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## UNITE FOR GOOD: A DAY OF CARE AND COMPASSION

Region 1 Rotary Clubs advances its mission of service by conducting polio immunization and feeding programs, nurturing healthier futures for children.

## DISTRICT 3780 CELEBRATING UNITY AND TRADITION

Rotarians gathered to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival, embracing culture, camaraderie, and the enduring bonds of Rotary service.



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# Editor's Note

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

October is here, and with it comes a renewed opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the world. This month, Rotary shines a spotlight on Economic and Community Development, a cornerstone of our mission to create lasting, positive change. It's a time to reflect on the opportunity we have as Rotarians to uplift communities, foster innovation, and empower individuals to build brighter futures.

This month holds a special significance for Rotary as we observe Economic and Community Development Month, a time to reflect on our mission of empowering communities and fostering sustainable growth.

Economic and community development is at the heart of Rotary's mission of service. It is more than simply providing resources — it is about creating opportunities, nurturing self-reliance, and igniting hope. Around the world and in our own communities, countless families are striving for a better future. Through our collective efforts, we have the power to transform lives by supporting small businesses, providing skills training, and initiating livelihood projects that uplift entire neighborhoods.

As we journey through this Rotary year, let us continue to embody our theme, "Unite for Good." When we unite our talents, ideas, and resources, we amplify our impact and create ripples of positive change. Each project, regardless of its size, becomes a testament to what can be achieved when service is driven by compassion and collaboration.

This issue of our Governor's Monthly Letter celebrates stories of transformation and resilience. You will find inspiring accounts of clubs that have built bridges of opportunity through vocational service, economic empowerment, and sustainable initiatives. May these stories encourage you to seek out ways to make a meaningful difference in your own community.

As the year moves forward, let us continue to nurture the spirit of fellowship and service that define Rotary. Together, we can plant the seeds of progress and watch as they grow into thriving communities filled with hope and promise.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and service. Let us move boldly forward, inspired by the belief that through Rotary, we can build a brighter, more equitable world for all.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**PP Beth Directo**  
Editor-in-Chief  
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### ON THE COVER:

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# MESSAGE *from our* **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

**October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month**—a time to spotlight one of our most impactful areas of focus: helping communities build sustainable and thriving futures. This observance aligns perfectly with one of Rotary's core values: leadership.

True leadership isn't about directing from the front; it's about empowering others to take charge of their own progress. That principle lies at the heart of Rotary's economic development initiatives. Through microfinance, vocational training, entrepreneurship support, and community partnerships, Rotary members uplift lives by creating opportunities and fostering long-term growth.

This month has also been both eventful and heartwarming for me and my spouse, DRFC PDG Johnny Yu, as we celebrated our birthday month while continuing the Governor's Official Visits and one-on-one meetings with our Unite for Good club presidents.



*When we Unite for Good, we don't just build communities – we build bonds that strengthen us, memories that inspire us, and hope that continues to light our path forward.*

*Veronica Yu*



Some visits—particularly with Clubs 61 to 80—were made extra memorable when members surprised us, the district's "First Couple," with touching birthday celebrations filled with love, laughter, and warm fellowship.

Each visit has reminded us of something special:

*When we Unite for Good, every moment becomes a celebration of service, friendship, and purpose.*

Let us continue to lead with compassion, serve with intention, and empower our communities together.

Let's Unite for Good!

**Veronica Yu**  
District Governor  
Rotary International District 3780  
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# *Message from Rotary International President 2025-26*

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve.

Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India — and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust — to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity — whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programs — we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families, and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

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

Friendship in Rotary often bears fruit that can change the world. When I was Rotary president-elect, I served on the Board of Directors alongside then-Vice President Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola from Nigeria. My wife, Susanne, spent time with Yinka's wife, Preba "Precy" Babalola. Yinka and Precy support The Rotary Foundation, not only as Arch Klumph Society members, Benefactors, and Major Donors but also as Rotary members who are deeply involved in Foundation projects.

Susanne and Precy's friendship led to their clubs joining forces. For October, as Rotary marks Community Economic Development Month, I thought **Precy Babalola** could best capture the impact of their collaboration in her own words:

*"Obuama, Nigeria, was hit hard by COVID-19. Many families, especially women and young adults, were left without stable income or opportunity. The community urgently needed practical support and long-term solutions.*

*My club, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport, decided to respond. We partnered with the Rotary E-Club of Hamburg-Connect and our districts to launch a global grant project focused on empowering people with skills that restore hope and dignity.*

*Over 250 women and young adults were trained in farming fish, poultry, and snails as well as bead making. Local facilitators led hands-on workshops, equipping participants with skills to start enterprises.*

*Families are now generating income and mothers can send their children to school. Youths are earning, teaching others, and contributing to the local economy.*

*Women, once stuck, are now leading their own businesses, training others, and finding a new sense of purpose. The project continues to ripple, creating not just jobs but confident community leaders."*

This is what change looks like when dedicated Rotarians work together with the support of The Rotary Foundation.

Community economic development is an area of powerful projects for many reasons. We have experts in our clubs who know how businesses can strengthen their local economy. Such projects can be adapted nearly anywhere and often show early signs of success.

Our Foundation, too, provides the expertise of an engaged professional staff and the Cadre of Technical Advisers.

What began as dinner conversation led to a lifechanging global grant. Isn't it remarkable that in Rotary, the friendships we make can create opportunities that transform lives for generations?

