



# BE A GIFT

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3850  
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The absorbed knowledge comes in trickles but by and large rewarding, nonetheless. The absorbed knowledge were rewards in learning thoroughly the essence of Rotary going beyond the 4-way Test. With the available materials sent to my emails for inclusion in our publication, the path of learning is as pure as a driven snow; simply inevitable. I have learned a lot about Rotary in a span of five months since I ascended as its Editor-in-Chief. Being a Rotarian is a continuous cycle of experience. On my side, it was an experience that started with a casual and verbal invitation for lunch.

I joined the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City (Mother Club) upon the invitation of its then President Rikki Lim whom I met during college. I was then the Editor-in-Chief of the university yearbook and was looking for a photo studio to handle the pictorials of the graduating class. I met PP Rikki thru our common friend. PP Rikki is a topnotch photographer. Our friendship went over and beyond the walls of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Thus, it was easy to accept his invitation for lunch and showed me the path in becoming a Rotarian and the learning is still on the fly.



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The unspeakable violence that swathed the suburb of Paris in France was extremely heart wrenching. No words of sympathy can assuage the mental and emotional state of those affected. As mankind is deepening its attachment in this digital millennia, it is tempted to silence its ethics—the bedrock of our society and the fabric that binds us together. Sadly enough, mankind is plundering its own humanity where peace amongst men is messed up.

However grave our current situation maybe, there is still a radiating hope. It keeps peace alive and subsisting. The world is abound with dedicated individuals and organizations in finding the lost peace—bridging understanding among men of different tongues.

One such organization is Rotary International. At the forefront of sowing peace is The Rotary Foundation thru its Rotary Peace Fellowships. The primordial objective of the Rotary Peace Fellowships is to afford individuals the path to pursue a graduate degree in international relations, peace, conflict resolution, and related subjects or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. This is attained thru the six Rotary Peace centers located in USA, Japan, England, Australia, Sweden and Thailand. The Rotary Peace centers educates emerging peace leaders and capacitating them to act as catalyst of peace in their respective communities.

Let us all continue to support our Rotary Foundation. Our roles as Rotarians are gargantuan in scope but defined in nature.

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One sunny morning at the end of June 1991, a van drove through the busy, rush-hour streets of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Winding through traffic to a northern suburb, the van arrived at the Forward Command Headquarters of the Defense Ministry. Security guards stopped it for inspection. When they did, the two suicide bombers driving the van detonated their cargo: thousands of kilograms of plastic explosives.

The roof of the building was blown off completely. Debris was strewn for blocks. In total, 21 people were killed and 175 people injured, among them many pupils of the girls' school next door. More than a kilometer away, the blast shattered every window in my home. My wife raced toward the sound of the explosion – toward our daughter's school.

Our daughter was then nine years old. That morning, she had forgotten her pencil case at home. At the moment of the blast, she was coming out of a stationer's shop, admiring her new pencils. Suddenly her ears were ringing, the air was filled with sand, and everywhere around her people were screaming, bleeding, and running. Someone pulled her into the garden of the badly damaged school, where she waited until my wife arrived to bring her back to our home – its floors still covered with broken glass.

Sri Lanka today is peaceful and thriving, visited by some two million tourists every year. Our war now is only a memory, and we as a nation look forward to a promising future. Yet so many other nations cannot say the same. Today, more of the world's countries are involved in conflict than not; a record 59.5 million people worldwide live displaced by wars and violence.

In Rotary we believe, in spite of all that, in the possibility of peace – not out of idealism, but out of experience. We have seen that even the most intractable conflicts can be resolved when people have more to lose by fighting than by working together. We have seen what can happen when we approach peace-building in ways that are truly radical, such as the work of our Rotary Peace Fellows. Through our Rotary Foundation, peace fellows become experts in preventing and resolving

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ravi" in a cursive, stylized font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

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

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Among the hundreds of peace fellows who have graduated from the program, two from Sri Lanka, one from each side of the conflict, studied together. In the first weeks of the course, both argued passionately for the rightness of their side. Yet week by week, they grew to understand each other's perspective; today, they are good friends. When I met them and heard their story, they gave me hope. If 25 years of pain and bitterness could be overcome by Rotary, then what, indeed, is beyond us?

We cannot fight violence with violence. But when we fight it with education, with understanding, and with peace, we can truly *Be a Gift to the World*.

## 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

## Building Blocks!

It was an auspicious day for our District and D-3480, Taiwan, when we forged a 3-year Sister District Agreement at the Rotary Institute in Manila last November 7, 2015 with PRIP Gary Huang and Spouse Corina, PDG C.T. Wu among the distinguished witnesses.

