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## UNITING FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE: DISTRICT 3780'S END POLIO & GIFT-GIVING DRIVE

In partnership with two Rotary Districts from South Korea, Rotarians came together in a district-wide celebration of service—bringing joy through gift-giving while advancing the global fight to end polio.

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# Editor's Note

*Membership and New Club Development Month*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we journey further into Rotary Year 2025–2026, the month of August prompts us to reflect on one of the most vital pillars of our organization: membership. Rotary International designates August as Membership and New Club Development Month, a timely reminder that the strength, vibrancy, and future of Rotary depend on its people.

Rotary is more than a service organization; it is a fellowship of leaders, professionals, and community advocates bound together by a shared purpose: Service Above Self. Every initiative we undertake, every community we touch, and every life we change begins with the dedication of a Rotarian. Without an engaged, inspired, and growing membership, the engine of service cannot move forward.

This month, we are invited not only to honor and celebrate our members but also to look outward and inward—outward, as we extend the gift of Rotary to friends, colleagues, and community leaders who share our values; and inward, as we nurture the spirit of belonging, inclusivity, and relevance within our existing clubs.

Membership is not simply about adding names to a roster. It is about creating a space where people can grow in fellowship, contribute their unique talents, and find meaning in service. It is about ensuring that Rotary remains adaptable in a changing world—open to new ideas, new approaches, and new generations of leaders. In doing so, we secure not only the continuity of our mission but also the expansion of our impact.

Equally important this month is the focus on New Club Development. Just as communities evolve, so must Rotary. Innovative club models, flexible meeting formats, and specialized interest groups open doors for more people to engage with Rotary in ways that fit their lives. Every new club founded represents a new wellspring of service, a new circle of fellowship, and a new light of hope in the community it serves.

Let us, therefore, use this month to:

- Celebrate our current members and honor their contributions to the life of Rotary.
- Seek out potential members whose values and aspirations align with ours, inviting them into the family of Rotary.
- Support new clubs and innovative models that can reach more communities and inspire greater participation.
- Strengthen fellowship and inclusivity, ensuring every member feels valued, engaged, and empowered to make a difference.

Rotary's enduring strength lies not in its numbers alone but in the quality of commitment and fellowship that its members embody. Let us remember that every Rotarian is both a steward of Rotary's legacy and a builder of its future. By growing membership and supporting new clubs, we are not just expanding Rotary—we are extending hope, service, and peace to more corners of the world.

May August inspire us all to renew our dedication, to share the gift of Rotary generously, and to continue building a stronger, more vibrant movement that unites people of action everywhere.



**PP Beth Directo**  
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# MESSAGE *from our* **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

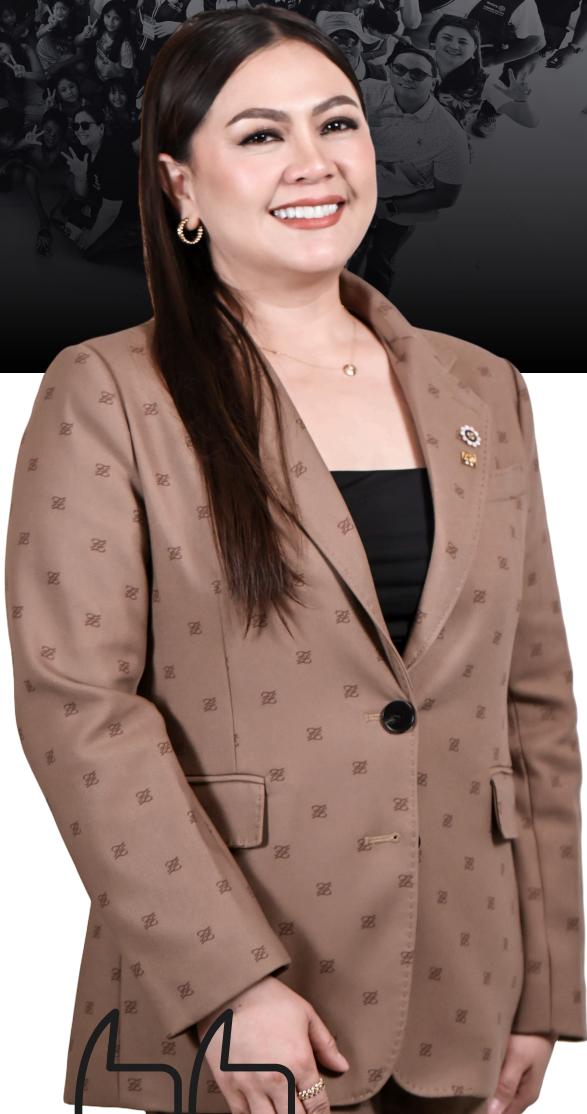
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

August is Membership and New Club Development Month a time to celebrate the strength, diversity, and dedication of our Rotary family. It is also an opportunity to reflect on how we can continue to grow and evolve not just in numbers, but in spirit and impact.

I am proud to share that, as of now, District 3780 has welcomed 84 new Rotarians! This is a wonderful achievement, and I commend all clubs and members for your efforts in inviting new individuals into our organization. Thank you for expanding our Rotary family and for showing others what it means to serve with purpose.