**Holger Knaack**

Trustee Chair  
Rotary International  
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# UPTOWN CUBAO BRINGS JOY TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN NOVALICHES

BY IAN TOMAQUIN, ROTARY CLUB OF UPTOWN CUBAO



The Rotary Club of Uptown Cubao and the Rotary Club of Cubao Business Center, in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Uptown Cubao, joined hands to spread cheer and compassion to children with disabilities at Kaligayahan Elementary School in Novaliches, Quezon City.

The outreach program benefited fifty children with disabilities and their parents, filling the afternoon with smiles, laughter, and meaningful connections. To help support the families' needs, the clubs distributed milk supplements, giveaways, souvenirs, and electric fans.

Adding color and excitement to the celebration, clowns entertained the children with games and performances, transforming the venue into a space of joy and laughter. The event was made even more special with a Filipino favorite—Jollibee's Chickenjoy—bringing comfort and delight to the young participants.

"This initiative is a reminder that service goes beyond providing material support—it's about creating moments of joy and letting families know they are not alone," shared one of the Rotarian volunteers from Uptown Cubao.

The activity reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to inclusivity, compassion, and community service. For the children and their parents, it was more than just an outreach—it was a day of hope, care, and shared happiness.



# COMPASSION IN ACTION: RCQC METRO NORTH CENTENNIAL'S DAY OF SERVICE IN SAN ISIDRO, NUEVA ECIJA

BY ROTARY CLUB OF QC METRO NORTH CENTENNIAL



On September 13, 2025, the Rotary Club of QC Metro North Centennial, led by UFG President Marilou D. Tenedero, together with fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their families, carried out a meaningful medical mission and 12-in-1 service project in Barangay Calaba, San Isidro, Nueva Ecija.

This day of service touched the lives of approximately 400 beneficiaries—comprising around 300 seniors, 50 mothers, and 50 children. The project overflowed with love, compassion, and empathy, embodying Rotary's timeless motto, "Service Above Self."

The medical mission and 12-in-1 service projects covered a wide range of services and donations aimed at improving the health and well-being of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Recipients received umbrellas, slippers, hygiene kits, multivitamins, diapers, groceries, rice, books, and school supplies—simple yet meaningful essentials that help ease everyday struggles.



The event also featured a feeding program for children, free haircuts, a tree-planting activity, baton turnover to Barangay Tanods, and soap-making kits for the residents.

Every act of kindness shared that day was made possible through the dedication of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their families, who worked hand in hand to ensure the activity's success.

The heartfelt gratitude expressed by the residents of Barangay Calaba reflected the true essence of Rotary—helping people, uplifting lives, and building connections with underserved communities.

Indeed, when hearts unite in service, no community is too far and no dream is out of reach.





# RC ROOSEVELT CHAMPIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ROOSEVELT

The Rotary Club of Roosevelt took an active role in the International Coastal Cleanup held on September 15, 2025, at SM by the Bay, Mall of Asia, Pasay City—leading efforts to combat marine pollution and protect fragile ecosystems.

A sea of more than 48,800 volunteers nationwide stood up for the environment during International Coastal Cleanup 2025, collecting an impressive 200,000 kilograms of trash. At SM by the Bay, RC Roosevelt members rolled up their sleeves for an early morning of service, following the volunteer journey of registration, area assignments, waste collection and sorting, data recording, and weighing submissions—culminating in a collective reflection to inspire others.

Beyond the trash collected, the true impact lay in the awareness created—reminding everyone that protecting the environment begins with individual action but endures through collective responsibility. By taking part in this global movement, RC Roosevelt reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to building sustainable communities and protecting the environment—one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus.





*Dr. Michael F. Lara Shares His Gift of Care, Healing, and Hope*

# THE DENTIST'S TOUCH: SERVICE ABOVE SELF IN ACTION

BY ROTARY CLUB OF BALINTAWAK

The Rotary Club of Balintawak, led by UFG President Dr. Michael F. Lara, joined the Medical, Dental, and Optical Outreach for the Aeta community of San Rafael, Rodriguez, Rizal, on August 31, 2025. The activity—spearheaded by the Rotary Club of QC APO with the support of several partner clubs—embodied Rotary's call to "Unite for Good."

A dentist by profession, Dr. Lara exemplified the Rotary spirit by volunteering his expertise during the mission. With gentle hands and a warm smile, he performed fluoride applications and tooth extractions for patients in need. He also delivered a dental health lecture, empowering families with practical knowledge on proper oral care. His services were rendered freely and wholeheartedly, bringing much-needed relief and education to a community with limited access to professional dental care.

His hands-on participation not only addressed immediate health needs but also reflected the deeper essence of Rotary service—sharing one's vocation for the benefit of others. Through his leadership and personal commitment, Dr. Lara demonstrated how one Rotarian's dedication can create ripples of hope, healing, and lasting change.

# MEGA MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OPTICAL OUTREACH BRINGS CARE TO SITIO KATWIRAN

BY ROTARY CLUB OF QUEZON CITY APO



In a conscious effort to address the needs of the community of Sitio Katwiran, Rodriguez, Rizal, the Rotary Club of Quezon City APO and the PHILCCOM 701st Signal Battalion, together with twelve Rotary clubs from Rotary District 3780, organized a comprehensive Medical, Dental, and Optical Outreach last August 31 at Catmon Elementary School in the said community.