D-3480 joins our growing list of international partners to include D-3590, D-3600, D-3610, D-3690, D-3740, all Korean and some clubs belonging to these districts; D-2203, Spain and D-2390, Sweden.

**Lives are improving!** Look at the Global Grants approved --The USD\$135,000 Vocational & Technical Equipment for Skills Training in Roxas; the Human Milk Collection and Storage Project in Bacolod and Iloilo; and our Rotary Library project in public schools.

We're applying for more with each project costing \$40,000 - \$50,000 - The E-Library in Bacolod; Water Sourcing and Distribution in a barangay in Kalibo; Maternity Lying-In Center in Zamboanga; Blood Collection Equipment in Dipolog, and more Rotary Libraries in public schools in our District. Another big-ticket project coming is the VocTech Training Equipment for Skills training worth \$170K in Roxas.

And we are blessed to have generous partners putting up 80-90% of the funds required for our Global Grant proposals. We are grateful as we are able to stretch our small District Designated Fund (DDF) of \$32,000 only to maximum utilization.

### **What's a DDF?**

*A DDF is best explained as 50% of our total Annual Fund Giving contribution to The Rotary Foundation comes back to our District in 3 years' time. 50% is allocated to District Grants (DG and DFRCC can decide), and the remaining 50% is used for Global Grants.*

I'm delighted that more clubs are interested in Global Grants because of the impact and magnitude, and not to mention the cost benefits. We can continue stretching our tiny allocation but if 10 out of 53 clubs apply, our DDF will be depleted in no time, leaving other applications in limbo.

*So what do we do now?* To address this problem, we are aiming to raise **USD\$140,000 for The Rotary Foundation this Rotary Year or a \$100 per capita contribution.** We shall then have **\$70,000** in DDF, enough to help fund more Global Grant projects.

***Thus, I wish to knock on your hearts and invite you to be a generous giver, to be an instrument of love, hope and faith.*** I know we can do it. Please say YES and be a part of this proactivity. Believe in the profound words ***"As you give so shall you receive"***.

PP Joe Maria Taruc of RC Midtown Iloilo committed to give UD\$500 to TRF but decided to double it after understanding how TRF works. RC Molo, a club of only 10 members, has raised \$5,000 to become the second All Paul Harris club in the District.

RC Salug Valley Molave has never given since it was chartered but will give \$2,000. RC Jimenez, a small vibrant club, meets in homes of its members in this heritage town, is raising \$4,000.

These are just a few inspiring stories of generosity and conviction I would like to share with you, and they reflect the spirit of many Rotarians in our District. I have been trying to raise awareness on the TRF programs in all my visits and hopefully you will say **YES**; I will give, and in giving, we all become **a gift to the world**.

***Bigger contributions = bigger DDF = more Grants.***

I will stop at nothing to get more partners for our District. More partners mean more projects. More projects mean more happy people. More happy people means good public image. Good public image means more Rotarians!

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So just a week after the Manila signing, I was on a jet plane to Tokyo, Japan with 4 fellow Philippine Governors to attend the District Conference of D-2550.

DG Kenichi Nakaya and I met during our training in San Diego, U.S.A. and we explored about doing projects together. The literacy project of RC Metro Passi, the skills training of RC Bacolod North and the water project of RC Jaro Iloilo City are all awaiting approval.

More travels for me as we continue ***building blocks for a better and responsive D-3850!*** I'll be back in Iloilo on January 23-25, 2016 to renew Sisterhood ties with D-3600, Korea.

I believe in our collective power *to do great things*. ***Shall we pass the hat for \$140,000?***

***#BeAgiver! #BeAgiftToTheWorld!***

## TRUSTEE'S CHAIR MESSAGE



*Ray Klingensmith*  
PRI Ray Klingensmith  
Trustee Chairman 2015-2016  
The Rotary Foundation

*It* is well-established that The Rotary Foundation is the focus of attention in the month of November, and we try our best to publicize our Foundation programs and to raise money to fund the programs during the entire month! But why November?

The idea started in May 1956 when the RI Board designated the week of 15 November as Rotary Foundation Week. The designation was firmly in place by 1961 when I was a Rotary scholar in South Africa, and most of the southern African clubs featured programs about the Foundation that week. I also observed the same focus when I returned home and joined the Rotary club in my hometown of Unionville, Mo.

