. As this issue of *The Rotarian* goes to press, global cases of polio in 2015 number only a few dozen.

The scale of this achievement can hardly be overstated. Polio has existed for millennia; it has plagued humanity since our earliest civilizations. Today, because of Rotary's work and that of our partners, the end is in sight. We are counting down not in years, but in months.

And yet, our success is as fragile as it is monumental. We are moving forward, slowly, steadily, inexorably – thanks to colossal efforts that never cease. We continue to vaccinate hundreds of millions of children in vast synchronized campaigns; we constantly monitor environments to prevent new outbreaks. The sheer scale of the effort – the coordination, the cost, and the commitment – boggles the mind.

Some ask why such high levels of immunization and surveillance are still needed to combat a disease that is almost gone. The answer is simple: It is the only way forward. If we did anything less – if we allowed the virus any quarter – years of work would be undone. We know too well how easily polio could spread again. We know how quickly our decades of progress could be lost. And this is why the months ahead are so tremendously important. We need your voice – to raise awareness,

to raise funds, and to keep the momentum going. We need your strength to help fight this war until we have won.

On 24 October, we mark World Polio Day. I hope that on that day, all of you will take part in some way in our work to eradicate polio. I know that many of you intend to publicize this event on the club or district level; for those who have not yet made plans,

there are still many ways to participate. Visit [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org) for ideas, tools, sample press releases, and ways to donate. You'll also find the link to our livestream event; be sure to join in, and share it on social media.

This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.

Whether you are a Rotarian in Kano or Peshawar or Swat, in Seoul or Madrid or Chicago – you are a part of this story. Your part in it is one that only you can write. I ask you all to write it well – so that the story you will one day tell is one of which you will be proud.

“This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ravi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that starts under the 'i' and extends to the right, ending in a small arrowhead.

**K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran**  
RI President 2015-16  
Rotary Club of Colombo  
Sri Lanka

# SPECIAL MESSAGE ON POLIO

My Dear Friends,

We have made great strides in the fight against polio.

Just a decade ago, polio struck 12,631 people throughout Africa, making up three-quarters of cases around the world.

This year alone we achieved what was once thought to be impossible for on 24 July, Nigeria — the last polio-endemic country in Africa — passed one year with no new cases of wild poliovirus. Then, on 11 August, we reached another great milestone: one year since the last case of polio in all of Africa.

For Africa to be certified polio-free, all countries in the region, including Nigeria, must go two more years without a case of polio. To accomplish this, all children in Nigeria must receive the polio vaccine, including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas.

I am calling on you again for your help. On 23 October, Rotary will host its third annual World Polio Day event. This is a significant event for our organization, and one that will help us inspire attendees and viewers to join us as we near the finish line. This also serves as an opportunity to educate and engage a non-Rotarian audience and show the great work that Rotary has done to fight polio.

With World Polio Day, you can help us raise awareness by:

- Viewing Rotary's World Polio Day program on 23 October. While not all parts of the world can join us as the event takes place, the recording will allow anyone to view it later. Use the opportunity to share this global status update on polio eradication. Encourage clubs and districts to host viewing parties and invite local media, elected officials, and community leaders to attend.
- Organizing a fundraising or community event to mark World Polio Day. Every dollar raised for polio will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Sharing information about World Polio Day via social media, and encouraging your networks to participate. Sample posts and shareable content are available to download. Social media is a crucial part of our campaign, and one of the most efficient ways of disseminating information.

A tool kit is now available to help you raise awareness about our event. You can download it on the World Polio Day page on [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).

I ask that you promote the use of these materials among clubs and districts in your zones. Additional materials — a sample press release, an outreach guide and key messages, a letter to the editor template, and an invitation letter — will be shared in the coming weeks. I am hoping that these materials coincide with a notification from the World Health Organization that Nigeria has been officially removed from the list of polio-endemic countries. All documents will be posted on [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org). Club, district, and regional leaders will be notified about these materials, as well as others that are available.

Thirty years ago, we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is close to becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm regards.



**K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran**  
**RI President 2015-16**  
**Rotary Club of Colombo**  
**Sri Lanka**

## As DG – I'm DELIGHTED, GRATEFUL

### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Ver Ong'.

Oliver "Ver" Ong, MPHF  
District Governor 2015-16  
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City

One of the exciting tasks that I enjoy doing as your Rotary District Governor is to visit each club in our District. With 53 clubs to visit in our geographically challenged District (travelling to and from Visayas-Mindanao), it is an enriching experience of different cultures and dialects.

I'm in for a fun and delightful tour of duty. Getting to meet many dedicated Rotarians including your supportive spouses, Rotaractors, Interactors and Youth Exchange students is something I have always looked forward to. It is infectious to be with positive people. Thank you, Rotary ... the world looks brighter and better everyday.

I'm truly impressed with the various projects you are undertaking to address immediate community concerns. You give HOPE to the "severely wasted" children with your feeding programs; students having access to books and computers through our Rotary libraries, Disease prevention in schools through the WASH projects; vocational training and mentorship for a better future to our Youth.

You are truly a Gift to your respective community. Together, we will continue to break the bondage of deprivation and replace it with alleviation and access until we have won the battle. I'm blessed to have World Class Assistant Governors, District Team and Club Presidents and engaged members, all working hard for a responsive Rotary District.

After 3 months of club visits, 5 pounds overweight due to the countless lechons, batchoy, inasal, oysters and lobsters, it was my honor to have met so many Rotarians and partners who are both dreamers and doers. And I'm pleased to share with you that 94% of our clubs are vibrant while only 6% needs more mentoring. Three clubs are out of "ICU" and have rebounded well.

I'm even happier to see you responding to the District's call for more new members and retention. We have so far gained 50 new and active members.

I'm excited of your generous support to the Rotary Foundation. We are inching our way to our District Goal of US\$140,000 in Annual Fund Giving and we will have more funds for District and Global Grants that will touch more people. The TRF and EPN cans distributed all over the district are creating more awareness of TRF's 6 areas of focus and our campaign to eradicate Polio.

We will continue to invest in trainings so our Rotarians will be well informed. Our District trainer, PDG James Makasiar has been working tirelessly to bring the Membership, Public Image, TRF and RCC seminars closer to the Rotarians so we can become effective Rotarians. Let's cooperate and support him all the time.

You are all amazing and awesome, serving above self. The future's looking good and I charge forward with the confidence that we are all in this together until the mission has been accomplished.