The outreach program included free medical consultations, medicines, optical screenings, eyeglasses, and dental services. It also offered livelihood training sessions, health lectures, massages and chiropractic services, as well as free haircuts, basic life support lessons, and dental care workshops. Children, meanwhile, enjoyed toys, food, and engaging activities prepared especially for them.

Around 400 beneficiaries from various communities in Rodriguez and Montalban took part in the annual project, which aims to uplift lives by promoting health, wellness, and community awareness.



# RC NEW MANILA EAST HONORS 2025 COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (COPS)

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST

In a night of pride and purpose at the Celebrity Club, the **RC New Manila East**, in partnership with **Metrobank Foundation Inc.**, the **Philippine National Police**, and **PSBank**, honored the **2025 Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service**. The event honored officers whose service exemplifies excellence in law enforcement and community impact.



Each awardee received one million pesos, a flame trophy, and a Medallion of Excellence in recognition of their outstanding service. Also, during the event, the awardees were formally inducted into the **PROTECT Organization**, led by **PLTGEN Edgar Alan O. Okubo**, UFG President of **RC Camp Crame** and a former COPS awardee himself. The night stood as a powerful tribute to those who go beyond the badge to serve, uplift, and lead.



## **Meet the Awardees:**

**PMSg Ivan A. Velasco** – Known for his discipline, compassion, and innovative leadership, Velasco has empowered youth and built lasting community trust.

**PMAJ Elmira A. Relox** – A tireless advocate against human trafficking, Relox has helped restore dignity and safety to vulnerable communities.

**PCOL Frederick E. Obar** – A trailblazer in police training, Obar developed the Virtual Learning System during the pandemic, transforming officer education nationwide.





# FROM A SIMPLE VISIT TO A MISSION OF SERVICE: HOW ROTARY FOUND ITS PURPOSE IN CAMIAS, PORAC

BY MARC AVILES, ROTARY CLUB OF WEST TRIANGLE

When I first visited Barangay Camias, Porac, Pampanga, I expected nothing more than a brief encounter. The plan was simple: meet the community, understand their way of life, and return home. Yet, the experience touched me deeply. Seeing their living conditions, the struggles hidden behind resilient smiles, I realized that this community needed more than a visit they needed lasting support.

This mission became possible through the dedication of our Vice President, Ms. Armie David, whose leadership bridged us to the Rotary Club of MidTown Angeles. What began as collaboration grew into a sisterhood between our clubs, strengthening not only our service but also our shared purpose.

Equally inspiring were the generous friends, many living abroad, who trusted our vision and extended their support without hesitation. Their kindness proved that service knows no boundaries and that compassion can cross oceans to bring people together.

Through the collective effort of our Rotarians, our sister club, our sponsors, and friends here and abroad, the project in Camias became a resounding success. What began as a simple visit blossomed into a movement, an enduring reminder that when compassion drives action and unity strengthens resolve, true change is possible.





# RAC HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERING FUTURES THROUGH LEARNING AND NOURISHMENT

BY ROTARACT CLUB OF HOLY SPIRIT



The Rotary Club of Holy Spirit, in partnership with NSDS Community Kitchen, has been conducting a feeding program four times a week since July 26, 2025, to help combat child malnutrition in the community. Building on this effort, the Rotaract Club of Holy Spirit, together with the Interact Club of Holy Spirit National High School, continues to implement the three-year RACbay-Aral sa Kasiyahan Program—a fun and engaging educational initiative for the children of Kasiyahan.

As part of this larger effort, the clubs recently carried out Project RACbay-Aral sa Kasiyahan: Pre-Assessment Phase and RAClusugan: Feeding Program, designed to strengthen both learning and nourishment among children in the community.

This September marked the beginning of the project's Pre-Assessment Phase, aimed at identifying each child's academic needs. Filipino assessments were held on September 3, followed by English on September 13, and Science on September 27. The final subject, Mathematics, will be assessed on October 4, completing the set of core subjects that will guide the focus of the upcoming teaching phase.

Every Saturday, after learning sessions, Rotaractors and Interactors also help prepare and distribute nutritious meals and drinks, nourishing both minds and bodies.

This holistic initiative supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), particularly SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 4: Quality Education, and aligns with Rotary's Areas of Focus, including Basic Education and Literacy, Maternal and Child Health, and Community Economic Development.



# ROTARY CLUB OF KAMUNING: HEALING HANDS, UNITED HEARTS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF KAMUNING

In a powerful demonstration of unity and compassion, the Rotary Club of Kamuning, under the leadership of President Versean Magtanong Bargola, partnered with Good Shepherd Cathedral School to host a Grand Medical Mission on September 21, 2025.

Held in celebration of the school's 30th Founding Anniversary, this collaborative endeavor brought free medical and dental services directly to the heart of the community. Children, elderly citizens, and families benefited from professional consultations, dental care, and pediatric checkups, all at no cost. Essential medicines and warm meals were also distributed—responding not only to healthcare needs but also to the call for nourishment and compassion.

The event, held at the GSCS Gymnasium, united doctors, dentists, volunteers, and community leaders in an inspiring act of service rooted in Rotary's Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment.