Many of our clubs at that time scheduled low-cost meals at their meetings during Rotary Foundation Week and donated the savings to the Foundation. It was a good way to produce Foundation funds at a time when most contributions were still made by clubs, not by individual Rotarians. But why did the RI Board

select the week of 15 November in 1956 and then expand it in 1982 to the whole month of November, starting in 1983-84?

My speculation is that the initial decision in 1956 was based on the realization that many clubs in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly the large clubs, were not fully active during their summer months of June, July, and August. Therefore, it was best to wait and give time for the clubs to educate their members each year about the Foundation. And since the Foundation contributions were coming from the clubs, it gave the clubs time to raise the money, but still send it to the Foundation in the first half of the Rotary year for investment purposes. It was a win-win situation for both the clubs and the Foundation!

Regardless of whether my speculation has merit, Rotary Foundation Month has been, and will continue to be, a critical factor in the success of our Foundation. It is the month that our clubs and districts continue the tradition of educating our Rotarians about the amazing quality of our Foundation programs and seeking the needed contributions to make the world a better place.

Our Foundation is a premier organization, and it owes its success to the support of Rotarians, many of whom have gained their appreciation of Foundation programs during the traditional emphasis on such programs in November. The importance of Rotary Foundation Month should not be discounted, and I hope that all of our clubs will feature the Foundation during the month of November. It is a significant and productive tradition, and I encourage all Rotarians to take the time to attend their club and district Foundation events this month. Embrace the tradition! Celebrate the Foundation!

*How It All Started:*

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



Arch C. Klumph  
Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Rotary is built of men made of good stuff; the ideal of service is developing into practice. As a consequence, the organization will never stand still."

*The Rotarian*  
April 1929

**In** 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary... for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property... as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US\$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen later grew into the Easter Seals organization.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing the Foundation. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

That same year, the first Foundation program was established Fellowships for Advanced Study, which was the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Then in

1965-66, three new programs were launched Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978, with the Rotary Volunteers program being created as a part of 3-H in 1980. The PolioPlus program was announced in 1984-85, and the following year saw the introduction of Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first Peace Forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the establishment of Rotary Peace Programs. Then in 1989, 1963-64 RI President Carl P. Miller and his wife, Ruth, donated US\$1 million to establish the Discovery Grants program.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since that first \$26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than US\$1 billion. More than US\$70 million was contributed in 2003-04 alone. To date, some 914,792 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows that is, someone who has contributed US\$1000 or has had that amount contributed in his or her name.

Such strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

# PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**PolioPlus.** Since 1985, Rotary members have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio. Today, all but three countries are free of polio. As of June 2014, Rotary had committed more than \$1.3 billion to global polio eradication to ensure that polio is eliminated in the last three countries where it remains and that it does not return elsewhere.

*In 2013-14, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$128.9 million.*

**Rotary Peace Centers.** Each year, the Foundation funds study by peace fellows at six Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since

2002-03, more than 875 fellows from more than 120 countries have participated, at a cost of \$49.6 million.

*In 2013-14, there were 98 Rotary Peace Fellows from 41 countries, and program awards for the fellows and the Rotary Peace Centers totaled \$5.3 million.*

**District grants.** District grants support smaller-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission.

*In 2013-14, the Foundation approved 488 district grants, and program awards totaled \$23.5 million.*

**Global grants.** Global grants support largescale international activities with sustainable,

measurable outcomes that support Rotary's areas of focus; activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.

*In 2013-14, the Foundation approved 868 global grants, and program awards totaled \$47.3 million.*

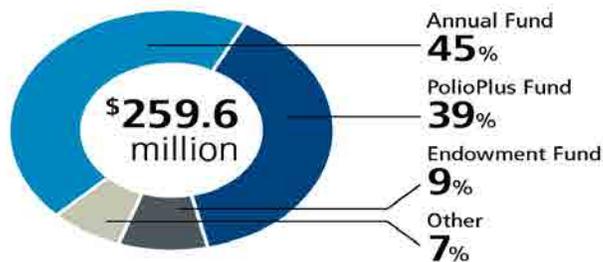
**Packaged grants.** Packaged grants, which also support the areas of focus, have been carried out with the Foundation's strategic partners.