To our new members welcome! You are now part of a global movement committed to doing good in the world. We hope you find not just friendship and fellowship here, but a meaningful platform to truly make a difference.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all the generous donors to The Rotary Foundation. Your continued support fuels projects that transform lives, uplift communities, and promote peace and understanding across the globe. Let us keep pushing forward in our giving, knowing that every contribution brings hope and healing to someone, somewhere.



**Every new member,  
every act of giving,  
brings hope and  
healing to the world.**

*Veronica Yu*

As we move through this Rotary year under the theme “Unite for Good,” let us continue to work together united in service, united in purpose, and united in heart.

Together, we can grow Rotary and multiply our impact.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment. Let us keep inspiring change one act of service at a time.

And most importantly, let's focus on our goals and finish this Rotary year strong.

## **Veronica Yu**

District Governor

Rotary International District 3780

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# *Message from Rotary International President 2025-26*

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and ***Unite for Good***.

**Francesco Arezzo**  
President  
Rotary International  
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# Message from Trustee Chair 2025-26

When most people join Rotary, they know little, if anything, about The Rotary Foundation. Membership Month is a great time to highlight the powerful connection between membership and our Foundation.

People who are drawn to Rotary care deeply about their communities and want to make a substantive difference. They're looking for meaningful, hands-on ways to serve — and the Foundation helps make those opportunities possible.

Cause-based Rotary clubs are one exciting way new members are finding purpose in Rotary, and these clubs also bring fresh energy and activity to our Foundation. I invited Marisol Chianello, president of one such club, to share her perspective:

*"As a nonprofit attorney, I long believed I didn't have the time to be part of Rotary. But when I heard about a new cause-based e-club — the Rotary Club of Mental Health and Wellness District 5280 — I felt I had to be part of it."*

*In just three years, our club has done a lot to support mental health needs in Southern California and awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduate students in the field, including one this year to a student in Uganda.*

*Just a few months ago, we were approved for our first global grant to provide a mix of in-person and digital mental wellness support to survivors of the 2023 earthquakes in southeastern Turkey. Through our service, we've attracted new members from across the United States, including women and younger members who might not have otherwise joined Rotary. Cause-based clubs like ours offer a meaningful entry point for people committed to a specific cause — backed by the global reach and Foundation support of Rotary."*

Marisol's story reminds us what's possible when Rotary service meets Foundation support. I wonder how many cause-based club members knew the full extent of Foundation resources when they began. How many existing clubs could partner with these groups on grants? As we build new Rotary and Rotaract clubs and welcome new members, let's keep The Rotary Foundation at the forefront. The Foundation enriches the membership experience, supports club growth, and deepens our impact.

The Rotary Foundation is more than just a source of funding; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. It's a living expression of who we are as Rotary.

The Foundation, too, can be a vital part of every member's experience when they join us or start a new club.

**Holger Knaack**  
Trustee Chair  
Rotary International  
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# ROTARY CLUB OF BIAK NA BATO BRINGS SMILES WITH ANNUAL LIBRENG PUSTISO, LIBRENG NGITI PROJECT

BY ROTARY CLUB OF BIAK NA BATO

QUEZON CITY, Philippines – The Rotary Club of Biak na Bato once again brought renewed confidence and brighter smiles to the residents of Bagumbayan, Quezon City, through its annual Libreng Pustiso, Libreng Ngiti (“Free Denture, Free Smile”) project. Spearheaded by Past President Freddie Ceballos, this year’s initiative—held on June 29, 2025, at the Bagumbayan Senior Citizens Hall—successfully provided free dentures to 100 beneficiaries.

The project, a cherished tradition of the Rotary Club of Biak na Bato, addresses a critical need for accessible dental care, particularly among senior citizens and low-income individuals who often lack the means for such essential services. The day-long event was carefully organized to ensure both efficiency and comfort for participants.

In the morning, patients underwent thorough dental assessments and fittings for their new dentures. The dedicated team of volunteer dentists and Rotary members worked diligently to ensure precise measurements and comfortable molds. Anticipation filled the room as beneficiaries looked forward to regaining not only their ability to chew properly but also their confidence to smile without hesitation.

By the afternoon, the hall was alive with joy and gratitude as the newly fitted dentures were distributed. The immediate transformation in the beneficiaries’ expressions was heartwarming, with many unable to contain their wide, beaming smiles. The project’s name, Libreng Ngiti (Free Smile), truly came to life as the space resonated with happy chatter and laughter.

Past President Freddie Ceballos expressed his profound satisfaction with the project’s continued success. “Seeing the genuine happiness and renewed confidence in the eyes of our beneficiaries is the greatest reward,” Ceballos said. “This project is more than just providing dentures—it’s about restoring dignity, improving quality of life, and spreading smiles throughout our community. We are committed to continuing this initiative every year.”

The Libreng Pustiso, Libreng Ngiti project stands as a testament to the Rotary Club of Biak na Bato’s unwavering commitment to service and its dedication to making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. The success of this year’s event further underscores its impact and importance in fostering a healthier, happier Bagumbayan community.





# PROJECT UPTOWN UNLOCKS DIGITAL ACCESS

BY IAN TOMAQUN, ROTARY CLUB OF UPTOWN CUBAO

On June 10, 2025, the Rotary Club of Uptown Cubao, together with the Rotaract Club of Uptown Cubao, brought hope and opportunity to Bagumbong Elementary School in Caloocan through the donation of desktop computers worth PHP 150,000—an important step under our flagship initiative, Project UPTOWN: Unlocking Potential Through Our Words and Nurturing.