The project's success earned heartfelt gratitude and formal recognition for the Rotary Club of Kamuning and President Bargola. It stands as a clear testament to the power of purposeful partnerships. As the theme "Unite for Good" resounded through every gesture and smile, the mission uplifted lives, renewed hope, and reaffirmed what service truly means when hearts and hands work together for good.





# RC ROXAS, QC BRINGS JOY AND LEARNING TO TANGALAN PRESCHOOLERS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ROXAS, Q.C.

In total, 113 preschoolers, along with seven teachers, seven assistants, parents, and Rotarian Johnna Sarabia—who represented RC Roxas, QC and flew all the way to Aklan—actively participated in the event. Their smiles and laughter stood as a true testament to the program's success.

The event not only nourished young minds but also embodied Rotary International's Presidential Theme, "Unite for Good." It highlighted the power of collaboration and collective strength in addressing community needs, inspiring positive change through shared values, innovation, and partnership.



Laughter and cheers filled the air as the Rotary Club of Roxas, QC, led by UFG President Wilyn Fenete, successfully conducted its Outreach and Feeding Program in Tangalan, Aklan, on September 24–25, 2025.

The event reached seven Child Development Centers—Barangays Poblacion, Tamalagon-Tagaepon, Tagas-Tagaepon, Vivo, Tamokoe, Lanipga, and Napatag—spreading joy, learning, and inspiration to the community's young learners.

Preschoolers delighted in fun and engaging activities, including lively nursery rhymes, storytelling sessions, and creative art workshops facilitated by Kids Ahoy, headed by Ma'am Jo Tupas. To make the day even more meaningful, snacks were served, and each child went home with school supply kits and educational toys to support their early learning journey.



# "READING PICNIC": MAKING READING FUN AGAIN

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

In celebration of Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy Month this September, the Rotary Club of Entrepreneurs and Professionals (RCEP) introduced its project, "Reading Picnic," at its adopted school, Ramon Magsaysay Elementary School. The activity, held on September 25, 2025, was led by UFG President Cynthia de Leon. It was designed to show children that reading can be fun, while promoting a love for books and encouraging them to spend less time on gadgets.

The Reading Picnic gathered 140 Grade 1 students for a joyful and interactive classroom experience. Each RCEP member was assigned to one picnic mat with around 15 students. Short stories were read aloud, followed by engaging discussions and comprehension exercises. This approach allowed the children not only to listen and enjoy the stories but also to participate actively—making learning both fun and meaningful.



This initiative reflects RCEP's continued commitment to education by promoting literacy and helping children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning. While simple in concept, the Reading Picnic made a lasting impact, showing young learners that reading is not only important but also a joyful adventure waiting to be discovered.

# ROTARY BAYANIHAN CARAVAN: SERBISYONG HANDOG SA BAYAN

BY ROTARY CLUB OF SAN BARTOLOME



The Rotary Club of San Bartolome proudly held its Rotary Bayanihan Caravan: Serbisyon Handog sa Bayan on September 10, 2025, at the Barangay Hall of San Bartolome, District V, Quezon City. This community-based initiative was made possible through the partnership of MCGI, UNTV, and Barangay San Bartolome.

The project aimed to provide accessible health care and essential services to underserved families, strengthen community partnerships, and promote the true spirit of bayanihan. Residents availed themselves of free medical, dental, optical, and legal consultations, as well as haircuts, grocery packages, and medicines for both children and adults.

Present during the event were RC San Bartolome members, led by Unite for Good President Pinky M. Ramos, Rotaractors, SAG of Region 6 Marissa Distor, and District Service Project Chair Jules Chanco, who all extended their support and service.

With the active participation of barangay leaders, volunteers, and partner organizations, the caravan reached 1,568 recipients. Beyond providing immediate relief, it fostered health awareness, reduced family expenses, and highlighted the power of collaboration in community service.

The Rotary Bayanihan Caravan reflects Rotary's enduring mission of Service Above Self, proving that compassion and collective action can uplift entire communities.





# DISTRICT 3780 CELEBRATES MID-AUTUMN MOONCAKE FESTIVAL WITH JOY, CULTURE, AND FELLOWSHIP

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Adding excitement to the celebration were entertaining intermission numbers, a Best in Costume showcase, and the highly anticipated Mooncake Dice Game, a highlight that brought cheers and laughter across the room. Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests eagerly rolled their dice in hopes of fortune, guided by energetic Game Masters who kept the spirit high.

True to Rotary fellowship, **no one went home empty-handed**. Every guest left with smiles, prizes, and mooncakes in hand, tangible reminders of an afternoon spent in joy, friendship, and cultural appreciation.

The event concluded with a fun-filled raffle draw and countless photo opportunities, capturing the laughter, color, and unity that defined the day.

The District Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival 2025 was more than a cultural gathering, it was a celebration of people, purpose, and partnership. Under the afternoon sky and the promise of the full moon, the Rotary family of District 3780 truly embodied the essence of this year's theme: "Unite for Good."

Under the soft afternoon light and the symbolic glow of the approaching full moon, Rotarians, Rotaractors, family members, and friends of Rotary gathered at the Quezon City Sports Club for the District 3780 Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival 2025, held last October 11, 2025. The event was lead-hosted by the Rotary Club of Pag-Asa, in partnership with RC Sto. Domingo, RC Cubao Q.C., RC Banawe Chinatown, RC Metro Aurora, and RC West Triangle, perfectly capturing this year's Rotary theme "Unite for Good."