*In 2013-14, the Foundation approved 18 packaged grants, and program awards totaled \$530,000.*

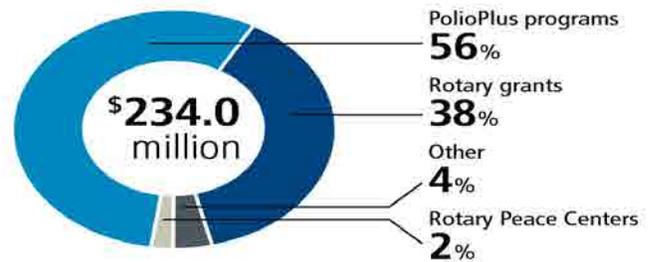
Note: Packaged grants were ended as of October 2014.

All figures are as of 30 June 2014 and given in U.S. dollars

## 2013-14 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS\*



## 2013-14 PROGRAM SPENDING



\*Since 2008, contributions include grants for polio eradication from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## SUMMARY STATISTICS

	2013-14	Cumulative
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$259.6 million</b>	<b>\$3.5 billion</b>
Annual Fund	\$116.6 million	\$2.1 billion
Endowment Fund	\$23.7 million	\$255 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$100.3 million	\$1.1 billion
Other	\$19.0 million	\$69.6 million
<b>Program Spending</b>	<b>\$231.5 million</b>	<b>Since 1947: \$3.2 billion</b>
Arch Klumph Society Members	79	521
Major Donors	2,216	21,078
Bequest Society Members	639	10,663
Benefactors	2,388	92,577
Paul Harris Fellows	54,409	1,460,787
Paul Harris Society Members*	10,143	10,143

\*Note: 2013-14 is the society's inaugural year.

(Walk-on music: "Cowboy Logic")

**Isn't** that a great song? It is such happy music that it reminds me of the friendly atmosphere of Rotary meetings around the world. The name of the song is "Cowboy Logic," and I want to use it today to explain why I am the luckiest guy in Rotary. I grew up in a small country town during the 1950s, and my prospect of traveling to other countries was very remote. However, it was a dream inspired by both good books and good movies. Then suddenly, I was given the chance to go to South Africa as a Rotary Scholar at the University of Cape Town — to meet and mingle with many of the 5,000 students at the university from all over Africa and beyond, to travel 16,000 miles within the scenic beauty of Southern Africa, to speak to 38 Rotary clubs in four African countries, and to meet hundreds of Rotarians and hear their views about the world as it existed in 1961. Wow! It was more than a life-changing experience. It was a life-shaping event, and it all happened, because I was a Rotary Scholar!

During my experience as a Rotary Scholar, I noticed that the district governors in both my home district and my host district were the ones who seemed to get things done. They were the ones who were respected and appreciated by the clubs in their districts, and the ones who informed and encouraged their clubs by leadership and example. So, I was inspired at that early stage to serve as a district governor at some time in my life. Well, I had that chance 40 years ago, and you know what, the role is still the same today. You are the ones that our clubs will rely on for leadership and example. You are clearly our keys to success in your districts for next year, and we look for you not to be mere managers but to be real Rotary leaders. And be aware, it will require your very best efforts.

Upon my return home from Africa, I was lucky once more to be quickly invited to join the Rotary club in my hometown of Unionville, Missouri, USA, which had been the wonderfully supportive sponsor club for my scholarship. I immediately accepted the invitation to become a Rotarian at age 24, and I had no idea on that day in 1961 that I would be given the opportunity to serve in the variety of jobs that have made it possible for me to stand here today as the chair-elect for our

Foundation. I have been such a lucky guy, and it all happened because I was a Rotary Scholar!

Now, you may be wondering what my story of good luck has to do with the success of the Foundation during your year as district governors. In my view, there is a direct correlation, because I owe more to The Rotary Foundation than anyone who has ever served as the chair. In short, I am a living, breathing product of The

## ROTARY FOUNDATION GOALS



**Ray Klingensmith**  
Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

Rotary Foundation. Therefore, I am committed to doing everything I can do to make next year the very best year in the history of our Foundation. It's a history that started when RI President Arch Klumph uttered those magic words at the 1917 convention that Rotary should start an endowment for Doing Good in the World. From that simple start, look at the success of The Rotary Foundation, which has clearly provided an international role for our clubs and districts. It has truly been an invaluable partner in the rise of Rotary to the world stage.

Your year as district governors will be our Foundation's 99th year as we prepare for our important centennial year in 2016-17, and I am pleased to advise you that the Trustees have made a recent improvement in our planning for the Foundation. They have utilized the concept of the RI strategic plan and approved four priorities to be effective for the next three years, which clearly will provide more continuity and efficiency.