This milestone was made possible through our partnership with GWL – Giving Whilst Living, whose generosity and shared belief in accessible education fueled this effort. Representing our clubs were UFG Princess Silva (Rotary Club of Uptown Cubao), UFG Enzo Abatayo (Rotaract Club of Uptown Cubao), Rotarian Jam Fuentenegra (Project Lead), and other committed members.

The smiles of students and teachers said it all. In many public schools, access to technology is still a dream. These computers—now set to be used for digital learning, computer classes, and research—bring that dream closer to reality.

As Rotarian Jam shared during the turnover:

“Technology should never be a privilege, but a tool for empowerment.”

This is more than a donation—it’s a promise. A promise to nurture learners, spark curiosity, and open doors. With each initiative under Project UPTOWN, we continue our journey of unlocking potential, one act of service at a time.





# EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE: MY JOURNEY AS PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF WEST TRIANGLE

BY MARC AVILES, ROTARY CLUB OF WEST TRIANGLE

Stepping into the role of President of the Rotary Club of West Triangle is both an honor and a big responsibility. It is not an easy task, but I accepted it with a sincere heart and a clear vision to serve, to inspire, and to lead our club to greater heights.

One experience that truly opened my heart was during my ocular visit to Porac. Seeing the harsh realities of life there—the lack of basic medical care, the poor living conditions, and the daily struggles of the people—moved me deeply. It reminded me of why I chose to serve.

I had already planned to organize a dental and medical mission, but after witnessing their situation firsthand, I felt the strong desire to do more. Their needs go beyond medicine—they need hope, dignity, and support.

This mission is not something I can fulfill alone. I am grateful for the unwavering support of my family, amazing friends, passionate club members, partners, and sister club. Together, we can bring light to the lives of others and make the Rotary Club of West Triangle known not just by name, but by the impact we make in the community.





Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to community service, the Rotary Club of Congressional recently carried out Bayanihang Bulilit 2025, a meaningful service project in Barangay 773—its adopted barangay in Manila. Led by Club President Ching Banganay, the club donated a kitchen sink and a color printer to the local daycare center, aligning with Rotary's areas of focus: basic education and literacy, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and community development.

The installation of the kitchen sink promotes cleaner practices and supports the health of the daycare's young learners and teachers. Meanwhile, the color printer empowers educators to produce vibrant and interactive learning materials, sparking interest and creativity among the children and reinforcing early literacy skills.

Beyond providing essential equipment, the project serves as a testament to the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." It reflects the club's goal of creating a safe, enriching, and healthy environment for early childhood development.

The warmth and appreciation expressed by the children, parents, and daycare staff proved that even modest efforts can leave a lasting impact. This initiative not only fostered stronger community ties but also paved the way for more transformative projects that will uplift lives at the grassroots level.

## ROTARY CLUB OF CONGRESSIONAL UPLIFTS DAYCARE CENTER IN ADOPTED BARANGAY

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CONGRESSIONAL



# RID 3780 REGION 6, RID 3722 PROVIDE POLIO VACCINES, SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO CHILDREN OF BRGY. SAN BARTOLOME

BY THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3780 REGION 6 DOCUMENTATION TEAM

Thirteen clubs from Rotary International District (RID) 3780 Region 6 under Governor Veronica Yu, together with Rotarians of RID 3722 under Governor Kim Cheon Sik, gave polio vaccines, food, and school supplies to the children of Brgy. San Bartolome, Quezon City, last Saturday, July 5.

Around 150 children benefited from the project in two separate venues, ranging from infants and preschoolers to elementary school children. The local government of Brgy. San Bartolome, under P/B Rizza Pascual, assisted in the project.

Rotarians from RID 3722 also distributed toys, clothes, and additional supplies to the children and their families.

Rotary clubs included in the service project were the Rotary Clubs of San Bartolome, Balintawak, Congressional, Cosmopolitan Timog, Greater Fairview, Mega Edsa, North Edsa, Quezon City APO, Quezon City Metro North Centennial, San Roque, Timog, University District Diliman, and VisMin.

The service project was part of the collaboration between RID 3780 and Korean Rotary Districts 3722 and 3590 at the beginning of Rotary Year 2025–2026.





# UNITED IN SERVICE: ROTARY DISTRICTS 3780 AND 3590 BRING HOPE TO QUEZON CITY

BY THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3780 REGION 2 DOCUMENTATION TEAM



Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self came alive on July 12, 2025, as Rotary District 3780 (Philippines) and District 3590 (South Korea) joined forces for a meaningful outreach project in Barangay Ramon Magsaysay, Quezon City. The event was spearheaded by District Governors Veronica Yu and Oh Deuk Yu, bringing together 11 local clubs under Region 2 of District 3780 and 85 UFG presidents from District 3590 in a remarkable display of global service and compassion.

Representing District 3780 Region 2 were the Rotary Clubs of Pearl of the Orient, Pag-aso, Banawe Chinatown, New Murphy, Midtown Diliman, Diliman Heights, Panay 18 QC, Heroes Hills, Diliman Central, Quezon City, and Diliman International. Together with their South Korean counterparts, they carried out a series of impactful initiatives that touched the lives of children, mothers, and families in the community.