The afternoon was filled with joy, laughter, and fellowship as the Rotary family came together to celebrate one of the most cherished cultural traditions; a festival that honors unity, gratitude, and togetherness. The venue came alive with the vibrant sounds of conversation, music, and cheer as guests arrived, reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones across clubs and generations.

The program flowed seamlessly with inspirational messages, lively performances, and engaging games that kept everyone smiling throughout the event. District Governor Veronica Yu shared a heartfelt message on the importance of unity and compassion, reminding everyone that Rotary's strength lies in its collective spirit, in people coming together to Unite for Good and make meaningful connections that go beyond service.



Relive the highlights of the event through our same-day edit video [here](#).



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# REGION 1 UNITE FOR GOOD: POLIO IMMUNIZATION AND FEEDING FOR CHILDREN

On September 15, the Rotary Clubs of Region 1, under the leadership of the Region 1 Unite For Good (UFG) Presidents, joined forces for a day of compassion and service through a Polio Immunization, Feeding, and Gift-Giving Program at Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. The initiative was made even more meaningful with the presence of Rotary International Director Jennifer Scott, who commended the Rotarians for their dedication to improving the lives of children and families in need.

The activity brought together 18 Rotary Clubs from Region 1 and gathered around 100 Rotarians and volunteers, all united by a shared mission to serve. The event had two key venues: Bukluran Headstart, where the polio immunization was conducted, and Bagong Silangan Elementary School, where the feeding and gift-giving activities took place.

A total of 50 infants and young children received polio drops at Bukluran Headstart, continuing Rotary's enduring fight against one of the world's most persistent diseases. The immunization drive underscored Rotary's ongoing commitment to the End Polio Now campaign — a global movement that has protected generations of children and brought the world closer to a polio-free future.

Meanwhile, at Bagong Silangan Elementary School, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and joy as Rotarians served warm, nutritious meals to 200 Grade 1 students. Beyond feeding, the clubs also shared simple gifts and school essentials, bringing smiles to young faces and spreading hope among the community's families. The feeding and gift-giving highlighted Rotary's belief that caring for children's well-being goes hand in hand with nurturing their dreams and potential.

The event reflected the strong camaraderie and cooperation among Region 1 clubs — a testament to the Unite For Good spirit that continues to define their collective service. Every Rotarian present played a role, from organizing logistics to engaging with the children, ensuring that each part of the activity was filled with warmth, kindness, and purpose.

In her message, RI Director Jennifer Scott lauded Region 1's initiative, emphasizing that projects like these bring Rotary's vision to life — creating lasting change in communities, especially for those who need it most. She encouraged Rotarians to continue working together in unity and compassion, saying that "service is most powerful when it is shared."

The Region 1 Unite For Good: Polio Immunization, Feeding, and Gift-Giving event stands as a shining example of Rotary's mission in action — transforming lives through love, service, and teamwork. By protecting children's health, nourishing their bodies, and brightening their day, Region 1 Rotarians once again proved that when we Unite For Good, we build healthier, happier, and more hopeful communities — one child at a time.



# RUNNING FOR THE REAL HEROES: KALINGA PARA SA TAGAPAGKALING A FUN RUN

BY ROTARY CLUB OF WEST FAIRVIEW

The streets of Fairview came alive with energy, cheers, and the rhythmic pounding of running shoes as parishioners, families, and community members joined the “Kalinga para sa Tagapagkalinga – Jubilee for Health Workers Fun Run.”

Organized by the Diocese of Novaliches, the event was more than just a run—it was a heartfelt tribute to the tireless service of health workers who continue to care for the community.

Adding to the excitement, the Rotary Club of West Fairview, led by Unite for Good President Marc Anthony Bajita, joined fellow club members in full support by setting up water stations, providing raffle prizes, and gifting winners with special tokens. Their presence not only kept runners hydrated and motivated but also underscored Rotary’s mission of promoting healthier, more active communities.

The fun run brought people together in a spirited celebration of wellness, camaraderie, and gratitude. From young kids to seasoned runners, participants crossed the finish line with smiles—proving that taking care of our health can be both fun and meaningful.

More than just kilometers covered, the event strengthened partnerships, inspired healthier choices, and reminded everyone that behind every strong community are the dedicated health workers who keep us safe. Through initiatives like this, Rotary continues to champion service, wellness, and unity—one step at a time.



# “HAPPY PERIOD” AT BAGONG SILANGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY ROTARY CLUB OF BAGONG SILANGAN



UFG Jen Chanco led the annual “Happy Period” project for Grade 5 students of Bagong Silangan Elementary School on September 12, 2025. Initiated in 2018 and chaired annually by UFG Jen in celebration of her birthday month, the project was established by the Rotary Club of Bagong Silangan in response to the growing concern of teenage pregnancy among young girls in the barangay.

Dr. Celeste Baldonado, M.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist, conducted an informative seminar for 100 students who are entering adolescence and preparing for the physical and emotional changes brought about by puberty. The discussion covered menstrual hygiene, the prevention of infections, and the importance of understanding reproductive health.

The speaker also addressed common myths and superstitions related to menstruation, while Rotarians present shared their personal experiences to make the session more relatable. After the lively open forum, snacks and hygiene kits were distributed to the students.

This meaningful initiative marks the start of the Club’s Mother and Child area of focus activities, which will continue with the Breastfeeding Project in October.