The four priorities are a little too long to recite in this presentation, but you will be given a copy of them in your discussion groups following this general session. And rest assured that the first priority is to end polio — now and forever. As you heard from Hamid Jafari earlier this week, we truly are This Close in our noble quest to end a dread disease. Now we need to be sure that Rotary receives its fair share of the credit, because we started the polio eradication effort and we have never wavered in our resolve and our commitment for more than 30 years. All of us are lucky that, due to the genius of PolioPlus, we can be even prouder to be Rotarians.

The other three priorities adopted by the Trustees follow the model of the RI strategic plan. Simply stated, they are to strengthen the Foundation, to

increase the Foundation's humanitarian service, and to enhance the image and awareness of the Foundation, particularly due to the success of PolioPlus and the 100-year record of Doing Good in the World.

Still more good news is that all four of the new priorities for the Foundation are supported by measurable goals, which will track our progress on an annual basis. It is the measurable goals that should be of highest interest to you as incoming district governors, because several of the annual goals will be measured at the district level. For example, one of the goals is to increase the number of clubs achieving the 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year recognition fundraising level by 15 percent in all districts. That goal should be both challenging and productive for all of you, and it is easily measurable. It is achievable for all districts, if you give it your time and attention, and if you first lead by example.

Another of the annual goals is to increase the number of global grant scholarships to at least one for every district. This one is very important to me, because the new scholarships are an exciting opportunity for us to return to the time when the number of our Ambassadorial Scholars was still sufficiently small that Rotarians took a genuine interest in the scholars, and as a result, the scholars took a genuine interest in Rotary. The new scholarships permit us to identify graduate students who want to make the world a better place through one or more of the six areas of focus, and then to help the students proceed with their education for not just one year but up to four years. The new scholarships are much more targeted on Rotary objectives than the Ambassadorial Scholarships, and they can and should involve the students with our clubs and districts at every turn. Please take the time to learn more about the global grant scholarships, and then start the search for a worthy scholar from your district. Who knows, he or she might end up as a district governor someday, or even as the chair of Foundation Trustees!

Some of the other annual goals are not so specific, but I think they are intriguing. For example, one of the goals is to use Rotary's experience in our advocacy work for polio eradication as a model for advocacy to help other humanitarian programs. I particularly like that possibility as we seek to fulfill the challenge of Rotary's branding consultant, Siegel+Gale, to "connect commerce and cause." Isn't that an interesting phrase, to connect commerce and cause? One of the reasons we have been so successful in our polio advocacy with governments and other NGOs is that we are business and professional people, and we are respected for our integrity and our business skills. As a result, are we not the best-equipped organization in the world to connect commerce and cause? I think we are! Just keep that phrase in your minds.

Another goal for next year is to encourage all clubs to learn more about Foundation programs by utilizing new and effective types of communication at their weekly meetings. Are you prepared to help your clubs

utilize those new forms of communication? If not, then you need to find a computer-savvy friend who can help you deliver the new techniques to the clubs.

Perhaps the biggest departure from past practice is the Foundation goal to develop at least two new Foundation initiatives to recognize and publicize the need for membership growth in our clubs. The Trustees realize that Rotary cannot continue to provide larger and more sustainable humanitarian service projects unless the clubs themselves become bigger, better, and bolder. For many decades, Rotary grew at a steady rate of 3 percent per year, and we need to reclaim that legacy to be vibrant and dynamic into the future. We clearly offer the best chance for prospective members to improve their lives and their communities, and to use the Rotary network to leverage their time and talent to make the entire world a better place. The Foundation needs to be involved in telling that story to both Rotarians and non-Rotarians.

It should be clear from these remarks that I truly have been the luckiest guy in Rotary during the past 54 years, because I was a Rotary Scholar. My good luck is continuing, as I now have the chance to serve as the Foundation chair next year as so many exciting things are happening, just prior to the Foundation's centennial year. And all of you share in my good luck as you prepare to serve as district governors in our preparatory year for the centennial. And, even more importantly, you have the good luck to be district governors when Ravi Ravindran will be the president. He is clearly an outstanding businessman and Rotary leader, and he will take you to new heights of achievement. There is absolutely no doubt that you are very lucky district governors to serve with a special president like Ravi!

So, I urge you to take your jobs seriously, because it is extremely important for Rotary that you do your jobs well. We are the premier civic service organization in the entire world, and our continued success depends on your efforts to inform and motivate the clubs in your districts.