I'm just delighted to see *enthusiastic Rotarians at work* helping uplift people's lives. After all, Rotary is in the PEOPLE business as shared by RIPE John Germ. By and large, we all become *a Gift to the World* for sharing our time, talent and treasures.

## DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER

### HAPPINESS AND BEING FED FOR A LIFETIME

I would like to share an insightful Chinese proverb which I grabbed from a highly effective speaker some years ago and it goes this way:

*“If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.  
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.  
If you want happiness for a month, get married.  
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.  
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone.”*

It is the last sentence, which I wish to underscore in this message in relation to the month of October now focused on Economic and Community Development projects in lieu of what we used to commemorate as our Vocational Service Month.

Who doesn't want to be happy for the rest of his or her life? Evidently everybody would but the better question is.... how does one help someone.

We then quote another Chinese axiom (or American as some would claim): *“Give a man a fish, and you have fed him once. Teach him how to fish and you have fed him for a lifetime”.*

Thus, the month of October has witnessed many Rotarians teaching our less fortunate brothers and sisters on how to earn a living that would allow them to feed not only themselves for a day...but for the rest of their lives...and not just them singly but for their entire family.

One such project is the establishment of technical vocational centers in different parts of their cities or provinces. A Rotary Club in our district aims to get a Global Grant that would put up tech-mobiles which have capabilities and facilities for teaching basic computer lessons to non-digital literate individuals in far-flung areas. This will help our impoverished kababayans avail of the wonders of technology for work opportunities and to network with people all over the world. A number of Global Grants are also in the pipeline for some clubs in our district to address the lack of equipment, tools and machines for senior high public schools following the tech-voc track. The expected impact of these projects considering the want of accredited senior high schools especially among public schools, would be spectacular as they are very relevant and timely. These noble efforts will indubitably contribute to the economic development of our small communities and the least of our people.

Indeed, our Rotarians are true gifts to the world as they seek to help others help themselves. God bless the Rotarians of District 3850.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emilio Aquino'.

PP Emilio “Emil” Aquino, MPHF  
District Secretary 2015/16

Rotary Club of Zamboanga City - West



# Economic and Community Development

The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus reflect the service interests and activities of Rotary clubs worldwide. See how your club or district can get involved.

## The challenge

- Worldwide, 1.4 billion people live in poverty (less than US\$1.25 a day). (*Millennium Development Goals Fact Sheet*)
- In Southern Asia, Northern Africa, and Western Asia, employment opportunities for women remain extremely low. (*MDG Report 2009*)
- Almost half the population of sub-Saharan Africa lives on less than US\$1 per day. To achieve the MDG target of halving the extent of extreme poverty by 2015, the current pace of development would have to be nearly doubled. (*MYC4*)
- Fewer than 10 percent of the world's poor have access to safe, affordable financial services. (*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*)



## What you can do

- Provide equipment and supplies to a textile production cooperative to increase production of textiles for sale in local market
- Send a vocational training team to train business leaders on the development of a business plan and the importance of accurate financial accounting
- Sponsor a scholar studying public administration with an emphasis on economic development
- Support animal husbandry skill development for parentless youth receiving educational services and job placement assistance through a rural youth outreach program

## Learn more

CGAP (Consultative Group to Assist the Poor)  
[www.cgap.org](http://www.cgap.org)

Microcredit Summit Campaign  
[www.microcreditsummit.org](http://www.microcreditsummit.org)

Microfinance Gateway  
[www.microfinancegateway.org](http://www.microfinancegateway.org)

UN Economic and Social Council  
[www.un.org/en/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc)

World Bank  
[www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)

## Goals for Economic and Community Development

- Strengthening the development of local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for decent and productive work, particularly for youth
- Building the capacity of local organizations and community networks to support economic development
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development



# Area of Focus Policy Statement on ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Rotary supports investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities.

### *Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals*

TRF enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
2. Developing opportunities for productive work;
3. Reducing poverty in underserved communities;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

### *Parameters for Eligibility*

TRF considers activities targeting the following to be within the scope of the economic and community development area of focus:

1. Access to financial services for the poor, which may include but are not limited to microcredit, savings, or insurance;
2. Training related to economic and community development including but not limited to entrepreneurship, community leadership, vocational, and financial literacy;
3. Small business/cooperative/social enterprise development and income-generating activities for the poor, including but not limited to the organization of village-wide businesses that provide employment;
4. Agricultural development for subsistence and small farmers, including but not limited to the facilitation of access to markets;
5. Community-led and coordinated adopt-a-village or comprehensive community development activities;
6. Vocational training teams supporting the above activities;
7. Scholarships for graduate-level study in programs related to grass-roots economic development and programs specifically designated in community development.

TRF considers activities targeting the following to be outside the scope of the economic and community development area of focus and as such are not eligible for global grant funding:

1. Community infrastructure projects, unless they result in a significant increase in the ability of community members to produce and distribute goods and services that create personal resources;
2. Community beautification projects;
3. Construction or rehabilitation of community centers.

### *Elements of Successful Humanitarian Projects and Vocational Training Teams*

Global grants are:

1. Sustainable – communities are able to address their economic and community development needs after the Rotary club/district has completed its work;

2. Measurable – sponsors can select standard measures for their area of focus from the Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit or use their own measures to show the good results of their work;
3. Community driven – global grants are designed by the host community based upon the needs they have identified;
4. Aligned with an area of focus – as defined in the policy documents.

### *Elements of Successful Scholarships*

Global grants support graduate-level scholarships for career-minded professionals. TRF considers the following when evaluating global grant scholarship applications:

1. The applicant's previous work experience in the field of economic and community development. Applicants are expected to demonstrate how their work contributed to the economic well-being of poor or underserved communities.
2. Academic program alignment with economic and community development:
  - a. Examples of preferred academic programs include social science degrees with a specific focus on economic and community development, and business degrees tailored for social business or microcredit;
  - b. Programs that will be favorably considered include those that
    - i. Focus on grass-roots economic development strategies;
    - ii. Focus on addressing economic issues of poor and underserved communities;
    - iii. Support social business development, such as a tailored track within a Masters of Business Administration program;
    - iv. Include "community development" in the name of the program or tailored track;
  - c. Programs that will not be favorably considered include those that
    - i. Focus on purely theoretical or macro-level economics;
    - ii. Support general private business development, such as a masters of business administration;
    - iii. Connect in a general way to the field of community development but do not include "community development" in the name of the program or tailored track.
3. The applicant's career plans as they relate to economic and community development.
  - a. Careers that will be considered favorably include those that
    - i. Focus on improving the economic well-being of poor and underserved communities;
    - ii. Are in a non-profit or social enterprise environment;
  - b. Careers that will not be considered favorably include those that focus on general business activities in a private or corporate environment.