# RC CUBAO SOUTH COMPLETES BRIGADA ESKWELA 2025 PROJECT AT CAMARILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO SOUTH

In celebration of September as Basic Education and Literacy Month, the Rotary Club of Cubao South proudly marked the successful completion of its Brigada Eskwela 2025 Project at Camarilla Elementary School last June 11, 2025.

The project aimed to prepare the school for the opening of classes by creating a clean, safe, and inspiring learning environment for students. Rotarians led the flushing and cleaning of school grounds, ensuring that classrooms and common areas were ready to welcome children back to school.

This initiative became even more meaningful as it integrated three of the club's priority programs: Brigada Eskwela Community Support, the Camarilla Handwashing Area Improvement (a WASH signature project), and Rotary Public Image Promotion. A milestone was also achieved through the support of Principal Fritzi Beltran, who granted the club a dedicated space on the school's bulletin board for Rotary announcements—strengthening community visibility and engagement.

The Rotary Club of Cubao South extends heartfelt thanks to its members, the PREPR Foundation, RCC of Cubao South, and all donors and partners who shared their time and resources.

Through this effort, the club reaffirms its commitment to advancing education, literacy, and lifelong learning by building safer and healthier spaces for young learners.

# COMMUNITY IN ACTION: ROTARY CLUB OF GREENFIELDS, Q.C. FIGHTS TO MAKE DENG-GO AWAY!

BY PRINCESS LOURDES B. DURAN, ROTARACT CLUB OF GREENFIELDS

“Prevention is better than cure.” Simple words, often overlooked—yet in their quiet urgency lies a blueprint for living: not merely surviving, but flourishing. Prevention is the art of foresight, of choosing intention over reaction.

This vision came to life at **Novaliches High School** through *CommUNITY to Make Deng-GO Away*, an initiative spearheaded by the **Rotary Club of Greenfields Quezon City**, in partnership with the **Rotaract Club of Greenfields QC** and the **Interact Club of Novaliches High School**.



A total of 400 citronella spray bottles (10 ml each) were distributed to students—not as trinkets, but as symbols of protection. To promote sustainability, citronella stalks were also planted around the school, and citronella seeds were distributed so students could grow their own plants at home.

Before the distribution, a dengue awareness talk was conducted by Mrs. Estrelita Ocampo, a licensed nurse and teacher, and Ms. Alliah Nicole S. Narag, a nursing student and Rotaractor.

The true beauty of prevention lies beyond the tangible. It is found in the ripple effect—how a single lesson on health and awareness can echo from classrooms to households, reshaping communities for the better.



# BISYONG PAGNENEGOSYO: EMPOWERING SMALL ENTREPRENEURS

BY ROTARACT CLUB OF COSMOPOLITAN CUBAO



The Rotary Club of Cosmopolitan Cubao launched Bisyong Pagnenegosyo in 2020 under the initiative of IPP Benjamin V. Ganapin Jr., in partnership with BVG Foundation Inc. The pioneer batch graduated in July 2020.

The program upholds the principles of Turuan, Tulungan, Tuldukan — teaching participants how to manage their businesses (Turuan), providing assistance when needed (Tulungan), and helping sustain their families through livelihood opportunities (Tuldukan), thereby improving their quality of life.

To date, 14 batches have graduated, empowering over 150 individuals who received capital assistance through the generosity of our Big Heart Sponsors.



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This year, the club launched Bisyong Pagnenegosyo 2.0, an upgraded program designed to further equip small entrepreneurs and enhance their business knowledge. Alongside this initiative is "Bisyong Pagnenegosyo Youth," which aims to inspire and train young people to engage in entrepreneurship (Turuan nating magnegosyo ang kabataan).

During the September 20, 2025 gathering, UFGP Cecyl Aveno and IPP Benjamin V. Ganapin Jr. conducted a lecture titled "Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset."

The club also holds monthly gatherings for continuous learning and updates. Some program beneficiaries now actively participate in Rotary activities. Additionally, the team regularly conducts "Day of Seminar" sessions for groups and organizations seeking to better understand the fundamentals of business.



# ROTARY CLUB OF DILIMAN CENTRAL: A MONTH OF SERVICE AND PARTNERSHIP

BY ROTARY CLUB OF DILIMAN CENTRAL

The Rotary Club of Diliman Central (RCDC) actively carried out a series of impactful initiatives promoting education, peace, environmental stewardship, and fellowship.

RCDC donated educational books to Emilio Jacinto National High School, benefitting Grades 7 and 8 students. The donation, sponsored by Rex Publishing, was received by Principal Joey S. Mancia and Interact Adviser Ron del Rosario.

The newly elected officers of the Interact Club of EJNHS also took their oath of office, pledging to uphold Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" through leadership and community involvement.

In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Diliman International and Quezon City International, RCDC hosted a Peace Forum via Zoom, focusing on conflict management and promoting harmony.

RCDC also welcomed District Governor Veronica H. Yu during her Governor's Visit, presenting the club's programs aligned with Rotary's goals and this year's theme.

Promoting care for the environment, RCDC participated in the International Coastal Clean-Up Drive at MOA, Pasay City, alongside students from Sauyo High School.

To further strengthen fellowship, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing was held with the Rotary Club of Gapan as a sister club, and another with Kalantyaw Elementary School to support educational initiatives.

These activities reflect RCDC's unwavering commitment to service, leadership, and creating a lasting impact in the community.