The day's activities included polio vaccinations and boosters for over 80 children, reinforcing Rotary's long-standing commitment to end polio. A TB early detection program, led by Past President Dr. Virginia Irene Santos of RC Agham, further highlighted the focus on health care. To address immediate needs, a feeding program—organized in partnership with Rotaract Club of Cubao under UFG President Janine Yu—served hot meals, snacks, and clean water. In addition, families received food packs, hygiene kits, clothes, toys, and other essentials through a heartfelt gift-giving initiative.

This collaborative project addressed four of Rotary's key Areas of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal and Child Health, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, and Community Economic Development. More than just a service activity, the event became a celebration of unity, cultural exchange, and hope—reminding all that when communities come together, they can truly Unite for Good to End Polio Now.

# ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MURPHY CUBAO SHARES LOVE AND HOPE AT KUYA CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MURPHY CUBAO

Demonstrating the love of God through service, the Rotary Club of New Murphy Cubao held a meaningful gift-giving activity at the Kuya Center for Street Children last July 19, 2025. The event, spearheaded by UFG President Arden Tiong, was filled with joy, generosity, and genuine compassion, bringing smiles and comfort to vulnerable children in need.

The initiative gathered generous donations from club members, showing the power of collective kindness. The members contributed slippers, fresh fruits, trays of eggs, a stand fan, tumblers, milk, biscuits, cooking oil, dishwashing liquid, sacks of rice, vitamins for kids, canned goods, toys, a basketball, cash donations, and other gifts that made the event possible.

In addition to this, the club also held a Kids' Basketball Clinic in celebration of Maternal and Child Health. The clinic highlighted how teaching sportsmanship is a powerful way to build peace, resilience, and character.



Every drill was an opportunity to inspire hope in both children and adults.

This initiative served not only as an opportunity to provide basic needs but also as a moment to uplift spirits and remind the children that they are seen, loved, and valued.

Special thanks to Ms. Fatima Elahe, Executive Director of Kuya Center, for the opportunity to share this moment of service and connection.

Kudos to the Rotary Club of New Murphy Cubao for once again proving what it means to be People of Action—uniting for good and making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

"Demonstrating the love of God to children. Bringing joy and inspiration."



# LIBIS SCHOOL SUPPORT: BOOKS, KITS & MOA SIGNING

BY ROTARY CLUB OF EASTWOOD



On July 8, 2025, the Rotary Club of Eastwood officially partnered with Libis Elementary School through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing with Principal Jenneth Molinilla. This partnership was formed after regular conversations with the school, during which the principal shared their most urgent needs—such as school supplies, safety tools, and support for anti-dengue efforts.

To respond to these needs, Rotary Eastwood donated 100 school kits, educational books, and 400 emergency whistles. They also turned over mulberry and citronella plants to help prevent dengue and promote care for the environment. As a special treat, the team held a storytelling session for 100 students to spark their love for reading and bring smiles to their faces.

Even after the event, the help continues. The school kits and books will be used throughout the year, while the emergency whistles will become part of the school's safety system. The plants will grow and serve as a reminder to students of the importance of health and nature.

Most importantly, the MOA marks the start of a long-term partnership. Rotary Eastwood is committed to supporting the school through future projects, showing that real change happens through lasting teamwork and genuine care for the community.



As we embrace the dawn of a new Rotary year under the theme Unite for Good, we proudly unveil our landmark initiative: RCCP 7-in-1 Activities: Handog Kalinga para sa Mag-aaral ng Dona Josefa E. Marcos Elementary School conducted on July 11, 2025. Each component of this project is a tribute to the heart of service that beats within every Rotarian—and reflects our unwavering mission to uplift and empower communities through compassion, education, and shared joy.

Here's what we brought to life together:

- Children's Party & Feeding Program: Nourishing not just bodies, but spirits through joy and celebration.
- Installation of the 4-Way Test & Promotion of End Polio: Instilling Rotary values and championing a cause close to our hearts.
- MOA Signing: Strengthening partnerships for lasting impact.
- Dental Care Session: Teaching proper toothbrushing and distributing dental kits to promote healthy smiles.
- Hand Hygiene Awareness: Guiding proper handwashing and providing hygiene kits for disease prevention.
- Basketball Ring Donation: Empowering play and teamwork with every shot.
- Garden Equipment & Steel Matting: Growing greener spaces and cultivating learning beyond the classroom.

This multi-faceted endeavor isn't just a series of activities—it's a powerful wave of goodwill, carried forward by our dedication and unstoppable energy. Together, let's continue to sow the seeds of meaningful change—for where there is Rotary, there is hope, service, and love.

# ROTARY CARES – PLANTING SEEDS OF LEARNING, GROWING HEARTS OF SERVICE

BY MARILOU G. ABOLOC, ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP PANOPIO

The Rotary Club of Sacred Heart, led by UFG President Claire Leuterio, spent the day packing essential supplies at the DSWD Resource Center after the devastation caused by Typhoons Crising and Dante. Many families were displaced and are now seeking shelter in evacuation centers.

Rotary members and volunteers assembled food, water, clothing, and medical supplies for those in need, demonstrating the community's resilience.

The team packed 15,000 relief goods for distribution to affected families in Metro Manila, with support from the Philippine Navy, Philippine Army, Tupad Work Force Volunteers, and the Rotary Club of Sacred Heart team.