# JOB CREATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**1.4 billion people**

— nearly half of them employed —  
live on less than \$1.25 a day.



TAKE ACTION

**Expand vocational training**

opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations.

TAKE ACTION

**Send a vocational training team**

to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.

**TIP FOR SUCCESS**

Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community.

TAKE ACTION

**Partner with a cooperative**

that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure.

TAKE ACTION

**Provide equipment or supplies**

to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.





## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### INCOME GENERATION AND SAVINGS

# 190 million people

are funding their business endeavors through microfinance.



TAKE ACTION

**Partner with a local microlender** to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.

TAKE ACTION

**Develop mobile banking resources** in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.

#### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees.
- 2 Establish a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) and empower members to take action. RCC members are in a unique position to identify barriers to the community's economic progress and develop sustainable solutions.



# THE PHILIPPINE POLIO PLUS PROJECT

*(Editor's Note: This article was submitted by PDG Ruben "Ben" Henson to Rotary eClub One, world's first web-based Rotary Club which was chartered in 2002 in District 5450. He was the Governor of District 3790 for RY 1985-1986. PDG Ben was a member of the 5-man Polio Plus Task Force from 1986-1989 headed by Herbert Pigman. He helped in the National Immunization Day campaigns in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Thailand, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia.)*

## INTRODUCTION

Rotary International has four main avenues of service-- club service, vocational service, community service and international service.

World Community Service has been made a dominant emphasis in international service by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. It offers to every Rotarian a practical opportunity to fulfill that part of the object of Rotary that he is committed to. "To encourage and foster international understanding, good will and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

In 1978 Rotary initiated a special fund called, "75th Anniversary Fund", for the development of the Rotary International HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY (3H) Program. One of the first Health Hunger and Humanity Grants led to a program that has made a profound impact, and is being felt all over the world. In 1978, Rotary International and the Government of the Philippines joined forces on a five-year project to immunize the children of the Philippines against polio. Out of this project grew the extraordinary program known as Polio Plus.

However, by 1980, it was estimated that only 20% of the world's children were being immunized against the dreaded polio disease. The problem was two-fold, the cost, and the difficulty of delivery. The great majority of developing countries could neither afford the cost of vaccine necessary to immunize their children, nor did they have a reliable way to deliver the vaccine to those who were most in need of it. In 1981 66,052 cases of Polio were reported in the world.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S DREAM OF A POLIO FREE WORLD

"Poliomyelitis is an acute infectious disease, especially of children, but not only of children, caused by a virus inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord; it is accompanied by paralysis of various muscle groups that sometimes atrophy (waste away) often resulting

permanent deformation."

Dr. Jonas Salk developed a form of Polio Vaccine in 1953. It was a vaccine that creates antibodies that ward off the Polio Virus. While this greatly reduced the number of paralytic cases, it did not provide long-term immunity. This was an injected polio vaccine (IPV).

In 1954, Dr. Albert Sabin developed an oral "live" vaccine; that provided long-term immunity, and broke the chain of transmission of the virus. This is an oral vaccine (OPV), and easy to administer. As a result, in the late 50's, and early 60's, community vaccinations of millions of pre school children, and school children took place in many of the World's developed countries.

## THE PHILIPPINE PROJECT 1978

Clem Renouf, Rotary International President in 1978-79 dreamed of eradicating Polio from the Philippines. He worked through the Philippine Health Organization, and with a Rotary Foundation Grant in 1978 the Philippine Government joined Rotary International in a 5-year project to eradicate Polio from the Philippines by immunizing all of the children. The strategy for the Philippine Project was developed, and the necessary resources were marshaled to implement the plan.

In 1979, at the Rotary Convention in Rome, Italy, when Jim Bomar was the incoming President of RI, PDG Jun Tambunting met with President Sergio Mulish of the Rotary Club of Rome. During that meeting, President Sergio announced that the ROTARIANS OF ROME was ready to help the children of the Philippines and they had 500,000 polio vaccines ready to be airlifted to the Philippines.

In a few weeks, the vaccines arrived in Manila. PDG Jun Tambunting and PDG Benny Santos were on hand to pick up the polio vaccine at the airport together with the senior officers of the Department of Health. Six months later another 500,000 vaccines were delivered, for a total of one million from Rome.

In 1980-1985, after Rotary International (RI) approved the 3H program, to immunize six million

children in the Philippines PDG Jun Tambunting was appointed as the 3H Chairman (Health). With the help of the Department of Health, which had the lists of children below 5 years in all barangays (villages) in the country. The Philippines was the first country to have its children immunized from Polio and other dreaded diseases. In 1984, Rotary International President Carlos Canseco who was considered to be the “Father of Polio Immunization” launched the polio plus project in the Kansas City convention.

Awarded at the convention was Doctor Albert Sabin, who developed the oral Polio “live” vaccine. He told Jun that “there is no organization that can eradicate Polio, but Rotary”. And Rotary’s goal was to eliminate polio by the 100th Year Anniversary of Rotary in 2005.

“With the Philippine project, a strategy was developed to attack polio and the necessary resources were marshaled to implement the plan. Thanks to the efforts of Filipino Rotarians, the immunization effort was a tremendous success.”

Rotary International learned a great deal from the Philippine experiment. It wasn’t long before Rotary International Board of Directors decided to undertake the extra ordinary task of providing enough vaccine to immunize virtually all of the developing world’s children against polio forever.

### **“POLIO PLUS”**

News of the Polio Plus Campaign began to spread around the world. It captured the imagination of Rotarians, and Governments, but money was needed to fund the campaign. The Rotary International Foundation set a monetary goal in 1986 to raise \$125 million dollars for Polio Plus.

From 1986 to 1988 Rotary Clubs all over the world were called on to help in the drive to raise funds, and every Rotary Club rallied to the cause. The Foundation received several gifts of \$100,000, and then a one million dollar gift started funds really rolling in. Rotary Clubs put on dinners, raffled off cars, had golf tournaments, and even took cruises to raise money. One of the local clubs even tried a “nearly new” men’s suit sale. They raised funds every way possible. Rotary Club pledges also helped to raise the goal.

Two years later Rotary International would celebrate obtaining that goal and surpassing it at their 1988 International Rotary Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. President Chuck Keller announced to the world that Rotary International raised a quarter of a billion

dollars to eradicate Polio from the map of the world. PDG Jun Tambunting announced in the convention that the Philippines’ share was \$550,000.