# RC GREATER ANONAS: COMMITTED TO SERVICE AND VIBRANT FELLOWSHIP

BY ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER ANONAS

The Rotary Club of Greater Anonas successfully conducted a series of service-oriented and fellowship activities in September, in line with Rotary International's mission of fostering service and goodwill.

The month began with a heartwarming community service project in partnership with the Living Epistle Church (LE) and its 200 police trainees under the Values Education Enhancement Program mandated by the Philippine National Police. Together, the club and the trainees reached out to children in Barangay Duyan-Duyan, Barangay Quirino 2B—both adopted barangays—and Barangay Botocan. Through Bible storytelling sessions and fun games, they helped instill positive values and spread joy.

The police trainees also extended their service to Quirino High School by cleaning stairways and hallways, helping to create a better learning environment for students.

On September 6, 2025, the club celebrated the induction of Unite for Good Club President, officers, new members, and honorary members, alongside the 8th Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Greater Anonas. The event strengthened bonds among members and reaffirmed the club's commitment to leadership and united community service.

The month concluded with the induction of new members into the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, further strengthening international fellowship and extending Rotary's reach through new partnerships.

September's activities reflected Rotary's enduring values of service, unity, and growth.



# ROTARY PROJECT PROMOTES BASIC EDUCATION AND HYGIENE AT DEMETRIO TUAZON ELEMENTARY

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MURPHY CUBAO



Alongside the educational support, a basic water filtration system was turned over to the school to help improve access to clean and safe drinking water. The activity also featured a brief campaign on proper and safe handwashing — reinforcing habits essential to preventing illness. Educated individuals tend to have better health outcomes, as they are more informed about hygiene practices and disease prevention.

"Health is foundational to learning," Eubra emphasized. "This is about giving our children the dignity of a clean, safe, and inspiring school environment."

The activities were conducted in line with Rotary International's mission to improve access to education, clean water, and disease prevention in communities worldwide.

Demetrio Tuazon Elementary School's staff and parents expressed their gratitude for the thoughtful initiative, recognizing it as a meaningful investment in the future of their children.

Young learners at Demetrio Tuazon Elementary School are now better equipped to begin their school year — thanks to the Rotary Club of New Murphy Cubao, led by President-Nominee Rafael B. Eubra Jr., and Unite for Good President Arden B. Tiong, who spearheaded the distribution of essential school supplies and a basic water filtration system.

Grade One students received bags, notebooks, and other materials designed to make learning more engaging and accessible. The initiative aims to encourage regular school attendance by nurturing curiosity and fostering a positive learning environment from the very start.

"Our mission is to spark joy in learning," said PN Rafael Eubra. "When a child is excited to come to school, that's the first step to a brighter future."

"Every child must feel their importance through a simple extension of support for their educational needs," added UFG President Arden Tiong.



# ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, QC SPREADS JOY AND LITERACY WITH "AKLATAN"!

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, Q.C.



On September 21, supporting Rotary International and District 3780's Basic Education and Literacy Month, the Rotary Club of Cubao, QC brought a meaningful service activity to the children of its adopted community in Barangay Quirino 2A.

The project, "**Aklatan**", was led by UFG President Ellen Pastores, championed by Rotarian RJ Animo, and in partnership with the Interact Club.

The event gathered around 45 children for a special storytelling session focused on instilling values of kindness and good character. The highlight was the donation of a mini bookshelf to the barangay.

The children's day was further brightened with fun games and coloring activities. Everyone happily took part and received special prizes, and the addition of sumptuous snacks ensured the activity was both memorable and enjoyable for all.

Through this initiative, RC Cubao continues to nurture literacy, values formation, and community spirit, bringing joy and learning to the children of Barangay Quirino 2A.



# BUILDING BRIDGES: 19 YEARS OF ROTARACT ITECE SINGAPORE'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOYOLA HEIGHTS

The partnership between the Rotaract Club of ITE College East (ITECE) Singapore and the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights (RCLH) has flourished over the past 19 years, fostering community service, cultural exchange, and environmental stewardship.

The recent visit of the Rotaract Club of ITECE Singapore from September 24 to October 1, 2025, was marked by a series of impactful activities:

**Community Service:** Visits to the National Children's Hospital and the Little Sisters of the Poor in support of child welfare and the elderly.

**Environmental Stewardship:** Conservation efforts with the Pawikan (Turtle) Patrollers and an eco-exposure trip to Tagaytay City, promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.



**Cultural Immersion:** A tour of Manila's historical sites and a fellowship dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, fostering cultural exchange and camaraderie.

**Community Engagement:** Support for the Kaisahang Buhay Foundation and a local market immersion activity, further strengthening community ties.

**Educational and Cultural Enrichment:** Visits to the Clark Museum, 4D Theater, and Air Force City, providing insights into Philippine history and culture.

**Joint Service Project:** A collaborative initiative at the Aeta community in Barangay Inararo, Porac, Pampanga, which included a feeding program for 300 children, distribution of books and notebooks, planting for food sustainability, grocery and medicine distribution, and fellowship.

This enduring partnership continues to serve as a model of international friendship and shared commitment to "Service Above Self."