Now a word about Ravi's theme, *Be a Gift to the World*. Isn't that a great theme? So insightful, so motivational, so easy to use! It is very clear that if we take his challenge seriously, and if we motivate the Rotarians in our clubs and districts to be gifts to the world, there is no doubt that we will improve our communities — and other communities around the globe. And as Rotarians we should take immense pride and motivation from the simple fact that when it comes to making the world a better place, we do it better than anyone else in the world! (*Speech delivered during the RI international Assembly in San Diego, California, USA*)





## CHANGE THE WORLD

**T**he Rotary Foundation is ranked in the Top 10 charities in the world. The scores — ranked on a scale of 1 to 100 — are based on financial health, accountability and the transparency of reporting. TRF is ranked at Number 5 in the world.



### 5. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

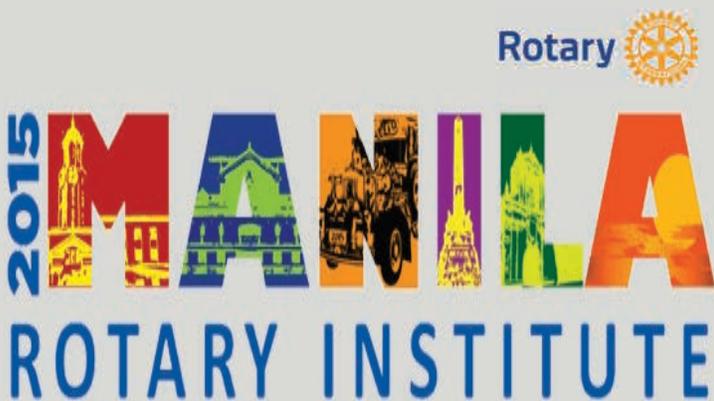
This not-for-profit organization works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. Using Rotary Foundation grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training opportunities.

One of its biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three countries.

**Score: 96.31**

*About Change the World*

*CNBC and its partners across NBC Universal are joining together to launch The Season of Kindness, celebrating acts of kindness large and small throughout the holidays. Something as simple as opening a door for a stranger or writing a thank you note can completely transform someone's day for the better...and it doesn't have to cost a thing. And because kindness is contagious, together we can grow the good this holiday season. #ShareKindness*



**R**otarians from RI Zones 6B, 7A, and 10B gathered for the 3-day 2015 Manila Rotary Institute in Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel at the CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. The aforementioned RI Zones include the countries of Bangladesh (D-3281 & 3282); Hong Kong, Macau & Mongolia (D-3450); Indonesia (D-3410 & 3420); Malaysia (D-3300); Singapore, Malaysia & Brunei (D-3310); Pakistan & Afghanistan (D-3271 & 3272); Philippines (D-3800); Taiwan (D-3510 & 3520); and Thailand (D-3340).

Convener for the 2015 Manila Rotary Institute was RI Director Guiller Tumangan while PDG Eduardo Alvarez served as Chairman of the Organizing Committee. A total of 1200 delegates attended the Rotary Institute coming from 30 RI Districts. RIPE John Germ and Lady Judy Germ welcomed the delegates along with other RI senior officers Past RI Presidents Wilf Wilkinson and Gary Huang, incumbent and past RI Directors and TRF officers.

The Rotary Institute had been likened to a mini International Convention where past, incumbent and future District Governors, past RI Presidents, Directors, Trustees, Regional Leaders, Club Presidents, Club Committee Chair and Club members huddled together for sharing of information and training. More importantly, the 3-day Rotary Institute facilitated building connections thru Club and District sisterhood agreements and fellowship in order to contribute to a participative learning experience to a continuing leadership and service.

RI District 3850 delegates were led by District Governor Oliver Ong. During the Manila Rotary Institute, PDG James Makasiar of RC of Zamboanga City West served as Aide to RI Director Frederick Lin while Lady Tess Makasiar assisted Lady Aldy Jane Lin. *(Photos courtesy of Jonas Rivera of RC of Mandaluyong West)*





## SISTER DISTRICTS AGREEMENT

The RI Districts 3850 of Philippines and 3480 of Taiwan forged a Sister District Agreement. The Sisterhood pact was facilitated by PDG C.T. Wu. District Governors Oliver Ong of D-3850 and Lu, Chin Mei of D-3480 led the signing agreement held during the 2015 Manila Rotary Institute in Pasay City last November 7, 2015. Additional signatories to the Sister District Agreement were District Governor-Elect Ronnie Gabalda and District Governor-Nominee Jundad Legislador.

Immediate Past RI President Gary C.K. Huang witnessed the signing agreement along with RI Director Guiller Tumangan, RI Director Frederick Lin, IPDG Jude Doctora, and PDG C.T. Wu.