Special thanks to Ms. Shara Lee, DSWD Resource Center Coordinator, and Maj. Ricky Bunao for their support and partnership in this effort.

# DAY 1 DISASTER RESPONSE: ROTARY CLUB OF SACRED HEART AT THE DSWD RESOURCE CENTER

BY ROTARY CLUB OF SACRED HEART





# RC QUEZON CITY APO DONATES SUPPLIES AND WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR BRIGADA ESKWELA 2025

BY ROTARY CLUB OF QUEZON CITY APO



The Rotary Club of Quezon City APO donated a water filtration system, a heavy-duty trolley, laundry and cleaning soaps, alcohol, and brooms to Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School on July 4 as part of Brigada Eskwela 2025.

These donations support the school's Water Filtration, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program, providing students with tools for a cleaner and safer learning environment.

Most of the supplies focused on the water, sanitation, and hygiene needs of students, teachers, and staff, while the heavy-duty trolley will assist in transporting books and materials.

Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma High School is an adopted school of the Rotary Club of Quezon City APO.



On June 10, 2025, the Rotaract Club of Uptown Cubao, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Uptown Cubao and the Rotary Community Corps, led Brigada Eskwela 2025 at our adopted school, Maligaya Elementary School. The initiative forms part of our continued commitment to basic education and literacy through Project UPTOWN (Unlocking Potential Through Our Words and Nurturing).

The day focused on preparing a safe, clean, and encouraging learning environment for students. We provided essential cleaning materials to support classroom preparations, ensuring a healthy space for both students and teachers.

A fun and interactive reading session, led by United for Good President Enzo Abatayo, helped spark curiosity and nurture a love for reading among young learners. We also conducted a simple feeding program to provide nourishment and underscore the importance of nutrition in learning and development.

Through this effort, we don't just implement projects—we build partnerships. We stand alongside our educators, our learners, and our communities.

# PROJECT UPTOWN: BRIGADA ESKWELA 2025

BY IAN TOMAQIN, ROTARACT CLUB OF UPTOWN CUBAO

# TULONG PARA SA KATUTUBONG ESTUDYANTE AT PAMILYANG DUMAGAT

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO EDSA

The Rotary Club of Cubao EDSA, under the leadership of Unite for Good President Kevinne Aquino, once again brought hope and compassion to the Dumagat community in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija, through its annual outreach program.

In partnership with the Crame QC Elite Eagles Club, led by President Reyland Signey, the club reached a total of 155 families and 144 students, providing essential aid and warm smiles.

This outreach included the distribution of school supplies for the students and food and clothing for the families. As part of the feeding activity, sopas was served to all, along with a sweet treat of ice cream to bring added joy, especially to the children.

Now in its third year, this meaningful initiative continues to be one of RCCE's signature projects — a reflection of the club's enduring commitment to serve marginalized communities, especially our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Despite past challenges, the project stands as a testament to the power of unity, volunteerism, and love for service. The Rotary Club of Cubao EDSA remains steadfast in its mission to uplift lives and create lasting impact — proving that through kindness and collaboration, we can truly Unite for Good.



How do we make a difference?

This was likely the question on many minds during the KabataanXBalikatan leadership seminar, organized by the Rotaract Club of Greenfields under the leadership of its president, Princess Lourdes Duran. Now in its sixth year, this activity aims to inform former, present, and future Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors about Rotary, with the hope of attracting more people who share the same vision and drive to help others. This annual activity is part of the Rotary Club of Greenfields' goal to retain current members, attract new ones, and reignite the passion to continue serving the community.



# INSPIRE TO IMPACT

BY MARIA ROSELLE C. REYES, ROTARY CLUB OF GREENFIELDS



The event featured distinguished speakers: Youth Service Chairperson and Charter President of RAC Greenfields, Chivas Ayroso, and Rotaractor Miguel Macayana. Both are young professionals who shared inspiring insights on leadership and service. Despite heavy rains, nearly forty active participants filled the Barangay Hall of San Agustin in Quezon City on July 27, 2025.

In closing, RC Greenfields Unite for Good President, Maria Roselle Reyes, reminded the audience: "Serve not for recognition but for impact. Keep showing up. That's how we will all make a difference."



# ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO SOUTH BRINGS HOPE TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN CAINTA

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO SOUTH

In the wake of severe flooding that displaced more than 1,261 families in Cainta, Rizal, the Rotary Club of Cubao South swiftly mobilized relief efforts to bring hope and aid to affected communities. On July 23, 2025, the club turned over essential goods to the Mayor's Office of Cainta for distribution to evacuation centers across Br�ys. San Andres, San Juan, San Isidro, and Sto. Domingo. The relief included rice, used clothes, clean water, toiletries, and more.

Determined to do more, RC Cubao South delivered a second round of donations on July 29, 2025—this time in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Tiger Mandaluyong, which donated 300 bottles of drinking water. Additional supplies were gathered through a successful donation drive with residents of Cambridge Village.

During a courtesy call with Mayor Keith Nieto, both clubs discussed deeper collaboration on disaster response efforts. The project reflects the true spirit of bayanihan and Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self"—bringing communities together to uplift those in need and reminding us that compassion can move mountains, even in the aftermath of disaster.