# 2-IN-1 PROJECT: “ANONG WISH MO?” GOAL SETTING AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

BY ROTARY CLUB OF KAGITINGANG CUBAO



On September 17, 2025, the Rotary Club of Kagitingang Cubao, in collaboration with its adopted Barangay Amihan, the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), and other local government units (LGUs) in the Project 3 community, launched a meaningful initiative that combined financial education with creative expression, benefiting 70 children aged 8 to 13.

## Part 1: Goal Setting — “Anong Wish Mo?”

This segment focused on teaching children the value of setting financial goals and saving money. Participants learned how to budget, save, and spend wisely, and each received an “ipon box” to begin their saving journey. The goal: to inspire them to turn their wishes into reality.

## Part 2: Creative Expression — Painting Activity

The second part encouraged children to explore their artistic side through painting, promoting creativity and self-expression. Using tools like cotton buds and tree leaves enhanced their imagination, fine motor skills, and hand-eye coordination.

During the activity, the children enjoyed healthy snacks, fostering camaraderie and joy. As a token of appreciation, they received chocolates, tumblers, and loot bags.

This successful partnership between RC Kagitingang Cubao, Barangay Amihan, BCPC, and other LGUs showcases how community-driven efforts can nurture financial literacy, creativity, and holistic development among children.

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## RUNNING TOGETHER FOR A PURPOSE: ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP CRAME'S "RUN WITH THE CHIEF"

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP CRAME

Parklinks Estate in Pasig City recently transformed into a vibrant celebration of unity as nearly 2,500 runners gathered for "Run with the Chief: A Fun Run for a Cause," organized by the Rotary Club of Camp Crame. This was more than just a fun run—it was a powerful movement that brought together police officers, government employees, students, civic groups, and everyday heroes.

The highlight of the event was PGen Nicolas D. Torre III, the then Chief of the Philippine National Police (CPNP), who not only served as Guest of Honor and Speaker (GOHS) but also led the run himself. His energy and presence electrified the crowd and sparked a viral sensation across social media.

Among the many inspiring stories that emerged, one stood out. A runner from Quezon Province, fresh from work and on his way home, happened to pass by as the event was being set up. Despite not having proper running shoes or attire, he registered on the spot and even volunteered to help with preparations. His humility, courage, and determination resonated with everyone, becoming a powerful symbol of resilience and passion.

His story reminded everyone that heroism isn't about fancy gear—it's about the heart and spirit that drive you forward.

# KANAWAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: UPLIFTING LIVES, NURTURING HOPE

BY ROTARY CLUB OF PAG-ASA



Since 2008, the **Rotary Club of Pag-Asa's signature initiative**, the **Kanawan Indigenous Community Development Program**, has steadfastly worked to uplift the lives of the Aeta community in Kanawan, Morong, Bataan. This long-term program, focused on education and livelihood, aims to break barriers to learning while promoting sustainable development and self-reliance.

Through its **SANGKAP** Feeding Initiative and mass feeding programs, the Club provides nutritious meals to students of Kanawan Integrated School and the wider community—addressing malnutrition, improving attendance, and enhancing overall well-being. Educational support, such as book and school kit donations, further enriches the learning experience of indigenous students, giving them the tools to dream and succeed.

Beyond the classroom, the Club champions health and environmental initiatives through medical and dental missions, tree planting activities, and hygiene kit distributions—fostering a holistic approach to wellness and stewardship. To sustain these efforts, the **Gulayan sa Paaralan** (school garden) program promotes both food security and agricultural learning, empowering families to grow their own produce.

Funded through donations, partnerships, and collaborative fundraising, the project thrives on the generosity of members, partners, and benefactors. Regular community visits by Rotarians strengthen relationships, build trust, and nurture a sense of shared responsibility with the Aeta families.

The most recent engagement, held on September 13, reaffirmed the Club's unwavering commitment to this meaningful cause. Over the years, the program has led to improved nutrition, better access to education, heightened health awareness, and stronger community ties.

Now in its 17th year, the **Kanawan Indigenous Community Development Program** stands as the Rotary Club of Pag-Asa's signature project and a shining example of Rotary's enduring promise—to serve with heart and empower with purpose.



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## October 18, Saturday **DISTRICT BLOODLETTING**

PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame | 7AM-3PM

Hosts: RC Kagitingang Cubao, RC New Murphy Cubao, RC Camp Crame, Region 3 Clubs

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## October 19, Sunday **ROTABOWL OPENING**

Ever Gotesco Mall, Commonwealth

Host: Rotary Club of Loyola Heights

Registration: Php 4,500 per team (8 pax) Php 180 per game per person

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## October 20, Monday **TRF RECOGNITION**

### Special Guests:

Past RI Pres. Holger Knaack (TRF Trustee Chair) & Spouse Susanne

Seda Vertis North, Quezon City | 1PM-4PM

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## October 24, Friday **WORLD POLIO DAY**

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Send 10 members (₱250 each or ₱2,500 per club).

Attire: End Polio Now Shirt

Members without an End Polio shirt may avail one for ₱250.

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## October 24, Friday **OKTOBERFEST**

Manila Yacht Club | 5PM

Host: Rotary Club of Bagong Silangan and Sta. Lucia, Novaliches

Attire: End Polio Now Shirt

Registration: Php2,000

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## October 25, Saturday **INTERACT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (ILA)**

GLOBAL-INSPIRING LOUNGE, Rotary Center | 8AM-12PM

Hosts: Interact Club of Jose P. Laurel, Rotary Club of Loyola Heights

Registration: Php300

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