“The Polio Plus Program of Rotary International officially was launched in Angeles City, Philippines in October 1987. PDG Jun Tambunting designated Angeles City as the Pilot City appointing IPDG Ruben G. Henson, M.D. coordinator of the City wide immunization.

President Chuck Keller witnessed the Angeles City experiment together with the late PRID Benny Santos of the Philippines and PDG Leslie T. Whitcroft, and his wife Shirley (who was a polio victim) of the Rotary Club of Ryde, New South Wales, Australia. At that time, PDG Les was the Chairman of the Australia-Papua New Guinea Polio Plus Committee.

A few days before the visit of President Chuck Keller, the Rotarians held a 2-day workshop and some schools were selected to benefit from the said project. Four of them were the Sto. Rosario Elementary School, Angeles Elementary School and Pandan Elementary School for Angeles City and Mabalacat Elementary School for the town of Mabalacat.

The officers and members of the Rotary Club of Angeles and Mabalacat included PP Melo Narciso, PP Fred Ayson, PP Tony Angeles, PP Bud Valdes, PP Dante Timbol, Pres. Freddie Ayson, PP Bruce Mctavish, Phillip Merit, Rtns. Joe Quitalg and Loy Lao were all in attendance. These Rotarians and others were present at the workshop and were ready to assist and work hand-in-hand in the project.

The school selected for the first Polio Plus Immunization was the Santo Rosario Elementary School in Angeles City. Thousands of children were given the precious Polio vaccine dropped by President Chuck Keller and aided by the late PRID Benny Santos. Former Secretary General Herbert Pigman was also on hand.

It will be 25 years next year since Polio Plus started in Angeles City in 1987 and we would like to remember that significant moment when President Jim Bomar in 1979 and President Chuck Keller gave the first drops of precious Polio Vaccine to a Filipino child to start the global quest of Rotary International to help eradicate Polio from the face of the earth. Due to the success in Angeles City this became the model in the world for the National Immunization day (NID), which was followed by many countries afterwards. We, Filipino and Angeles City Rotarians showed the world that it could be done.

# ROTARY and POLIO FACT SHEET

## Polio

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

## PolioPlus

In 1985, Rotary launched its **PolioPlus** program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$9 billion to the effort.

## Global Polio Eradication Initiative

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.

## Polio Today

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus:

Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Less than 370 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2014, which is a reduction of more than 99 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

## Challenges

The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

## *Ensuring Success*

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year through 2018. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

## Rotary in Action

More than one million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotarians work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

## 'This Close' Campaign

Rotary has a growing roster of public figures and celebrities participating in its "This Close" public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, actress Archie Panjabi, action star Jackie Chan, golf legend Jack Nicklaus and South Korean pop-star Psy. These ambassadors help educate the public about polio through public service announcements, social media and public appearances.

## September 2015 PolioPlus Update

### Wild Polio Case Counts (as of 23 September 2015)

Country	2014 (calendar year)	2015 (to date)	Date of last case
Pakistan	306	32	22 August 15
Afghanistan	28	9	7 August 15
Somalia	5	0	11 Aug 14
Nigeria	6	0	24 July 14
Cameroon	5	0	9 July 14
Equatorial Guinea	5	0	3 May 14
Iraq	2	0	7 April 14
Syria	1	0	21 Jan 14
Ethiopia	1	0	4 Jan 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>41</b>	

### Circulating Vaccine-Derived Polio Cases (as of 23 September 2015)

Country	2014 (calendar year)	2015 (to date)	Date of last case
Ukraine	0	2	7 July 2015
Madagascar	1	9	7 July 2015
Mali	0	1	20 July 2015
Nigeria	30	1	16 May 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	

## Rotary Program Updates

### Highlights

- Nigeria was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries on 25 September at the Polio Oversight Board Meeting in New York in which Rotary was represented by IPPC Chair Mike McGovern. PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak was also at the meeting.
- Rotary International President-elect John Germ traveled to Beirut, Lebanon to participate in events in District 2452, including a Polio Conference on 6 September. The event was attended by Rotarians from 27 countries as well as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, vaccine producer Sanofi Pasteur, government officials and UN-ESCWA. Rotary International provided a grant of US\$95,000 to Lebanese Rotarians to raise awareness about the need to continue vaccinating children against polio. Sanofi Pasteur also provided financial support for the event.

## GLOBAL ERADICATION OF WILD POLIOVIRUS TYPE 2 DECLARED

On 20 September the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) concluded that wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) has been eradicated worldwide. The GCC reached its conclusion after reviewing formal documentation submitted by Member States, global poliovirus laboratory network and surveillance systems. The last detected WPV2 dates to 1999, from Aligarh, northern India.

The timing of this declaration of WPV2 eradication is also a significant step in preparation for the phased removal of oral polio vaccines (OPVs) in OPV-using countries, planned for April 2016. Recent new cVDPV outbreaks in Ukraine (type 1 cVDPV) and the Guinea/Mali border area (type 2 cVDPV) this year further underscore the need for the phased removal of OPVs beginning with type 2 next year. The switch is expected to be associated with significant public health benefits. More than 90% of all cVDPV outbreaks are caused by the type 2 component of trivalent OPV. Also, up to 38% of all VAPP cases are estimated to be caused by this component.

## W.H.O. REMOVES NIGERIA FROM POLIO-ENDEMIC LIST

On 25 September WHO announced that polio is no longer endemic in Nigeria. This is the first time that Nigeria has interrupted transmission of wild poliovirus, bringing the country and the

African region closer than ever to being certified polio-free. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus since 24 July 2014, and all laboratory data have confirmed a full 12 months have passed without any new cases.

Polio has now been stopped nearly everywhere in the world. Polio remains endemic in only 2 countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan. The eradication of polio globally now depends primarily on stopping the disease in these countries. As long as polio exists anywhere, it's a threat to children everywhere. Nigeria has made remarkable progress against polio, but continued vigilance is needed to protect these gains and ensure that polio does not return. Immunization and surveillance activities must continue to rapidly detect a potential re-

introduction or re-emergence of the virus. After 3 years have passed without a case of wild poliovirus on the continent, official 'certification' of polio eradication will be conducted at the regional level in Africa.



*Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa, handing over the official communication from the WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan to President Muhammadu Buahri of Nigeria*

**“I will not ask more than what you can give. I will rather ask you to give a little more than what you have given in the past Rotary years.”**

**Pres. Lydio Ureta  
Rotary Club of Kalibo**

**“We will be encountering the same challenges, and it will be the same fight or a better fight with God’s guidance in realizing our goals-- be a gift to the world.”**

**Pres. Norhan Sali  
Rotary Club of Basilan**

**“This Rotary year’s leadership team shall continue our initiatives to be a gift to others by working tirelessly in achieving our Club’s newly crafted vision.”**

**Pres. Fernando Camba  
Rotary Club  
of Zamboanga City West**

## **Excerpts from Inaugural Speeches of CLUB PRESIDENTS**

**“As Rotarians, we are privileged enough to have the chance to become gifts to our fellowmen. We no longer need to bother as to what to do with our gifts. Being a member of this Club serves as avenue for maximising what we have to help and inspire others.”**

**Pres. Rebecca Tubongbanua  
Rotary Club of Guimaras**

**“As newly elected President of this Club, I humbly accept the responsibility reposed in me. May each and every each one of us will go hand in hand for the good of our organization.”**

**Pres. Allan About  
Rotary Club of Metro Buug**

**“I am not a perfect Rotarian, and will not also guarantee that I will be a perfect President. However, I will seek to endeavor to put all our energies and resources together in order to reach our goals and be a gift to the world.”**

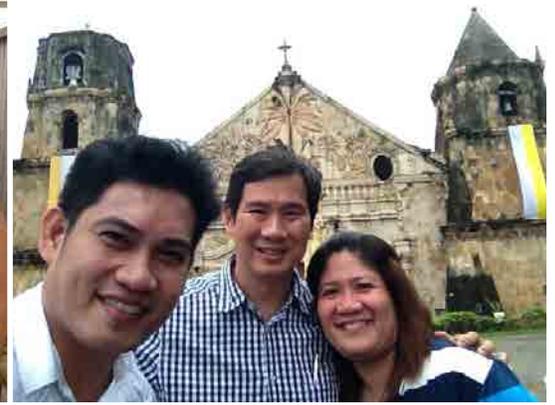
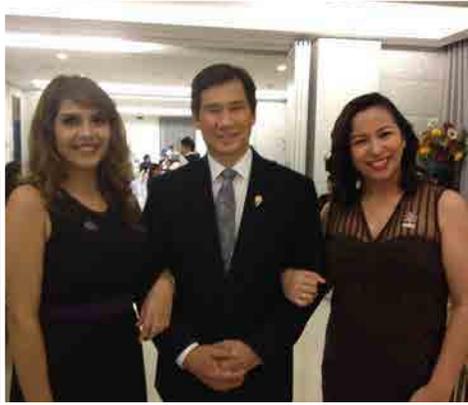
**Pres. Leo Tolentino  
Rotary Club of Metro Roxas**

**“I accept the challenge you gave me, especially that our energetic Governor is from our Club. I need all your support to complete the task. Let us take this Club to a whole new level by transforming our old vinta to a world class vinta ready to sail the world.”**

**Pres. Raymond Sator  
Rotary Club of  
Zamboanga City**

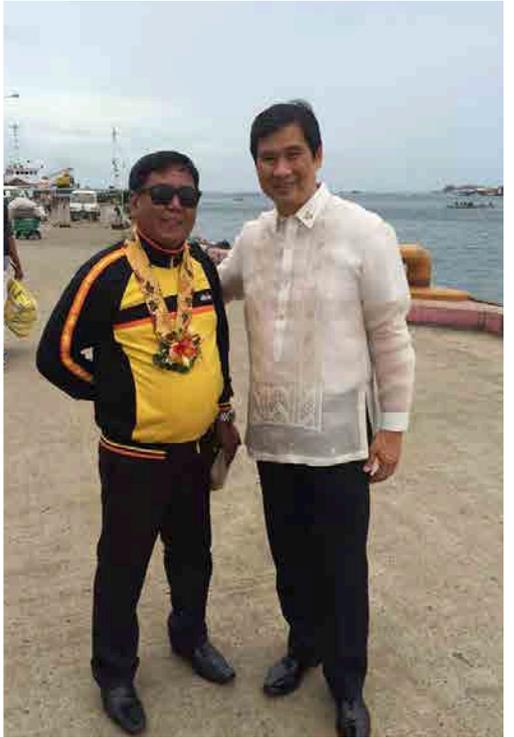


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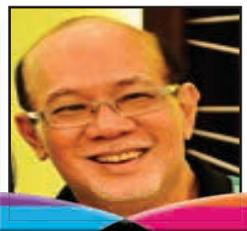


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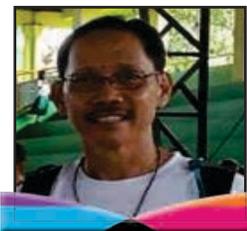


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# GLOBAL GRANT: Roxas City School for Philippine Craftsmen

by PDG Mark Anthony Ortiz



“Roxas City School for Philippine Craftsmen is the perfect recipient for our Global Grant,” so said Pres. Mark Renier Catahay of the Rotary Club of Roxas. The remark was made during the Governor’s visit of DG Oliver Ong to the Club, the mother Club of Rotary in the Northern Panay Zone (Zone 4), at the Roxas City School for Philippine Craftsmen (RCSPC) in Barangay Lanot, Roxas City, Capiz. Several members of the Club were present together with the teaching and administrative staff of RCSPC headed by Mr. Rodrigo Jeremias, the Roxas City Schools Division Superintendent Mr. Roel Bermejo and the student body of the said school.

September 15 was an auspiciously joyous day for the City because two Global Grants of the Rotary Club of Roxas were recently approved and presented to the public. Global Grant GG1525989, a partnership of the Club involving two Rotary Districts in Korea (D-3590 and D-3690) and two of their Clubs, and GG1422122, involving a District in Sweden (D-2390) and another in Spain (D-2203) and 15 of her Clubs, enabled the Club to donate US\$ 134,917.00 for “Technical-Vocational Equipment for Roxas City School for Philippine Craftsmen,” care of The Rotary Foundation. These grants shall bestow on RCSPC tools and equipment for

Architectural Drafting and Shielded Metal Arc Welding (GG1525989) worth US\$ 51,511.00 and Dressmaking, Food Trades, Electricity Installation Methodology, and Cosmetology (GG1422122) worth US\$ 83,406.00. In pesos, that’s a total of PhP 5,453,805.00!

The Rotary Foundation is a World-Class world-wide vehicle of Rotary International of changing people’s lives in all corners of the globe through Rotary Clubs such as the Rotary Club of Roxas! Clubs invite international partners (mainly, Clubs and Districts from other countries) to embark on meaningful projects, geared at making an impact in any of six Areas of Focus, which in this case are Economic & Community Development and Basic Education & Literacy, in their localities and, with their pool of resources, namely their Districts’ District Designated Funds (DDF’s) and their cash contributions, The Rotary Foundation either doubles them as with the DDF’s or matches 50% of the amounts as with the Clubs’ cash contributions.