In support of the Department of Education's annual "Brigada Eskwela," the Rotary Club of Diliman Central joined its adopted school, Kalantiyaw Elementary School, in cleanup and preparation efforts before the start of the school year. Demonstrating its commitment to community service and education, the club donated essential cleaning materials to ensure a clean and safe learning environment for students and faculty. Led by P.E. Joanna Soliman, members worked alongside school staff and volunteers in tidying up the school premises, promoting the spirit of bayanihan and volunteerism. This initiative reflects Rotary's enduring support for education and its role in uplifting local communities as the new school year begins.



# ROTARY CLUB OF DILIMAN CENTRAL CHAMPIONS EDUCATION AND HEALTH

BY ROTARY CLUB OF DILIMAN CENTRAL

The Rotary Club of Diliman Central also took part in the district's "End Polio" activity, together with 12 club presidents from Region 2 and guests from District 3590 in Korea. The event showcased the power of service through polio vaccination, feeding programs, and the delivery of vital aid to the community. Together, we are creating a healthier future—one vaccine, one meal, and one community at a time.



# RC MIDTOWN QC EMPOWERS CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DURING NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS WEEK

BY ROTARY CLUB OF MIDTOWN QC

In a heartwarming celebration of National Disability Rights Week, the Rotary Club of Midtown Quezon City hosted its annual Children's Party at New Era Elementary School, dedicated to children with special needs. The event aimed to spread joy, inclusion, and dignity through fun-filled activities that honored the unique abilities of every child.

The party featured interactive games, music, snacks, and supplies, all tailored for the comfort and enjoyment of the students. Smiles lit up the room as Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, volunteers, and teachers came together to create a safe and cheerful space where every child felt celebrated and included.



This is a testament to the club's advocacy for inclusive communities and equal opportunities, echoing Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The event also served as a reminder that small acts of kindness can create lasting ripples of hope in the lives of children who often face daily challenges with resilience and strength.

Through this meaningful celebration, RC Midtown QC proudly stood as an ally to the special needs community —where compassion meets service beyond self.

# ROTARY CLUB OF ROOSEVELT CHAMPIONS LITERACY THROUGH MALETA LIBRARY ROLLOUT

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ROOSEVELT

Long before the first book was handed out or the first child smiled with a Happy Meal in hand, the Rotary Club of Roosevelt had one goal: to bring the joy of reading to where it was needed most.

That goal came to life in July with the rollout of the Maleta Library, a compact trunk filled with colorful and educational reading materials. Despite strong winds and scattered rain from a passing typhoon, the event pushed through as committed Rotarians arrived early in the morning to set up.

As the skies cleared, children began to gather—eager, curious, and bright-eyed. They received Happy Meals with a small book tucked inside and enthusiastically shared their favorite school subjects, including Science, Filipino, and Math.

The true magic unfolded when they opened the maleta. Pages turned, laughter echoed, and imaginations took flight. For many, it marked their first step into a wider world of learning.

Rooted in Rotary's commitment to Basic Education and Literacy, this project delivered more than books—it delivered hope. Through this simple yet meaningful act of service, the Rotary Club of Roosevelt transformed a rainy day into a lasting memory filled with learning, joy, and the promise of a brighter future.





# RC ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS BRINGS NEW HOPE TO OLD BALARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AHEAD OF CLASS OPENING

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

As the new school year approaches, Rotarians once again demonstrated the spirit of “Service Above Self” through a meaningful community project at Old Balara Elementary School. Rotary Club Entrepreneurs and Professionals members cleaned classrooms and painted bathrooms to make sure the school is safe and welcoming when students return.

The project was driven by the belief that every child deserves to learn in a space that is bright and conducive to growth. The team spent the day scrubbing floors, wiping down surfaces, and giving old walls a fresh coat of paint. The goal was to transform classrooms into a more inviting space for both students and teachers.

This initiative not only supported the physical upkeep of the school but also uplifted the morale of the community. Parents, teachers, and school staff expressed their gratitude for the care and commitment shown by the Rotary team. Through simple acts of service, this project embodies Rotary’s dedication to education and community development. Small efforts like this go a long way, especially for public schools that often lack resources. It is a reminder that real change starts with action. Rotary continues to be people of action, and at Old Balara Elementary School, that action made a difference for the students.





In a heartfelt effort to empower young learners and support underserved communities, the Rotary Club of Cubao, QC, led by UFG President Ellen Pastores, successfully conducted a two-phase outreach project for its adopted school and barangay—underscoring its enduring commitment to “Service Above Self.”

The first wave, themed “United for Young Minds,” took place on June 27 at Aguinaldo Elementary School. Partnering with the Rotary Club of Dongsungnam from South Korea, the club distributed school bags filled with essential supplies to 170 Grade 1 and Grade 2 students. This international collaboration highlighted the power of global Rotary connections in creating meaningful local impact.

The second wave, titled “Unite for a World of Learning and Fun,” was held on July 31. This event, organized with the Interact Club of Cubao, QC, reached 67 children from the club’s adopted barangay. The children received school supplies, learning materials, and stuffed toys.

In celebration of Nutrition Month, the program also offered nutritious snacks, emphasizing the importance of both education and wellness for a child’s holistic development.

This project stood as a testament to the unwavering support and generosity of RC Cubao’s members. Their collective effort brought smiles to many children’s faces, reinforcing the club’s commitment to building a brighter future through sustainable and meaningful service.