The Sister District Agreement will enable humanitarian service, foster fellowship and nurture goodwill between the two RI Districts. *(Photo courtesy of Jundad Legislador)*

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT RI DISTRICT 3480



- It is the longest-established Rotary District in Taiwan having been established in 1948.
- District 3480 includes West and South Parts of Taipei and the island of Kinmen.
- As of September 2014, it administratively serves 4,411 Rotarians coming from 114 Clubs.
- District 3480 was the first RI District in Taiwan to establish the District Youth Exchange Committee in 1995. Each year, it sends around 80 youths under its Youth Exchange Program.
- Its famous Rotarians include 2014-2015 RI President Gary C.K. Huang, Premiers Hope Su and Care Hsieh.

DG Oliver Ong and spouse Carol attended the District Conference of RI District 2550 in Utsunomiya, the capital and most populous City of Tochigi Prefecture in the northern Kanto Region of Japan. DG Kenichi "Ken" Nakaya of RC Ashikaga East extended the invitation. Also present during the Discon 2015 of RI D-2550 were DG Manny Sy Peng of D-3770, DG Mai Ocampo of D-3790, DG Pepz Bengzon of D-3830, DG Buddy Estudillo of D-3860. The Philippine District Governors were welcomed by DG Ken with a box of Monaka, one of the most popular sweets in Ashikaga-shi. Assisting the District Governors during their visit was Karen, a daughter of a Rotarian, who also acted as their interpreter. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of DG Mai Ocampo)*



## RI D-2550 DISTRICT CONFERENCE



## RC ZAMBOANGA CITY NORTH



Under Global Grant No. 1527859, the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City North turned mechanical and electronic tools to the Zamboanga City High School - Main (ZCHS-Main). The equipment will be used primarily in the TLE Laboratory, shielded arc welding and electrical installation maintenance shops of the school. The Global Grant is in consonant with the literacy project on technology and livelihood. The Grant was made possible in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Chung Ju, Sae-Chung Ju, Chung Ju Jun Ang, and Chung Ju Tan Geum of RI District 3740 of South Korea. President Manny Verar Jr of RC Zamboanga City North spearheaded the turnover. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of Michael Chiong and Jun Kwan)*





# RC IPIL SIBUGAY

RC Ipil Sibugay celebrated the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Children Month with the students of Ipil SPED School. Led by its dynamic President Rossano Andre Jaldon, RC Ipil Sibugay handled a feeding program among the kids with special needs of the said SPED school. Rotarian Elson Monterola and his spouse Jackie also gave bottles of multi-vitamins to each student. The program also paved way for the donation of see-saw and a set of swing to Ipil SPED School through the benevolence of Rtn. Elson and spouse Jackie. *(Photos culled from the public social archive of Jason Cardente)*





The Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara has launched the first phase of 'Project Wash', a program designed to create wider awareness among school children of the importance of personal hygiene, especially hand-washing and tooth brushing.

At a handover ceremony on Friday, the club presented pupils at the Bata Elementary School 1 in Bacolod City with packs containing tooth paste, soap and wash cloths, plus toothbrushes donated by club member Dr. Selwyn Baloyo.

In addition, school staff gave pupils a demonstration of proper hand-washing covering the five simple and effective steps - wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry.

Speaking at the ceremony, Master Teacher 1 Rhona Bretania said that proper hand-washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of germs adding that when washing hands, it's important to scrub for a full 20 seconds. "A good way to measure the time is to sing "happy birthday" twice", she said.

Club President Luis "Boy" Cuenca said that hand-washing is a win for everyone, except the germs.

By conscientiously washing your hands you can reduce the spread of diarrheal and respiratory illness so you can stay healthy," he said.

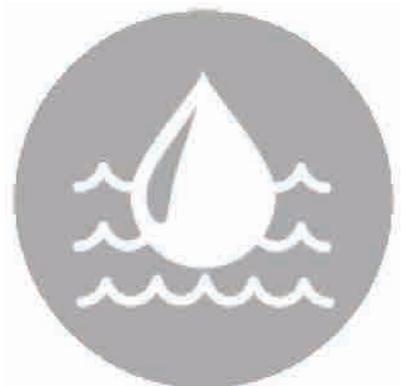
"Regular hand-washing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to

## RC MARAPARA BACOLOD

### "Project WASH"

remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others. It's quick, it's simple and it can keep us all from getting sick".

In addition to 'Project Wash', Marapara Rotary undertakes many other community outreach activities each year, especially medical missions bringing doctors, dentists and nurses to poor communities. The club's main fund-raising event is the annual 'Rotary-Golf for a Cause' tournament held at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club in Bata, Bacolod City.