The two Global Grants were more than one year’s worth (beginning April 2014) of patient proposal writing, massive document gathering, tireless emails,

numerous texts, and authoritative signings, across land, sea and air. It all started with Past District Governor (PDG) Mark Ortiz of Philippine Rotary District D-3850 contacting his classmate PDG Wooam (D-3690) of Korea and PDG Birgitta Arnving (D-2390)

welding machines worth PhP 100,000.00, plasma cutters and CAD-enabled computers and printers worth PHP250,000, not your ordinary school of arts and trades! Enrollment is expected to increase, including enrollment for adults and women who would



DG Oliver Ong with PDG Mark Ortiz, PP Raphy Tayco and RC Roxas Pres. Mark Catahay, endorses letter to Bosch Philippines for the acquisition of carpentry and welding equipment.



DG Oliver Ong, RC Roxas Pres. Catahay, PP Raphy Tayco and Principal Rod proudly displays the initial batch of carpentry and welding tools. An Epson large-format printer was also included.

of Sweden and PDG Graciela Waen (D-2203) of Spain, after Supertyphoon Yolanda/Haiyan devastated Capiz, together with many major parts of Eastern and Western Visayas. The desire to help outpoured and all four DG's, then, worked hard to put the two Global Grants together. PDG Mark had a lot of help from his Club and RCSPC Principal Rod and his staff. PDG Wooam contacted then DGE Jin of D-3590 who brought in help from their Districts and the Rotary Clubs of Sae-Bucheon and Geoje Big Dragon, respectively. PDG Graciela called on the Rotary Clubs of de Marbella, Alicante, Mallorca, Mahon Mo, Palma Bellver, San Pedro de Alcantara, Inca, de Sevilla, Palma Junipero Serr, de Cartagena, de Almoradi, Elche Illice, Castellon, Torrepacheco, and Estepona. And, last July and August 2015, the Global Grants were approved one after the other!

like to finish a highly employable high school degree. As part of the Stewardship component of the grants, the Rotary Club of Roxas will be assisted by RCSPC in monitoring the results of the project and reported periodically to TRF until the project's completion and even beyond. A super typhoon may have destroyed the City but Rotary will help bring it back up by empowering its citizens, especially the young ones!



RC Roxas Pres Mark Catahay, together with DG Oliver Ong and PDG Mark Ortiz, receiving plaque from RCSPC

Such is the world of Rotary in Capiz, in the Philippines, in the world! There are so many possibilities of "doing good in the world!" And, the Rotary Club of Roxas shall continue to be "serving above self" in this corner of the globe and "Be a Gift to the World!"

Soon, appropriately timely for the K-12 kick-in by School Year (SY) 2016-17, students of RCSPC will be trained using state-of-the-art equipment like GTAW



# DISTRICT 3850's FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

A group of Rotarians from the Philippines are getting a whirlwind tour of the area while staying at the homes of Rotarians in Madison, Fort Atkinson, Marshfield and La Crosse, State of Wisconsin – District 6270.

The group includes Past President Melrose “Megs” S. Lunn, team leader, of Rotary Club of Roxas; Immediate Past President Chris “Doc Chris” Sorongon of the Rotary Club of Bacolod; Immediate Past President Liberty “Beng” Camaya and spouse, Conrado Camaya, both of the Rotary Club of Iloilo South; and Past President Elma “Elms” Dela Pena - Magbanua, of the Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City.

Lunn, a Rotarian for the past 13 years, works in the media and in academia. She has held a numerous leadership positions in her club, from secretary to assistant secretary/ treasurer to president. She has served as a district officer, also writing for the Philippine Rotary Magazine. A devoted catholic, she serves the church as lector/commentator on Sundays and for special Masses. She is an advocate for the youth and women’s empowerment, community development and relations and the environment, and has a special passion for helping children with disabilities. Currently, she serves as president of the province’s Aklan blood Coordinating Council and she is a Gold member of the Philippine Red Cross. Lunn has received leadership and distinguished service awards from the Rotary International and has been recognized for her speaking skill and her humanitarian efforts. She currently serves as Executive Coordinator for UI,

Operation Taghoy Philippines, which provides free surgery to children who suffer from cleft lip and palate problems. Signature projects she has been involved in include helping to provide free prosthetic legs for children and bringing doctors from the United States to operate on children for free. Lunn’s husband was the late Rotarian S/Sgt. Lewis George Lunn, a British – Australian, and she has one daughter in college. She enjoys walking, mountain trekking, biking, singing, dancing, reading, photography and travelling.

Sorongon is described as a “dream-enabler,” community development worker and founder of RGO Foundation Inc. A nurse and physician, he owns and serves as the review director of the RGO Review Center for professions.

He is married to Michelle Sorongon, also a Rotarian and they have three children. A five-year Rotarian, he is immediate past president of Rotary Club Bacolod South and serves as Interact Chair for Rotary International’s District 3850. He enjoys playing volleyball, collecting stamps and listening to music. A devout Catholic, he is a member of Jerusalem, a youth and campus ministry program of the Archdiocese of Jaro. Currently, Sorongon serves as president of St. Paul University of Iloilo Alumni Association and the Iloilo Paulinian Nurses Alumni Association.

Liberty “Beng” Camaya and Conrado Camaya are husband and wife. Beng is a businesswoman involved in real estate leasing. Her husband serves as chef of Shipping Management. They



## Rotary Friendship Exchange





have one son, a registered nurse, who now works in Singapore. They have been involved with Rotary for four years. They enjoy exercising, watching movies and praying together.

Elma Dela Peñwwa-Magbanua has been in Rotary for six years. She served as president of her club in 2012-2013. A retired police officer, she is a widow and has three children and two grandchildren. She loves to sing, watch movies, travel and go to the beach.

Various clubs from District 6270 of Wisconsin from Madison, Fort Atkinson, Marshfield, Lacrosse Rotarians served as hosts for guests from the Philippines with the RFE Inbound Team from Wisconsin taking the lead, namely: Rtn. Cora Duque Holloway of Madison, AG Mark Etrheim of La Crosse, AG Edwin Bos of Fort Atkinson & RFE Inbound Team Leader Darla Leick and spouse Brian Leick.