## A TWO-WAVE SUCCESS: ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, QC CHAMPIONS EDUCATION AND WELLNESS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, QC



# ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER ANONAS: A PURPOSEFUL START TO A UNITED FOR GOOD ROTARY YEAR

BY ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER ANONAS



The Rotary Club of Greater Anonas officially began Rotary Year 2025–2026 with a heartfelt Handover Ceremony held on May 23, 2025, at the Rotary Center. To lay a solid foundation, the club conducted two strategic planning sessions—first on June 7 at the Dimarucut Residence in Angeles, Pampanga, and another on June 17 at the Rotary Center—resulting in a clear roadmap for impactful service.

Kicking off its projects, the club partnered with the Rotary Club of Magalang for a tree-planting activity at Mount Arayat on July 5. Together with Rotaractors, they planted narra trees, which help combat climate change, prevent soil erosion, and provide habitat for local wildlife—making a lasting contribution to the environment.

The momentum continued with a Brigada Eskwela and Children's Party at Barangay 2B Day Care School. Children were delighted as Rotaractor Alfred John Garduque amazed them with a magic show, followed by a lively storytelling session by UFG President Juliana D. Yu. Loot bags and lunch were shared, and cans of paint were also donated for the school.

These activities uplifted both the environment and the community, fulfilling Rotary's mission to unite for good through meaningful action.





# COMPASSION IN ACTION: A MATERNAL AND CHILD-FOCUSED RELIEF MISSION

BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOYOLA HEIGHTS

Despite the unpredictable morning showers on July 26, 2025, the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, led by UFG Ruel "Ogie" Nicolas and Rotarian-members, pressed forward with its humanitarian mission, delivering essential aid to those affected by the recent typhoon in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. The project, held at the Bonifacio Daycare Center, provided immediate relief to families, addressing critical needs such as food security, hygiene, and shelter. The Rotary Club of Loyola Heights and volunteers distributed sacks of rice, sleeping mats, vitamins, clean drinking water, and diapers to families in need. The distribution of clean drinking water significantly reduced the risk of waterborne illnesses, a common concern in the aftermath of such events. Providing diapers and sleeping mats ensured that mothers and children had access to basic necessities, improving their health and dignity during displacement.

The relief support alleviated some of the immediate burdens faced by these families, allowing them to focus on recovery and rebuilding their lives. The scene was a vibrant display of community spirit, with volunteers working tirelessly to ensure that aid reached the most vulnerable.





# SPREADING JOY AND SERVICE: ROTARY CLUB OF PAG-ASA CELEBRATES WITH CHILDREN OF HOLY TRINITY HOME

BY ADELBERT CORPUS, ROTARY CLUB OF PAG-ASA

On July 5, 2025, the Rotary Club of Pag-asa once again brought joy to the 19 adopted children of the Holy Trinity Home through its Annual Children's Party. Supported by 15 Rotary members and six Volunteer Sisters, the event was a fun-filled celebration aimed at creating lasting memories for the orphans.

The club provided Jollibee meals for all the children, matrons, and staff, ensuring everyone was well fed. Each child received a personalized gift, along with hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, dental care items, and toys—including donated stuffed animals from CP Aya.

The party featured games, age-appropriate activities, and lively performances from both the children and the Rotarians. Chimmy, the beloved club mascot, was a crowd favorite and never left the children's side—earning an honorary club member nomination.

The Rotary Club also donated groceries and cash to support the home's continuing needs. This heartwarming outreach strengthened bonds and embodied the Club's commitment to compassion, volunteerism, and community service—making a meaningful impact on the lives of the children.

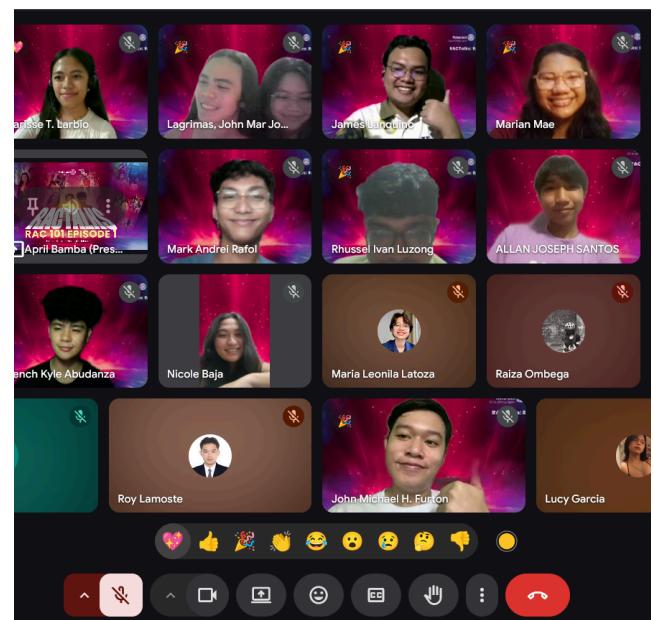
# CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER: ROTARACT HOLY SPIRIT'S JULY RACTALKS SERIES

BY ROTARACT CLUB OF HOLY SPIRIT



In July 2025, the Rotaract Club of Holy Spirit launched a series of successful RACTalks. The month began with the inaugural two-part RACTalks: RAC101 series, which laid a strong foundation for new members. The first session, held on July 13, attracted 35 attendees for presentations on the club's history and purpose from key leaders, while the second, on July 20, drew 40 participants for discussions on the MyRotary platform and public image strategies. Both virtual events received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

The club concluded the month with a unique in-person gathering on July 27 for RACTalks: Kaon Ta, Istorya Ta. Forty members convened for an insightful discussion on nutrition, led by Nutrition and Dietetics students Allan Joseph B. Santos and Sheila Mae U. Cabanaon—setting the stage for future projects informed by their expertise.