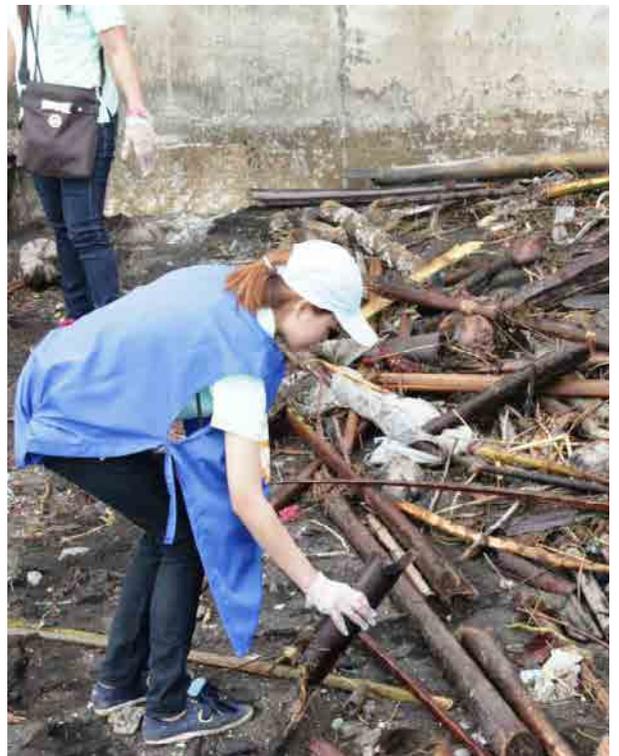
## RC OZAMIZ NORTH

The Rotary Club of Ozamiz North, in its quest to campaign strongly for a trash-free seas, had initiated a coastal cleanup activity last October 18 at Cotta Beach in the City of Ozamiz.

The coastal cleanup activity has been one of the signature activities of the club which had been done for years to promote public awareness on the importance of keeping the ocean clean. The yearly activity is held every October in commemoration of the Club's founding anniversary.

The cleanup activity was actively participated by Club members and spouses. It started at 7 in the morning right after the Club members attended the thanksgiving mass in observance of its 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

RC Ozamiz intends to sustain this activity with the hope to inspire and educate by example—that it is the moral obligation of each and every one to protect and clean our coastal areas, as tribute to mother earth. *(Text and photos by Cristy Saplot)*





**Rotary**  
District 3850



# GOVERNOR OLIVER'S CLUB VISIT

*Gracias*



**Rotary Club of Makati's "RONACS"**  
**Rotary National Awards for Community Service**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Project**

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In commemoration of the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary, the Rotary Club of Makati will embark on a Search for 10 Outstanding Rotary Club Projects on Community Service and will recognize them during their Anniversary Dinner on March 12, 2016.

The mechanics are as follows:

1. The 10 District Governors of 2015-16 will be asked to join the Search by conducting in each of the 10 Districts, the contest of motivating Rotary Club to pursue a Community Service in RY 2015-16 within or the immediate past in RY 2014-15 in **Economic and Community Development**.
2. The 10 winners has to be determined no later than January 31, 2016 with the project description in detail attested by the District Governors and its Board of Judges. It shall be communicated to the RC of Makati by February 7, 2016, who in turn will extend an invitation to the Club President and 1 Representative preferably the President-elect to receive the recognition on March 12, 2016 in Metro Manila with a 3 nights hotel stay at the expense of the RC of Makati.

In addition to the winners' plaque or trophy, the Rotary Club District Winner will receive an amount of **P50,000.00**

We leave it to you, the District Governors how you will conduct the contest. We only ask that a member of the RC of Makati be one of the judges in each Rotary District. The Club Project **must** be of **Economic and Community Development** mentioned above but we leave it to the judgement of your District's Committee of Jurors as to which Club Project has a greater impact on the community and an enhancement of the public image of the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Makati reserves the right to determine the best among the 10 winners.

We hope and trust for your enthusiastic cooperation.



**Eduardo Yap**  
2015-16 President  
RC of Makati



**PRID Rafael G. Hechanova Sr.**  
Chairman  
Rotary National Awards for Community Service (RONACS)

## 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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# PARTNER HOTELS

## 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:

Singel 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: lavinahotel@yahoo.com

Contact Person: Ms. Maureen Anos  
Mr. Kerwin Baldovino

### ROOM RATES:

Supe 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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