One of the highlights of our journey is our attendance in the District Governor's visit of DG Mary Van Hout. She said that this International Rotary Friendship Exchange touches on all of the five core values of Rotary: friendship, leadership, integrity, service and diversity. Furthermore, her own experiences visiting other parts of the world through Rotary provided great lessons in the world's diversity, while emphasizing the commonalities between all of these different peoples: the Rotarians' commitment to improving their own local areas and to reaching out to others around the world. Noting the Rotary International theme for the year, "Be a Gift to the World," she said that Rotary provides great opportunities for people to reach out and make a difference in their local areas and beyond. But it also provides great gifts for those who participate in terms of friendship, perspective and appreciation for all that we do have. "The more you give, the more that comes back to you," she said.



The said journey is not just limited to seeing places, meeting people but more so bringing in a lot of opportunities for partnership, collaboration, joint projects and services for both Districts.

*(Chris Sorongon)*





the  
**FRIENDSHIP  
 EXCHANGE  
 EXPERIENCE**



The **Rotary Friendship Exchange** is one of Rotary International's nine structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotarians and their families that provides participants with the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the home of Rotarians in other countries.

**The Friendship Exchange Goals are:**

- Advance international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders;
- Develop interclub relationships for fellowship and service projects; and
- Offer Rotarians the opportunity to make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.



You get to genuinely experience another culture guided by friends in Rotary. Exchange participants take turns hosting and visiting one another, forging friendships that last a lifetime.



Exchange participation is open to individual Rotary members, couples, families, or groups. Prospective partners communicate with one another in advance to decide on the format, timing, and duration of each visit.



All exchanges are funded by the participants, and hosts are not expected to assume significant financial burden. Visitors pay their own way, but are rewarded with warm hospitality and an international travel experience unlikely any other.



An exchange can also be the starting point for a long-term international relationship between two clubs. Participants often use their new friendships as the basis for partnering on service projects that create lasting change.



Interested in joining the Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Program? Contact our **District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair PP Melrose "Megs" Lunn** of RC Roxas.





## RC ANTIQUE

The Rotary Club of Antique under the leadership of Pres. Nick Calawag, with the assistance of PDG Melvin dela Serna and other Club Members, laid out a soup kitchen for the toddlers of Brgy. Malaiba Day Care Center in San Jose, Antique. Reading materials were also distributed to the children. *(Photos by Melvin dela Serna)*



## RC BACOLOD CENTRAL

The Rotary Club of Bacolod Central (RCBC) took part in "Trees Brew Life," an annual tree-planting program held under the auspices of San Miguel Brewery-Bacolod. The tree-planting was held in the Barangays of Granada and Estefanie in Bacolod City. RCBC has been an annual participant of this program since 2010. RCBC's involvement in this program was initiated by Toks Lopez, SMB Corporate Communication Officer and also a member of RCBC). *(Photos culled from the public social archive of RCBC)*



# RC BACOLOD

Showcasing homegrown and world class Negrense Artists: Roedil “Joe” Geraldo, Holtz Javier, Jovito “Otay” Hiceta, Mikiboy Pama featured in SugarCoated. From the inspiring scenery of the sugar fields, children and family, docupainter Roland Dayon selected and painted twenty seven artworks using oil on canvas together with terracota artist Felizardo “Zardo” Saballa Jr. and California based artist Joanne Gustilo whose medium of choice is watercolor featured in Sugarlandia.

The proceeds of SugarCoated and Sugarlandia will fund the various SIGNATURE (Service on Wheels and Dugo mo, Buhay ko Bloodletting Activity) and CONTINUING (Boys and Girls Week, Search of the Most Outstanding Government Employee, Wish Upon a Star, “Ilimnan sang Katawhan”, Medical - Dental Mission, Quiz High, Storytelling, Bantay Edukasyon, Books for Barangays, Suntown Kids, Run for Resiliency & the Bahay Kubo Learning Center) Service Projects of Rotary Club of Bacolod. SugarCoated ran from October 12-31 while Sugarlandia was held from October 15-31. Said art exhibits were held at O Hotel Board Rooms 1 & 2 in Bacolod City. *(Bilson de la Fuente)*



**Sugarcoated**  
**A FUNDRAISING ART EXHIBIT**  
*Featuring the works of:*  
**JOE GERALDO**  
**MIKE BOY PAMA**  
**HOLTS JAVIER**  
**OTAY HICETA**

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*Featuring the works of:*  
**ROLAND DAYON**  
**ZARDS SABALLA**  
**JOANNE M. GUSTILO**





## RC BACOLOD EAST

The Rotary Club of Bacolod East (RCBE) Spouses' held its 2nd Maternal and Child Health Care Project in Barangay 19, Bacolod City. The project of RCBE Spouses aim to improve maternal, newborn and child health. The resource speaker was Dra. Jenny Souribio, spouse of RCBE President Benjie Souribio. Rotary Exchange Students Louis Dreano, Emmanuel Pestalozzi, and Lisiane Descloux were present during the event and assisted in the distribution of health care packs to the participants. *(Photos contributed by May Jaboneta).*



## RC BORACAY

The Rotary Club of Boracay (RCB), together with St. Angelique's Dental Clinic, Philippine Dental Association (PDA), and Boracay Sun, held a 2-day Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Camaligan, Batan, Aklan and in San Jose (Carabao Island), Romblon last October 12 and 13, respectively.

The outreach served 976 patients in Batan and dealt with 740 cases in Romblon with 24 dentists and 9 medical doctors attending the needs of the patients.

Apart from free tooth extractions and medical consultations, the mission also conducted lectures on proper toothbrushing and lice-away shampoo sessions for the children. Initial doses of medicine, hygiene kits and slippers were also given.

The mission was led by RCB President Tobias Moeckel. Project-in-Charge were Lhen Brutton, Teresa Fajila-Bech, and Aldo Yap. *(Text & Photos by Lhen Brutton and Prime Dizon)*





## RC ILOILO

The Rotary Club of Iloilo (RCI), under the governance of Pres. Gerald Jones “Dhudz” Berondo, launched a daily feeding program for the malnourished kids. The program will be undertaken for six months. DG Oliver Ong and Pres. Dhudz started-off the program in Brgy. Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City.

Officers of the Rotaract Club of University of San Agustin took their oath of office before the members of RCI. RCI Pres. Dhudz Berondo administered their oath of office. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of Gerald Berondo)*





## RC JARO CENTRALINE

The Rotary Club of Jaro Centraline (RCJC) held a free diabetic screening and feeding program at Brgy. Captain Tirador in Januay, Iloilo. Assisting them are the officers and members of Rotaract Club of Jaro Centraline. The screening started at 6:30am until 9am.