# MALAYA ACHIEVERS GIVE INSIDER ACCESS IN NEW SERIES

BY ROTARACT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE MALAYA ACHIEVERS

In response to evolving forms of storytelling and information dissemination, the Malaya Achievers launched their newest digital video series, Malayang Gala.

This public image initiative of the Rotaract Club of San Francisco del Monte Malaya Achievers is an offshoot of its official newsletter, Malayagan.

Hosted by Vice Secretary Marianne Orilla, Malayang Gala takes on a vertical video format, allowing netizens to keep abreast of club projects on their devices.

The series also offers bite-sized, first-hand accounts from participants, beneficiaries, and partners to give viewers a glimpse of the actual impact the Malaya Achievers make during community service.

As of July 30, Malayang Gala has two episodes: the club's attendance at the Pride March at the University of the Philippines Diliman on June 28, and the first run of the emergency response project Rang-ayan at Barangay Matandang Balara on July 13. The club is also working to train and introduce more hosts alongside Orilla to cover upcoming activities.

Malayang Gala is available on the Facebook, X, Instagram, and TikTok pages of the club, @malayaachievers.





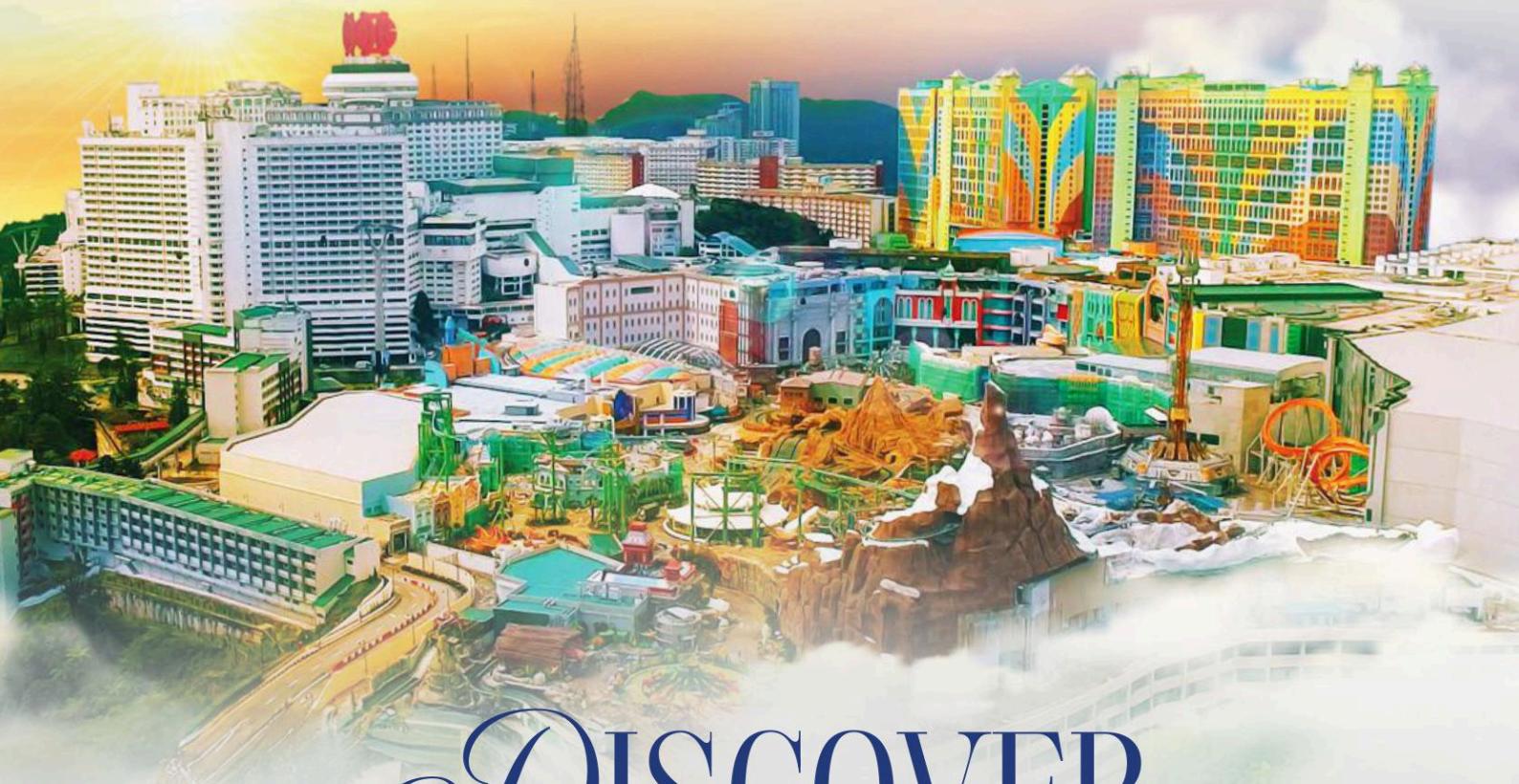
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