In the same event, RCJC inducted and welcomed its newest member. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of the Rotary Club of Jaro Centraline)*



## RC METRO PASSI

District Governor-Elect Ronnie Gabalda inducted into office the Rotaract Club officers of The School of Agriculture and Industrial Technology of Iloilo State University of Science and Technology in the Municipality of San Enrique, Iloilo. The Rotary Club of Metro Passi spearheaded the event led by its President Noel Genturo. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of Eduard Percival Labadia)*



# RC ZAMBOANGA CITY NORTH

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City North, led by its enigmatic President Manny Verar, Jr., turned over equipment to Zamboanga City Division Library E-Hub. The donation was made possible through a grant from Zone 5 of RI District 3590 composed of the Rotary Clubs of Choong Mu, Tong Young Yok Ji, Tong Young, Tong Young Deung Dae, Tong Young Han Rye, Tong Young Ba Da, and Tong Je Young. Rotarians from RI District 3590—one Assistant Governor, five Club Presidents, and a Club Secretary, personally witnessed the turnover ceremony. The Rotary Clubs of RI District 3590 turned over one unit of Kyocera photocopy machine, a reception table, sofa set for the waiting lounge, transaction table for the teachers, and book shelves. DepEd Division of City Schools Superintendent Pedro Melchor Natividad received the donations. *(Photos by Michael Chiong)*



	As at 12 October 2015		As at 1 July 2015	Variance	% Variance
	Districts	Rotarians	Rotarians	From 1.7.15	From 1.7.15
<i>Worldwide</i>	535	1,225,253	1,209,491	15,762	1.30%
Australia	21	30,205	29,945	260	0.87%
New Zealand & Pacific Islands	6	8,548	8,506	42	0.49%
Philippines	10	23,337	22,457	880	3.92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>62,090</b>	<b>60,908</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1.94%</b>

**THE REGION IN REVIEW**

District	Members 1.7.15	Members 12.10.15	Variance	% Variance
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**PHILIPPINES DISTRICTS - ZONE 7A (Part)**

3770	1,759	1817	58	3.3%
3780	2,172	2288	116	5.3%
3790	2,747	2853	106	3.9%
3800	2,470	2530	60	2.4%
3810	2,631	2825	194	7.4%
3820	2,860	2911	51	1.8%
3830	2,824	2936	112	4.0%
3850	1,281	1327	46	3.6%
3860	2,438	2547	109	4.5%
3870	1,275	1303	28	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22457</b>	<b>23337</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

## GARDEN ORCHID HOTEL

Gov. Camins Ave., Zamboanga City

PLDT Lines: 062 9910031 to 34  
Fax: 062 9910035

www.gardenorchidhotel.com  
Email: reservation.gardenorchidhotel@gmail.com

Contact Person: Ms. Angelica Cabilao

### ROOM RATES:

Old Wing (Limited Rooms Available)

Standard Php 3500.00

Superior 4000.00

New Wing

Double Deluxe 5500.00

Deluxe King 6000.00

Suite 10000.00

Special Rotarian Discount of 30% on All Room Types  
Banco de Oro Card Holders will have a 35% Discount on

Rooms located at the New Wing

\*Old Wing has Limited Availability of Rooms

\*Inclusive of Breakfast Buffet

### Amenities:

- Free Wi-fi. 32" Led Cable TV • Hot & Cold Shower • Telephone Services • Airport Transfers •

### Description:

- Located Near Zamboanga International Airport and DISCON 2016 Venue •

Functionable Rooms: 205 Rooms

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## LANTAKA HOTEL

N.S. Valderosa Street, Zamboanga City

PLDT Line: 062 9912033  
Fax: 062 9910035

Email: lantaka.hotel@yahoo.com

Contact Person: Ms. Love Joy Cabato

### ROOM RATES:

20 Rooms Allocated on Seaside Wing Php 1690.00

10 Rooms Allocated on Roadside Wing 4000.00

\*Above Published Rates are Discounted

\*Breakfast Not Included

### Amenity:

- Free Airport Transfer •

### Descriptions:

- It is near the Shrine of Nuestra Señora dela Virgen del Pilar •
- 100 meters away from Paseo Del Mar • Schedule of going to Sta. Cruz Island can be easily arranged •

DISCON 2016 Room Allocation: 30 Rooms

## EVER O BUSINESS HOTEL

La Purisima Street, Zamboanga City

PLDT Lines: 062 9558106 / 062 9558126  
Mobile Line: 63 9169834472

Facebook: Ever O Hotel  
Email: eobh.reservations@gmail.com

Contact Person: Ms. Jid Morfe

### ROOM RATES:

Deluxe Php 1988.00

Deluxe Superior 2388.00

Double Family 2988.00

Suite 3488.00

\*Breakfast Not Included

### Amenities:

- Free Wi-fi Access. 32" Led Cable TV • Hot & Cold Shower • Telephone Services •

### Description:

- Located at the Heart of Zamboanga City • It is the Newest Hotel in Town • Adjacent to Mindpro Citimall • A Walking Distance from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral •

Functionable Rooms: 84 Rooms

## HAMILTON BUSINESS HOTEL

Gov. Camins Avenue, Zamboanga City

PLDT Line: 062 9913202  
Mobile Line: 63 9169834472

Email: Hamiltonbusinessinn@yahoo.com

Contact Person: Ms. Grace Arellano

### ROOM RATES:

Single Php 800.00

Deluxe 1200.00

Superior 1600.00

Suite 2000.00

\*Breakfast Not Included

### Amenities:

- Free Wi-fi Access • 32" Led Cable TV • Hot & Cold Shower • Telephone Services •

### Description:

- Located near Zamboanga International Airport and the DISCON 2016 Venue •

Functionable Rooms: 38 Rooms

## JARDIN DE LA VIÑA HOTEL

Gov. Alvarez Avenue, Zamboanga City

PLDT Line: 062 9917808

Email: javinahotel@yahoo.com

Contact Person: Ms. Maureen Anos  
Mr. Kerwin Baldovino

### ROOM RATES:

Supr Php 1100.00

Suite 1400.00

Extra Bed 300.00

\*Extra Bed Charge is Based on the Excess of  
2 pax per Room

### Amenities:

- Wi-fi Access is Available at the Restaurant • Fully Air-conditioned Rooms • Hot & Cold Shower • Telephone Services •

### Description:

- Located in the Downtown Area • Walking Distance from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral •

DISCON Room Allocation: 15 Rooms

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District 3850



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