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ROTARY DISTRICT 3780 FORGES STRONGER PARTNERSHIP WITH QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT

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Editor's Note

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into September, we are reminded of the power of education — a cornerstone for building peace, reducing poverty, and creating opportunities. This month, Rotary shines a light on **Basic Education and Literacy**, one of our key areas of focus and a mission that resonates deeply in communities worldwide.

In our district, we are privileged to witness so many clubs championing education in creative and impactful ways — from providing school supplies and mentoring youth, to supporting libraries and adult literacy programs. These projects not only change individual lives, but they also help shape better societies.

Education is a gift that no one can take away. As Rotarians, we have the ability — and the responsibility — to keep giving that gift wherever the need exists. This month, we encourage each of you to reflect on how your club can elevate its support for education. Can we partner with schools? Can we sponsor scholarships or reading programs? Can we advocate for those whose voices go unheard?

Let us also celebrate the dedicated teachers and volunteers who light the way for others — often quietly and without fanfare. Rotary's impact multiplies when we empower these changemakers.

As always, thank you to each of you who contributes stories, photos, and updates for our District Newsletter. This space is a reflection of your passion, service, and heart for serving the community. Keep sharing your good work — it inspires others more than you know.

Wishing you a purposeful and impactful September!
Yours in Rotary Service,

PP Beth Directo
Editor-in-Chief
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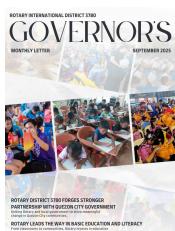
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The GML is published each month to keep members in our district informed, engaged, and motivated to contribute to Rotary's mission of service and fellowship, as well as to continue to create a positive impact in the communities we serve and the world.



ON THE COVER:
The cover features photos of Rotary clubs across the district actively conducting Basic Education and Literacy projects in their communities, showcasing their commitment to learning, empowerment, and positive change.



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MESSAGE *from our* **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Warm greetings to each of you as we welcome the month of September, a time when we put a special spotlight on one of Rotary's most vital areas of focus Basic Education and Literacy.

Education is the foundation of a better future. When we help a child learn to read, we do more than teach words, we open the door to opportunity, confidence, and lifelong growth. This month, I encourage every club to find ways to uplift our youth: support your adopted schools, donate books and learning materials, volunteer time, and most importantly, measure the impact. Let's ensure that the students we serve are not only being taught, but that they are truly learning.

As we champion education, let us also be mindful of another equally important area: mental health. The stress and challenges of daily life affect everyone, especially the youth. Let's cultivate an environment of empathy and kindness both in our communities and within our own Rotary family. A kind word, a listening ear, or a simple act of compassion can go a long way.



When we help a child learn to read, we do more than teach words, we open the door to opportunity, confidence, and lifelong growth.

Veronica Yu



I'm also proud to acknowledge the inspiration of Rotary International Past President Gordon McInally, whose advocacy for mental health reminds us to serve not just with our hands, but with our hearts. His leadership continues to echo throughout our global Rotary community, and I'm glad we are part of that movement.

To our club presidents and members: keep striving, keep achieving. When you elevate your clubs through impactful projects, strong fellowship, and consistent engagement you elevate our entire district. Your work matters, and I see the results in every community you touch.

And finally, let us always remember how fortunate we are to be part of a movement that has Rotary as our charity of choice an organization built on integrity, purpose, and hope. Thank you for all that you do to make Rotary not only relevant, but truly transformative.

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

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is *Unite for Good*. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's *Unite for Good* by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we *Unite for Good*.

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

Education is the most powerful tool we have for changing the world, and during Basic Education and Literacy Month, I want to remind everyone why our work matters.

Education breaks the cycle of poverty, opens doors to opportunity, and empowers individuals to transform their communities. But education doesn't exist in a vacuum. We must also address peace, health, clean water, economic opportunity, maternal and child health, and the environment.

This is why Rotary has these areas of focus. Lasting change requires a comprehensive approach. When we collaborate across these areas through The Rotary Foundation, we raise up communities sustainably and with dignity.

Today, I have asked **Lynne Paradis** from the Rotary Club of Red Deer, Alberta, to share her passion for literacy:

"I believe that literacy is a human right. When I joined forces with the Rotary Club of San Ignacio, Belize, over a decade ago, we set out to improve reading instruction, but we had no idea how far this journey would take us."

Literacy Alive! has been supported by eight Rotary Foundation global grants since 2011. Using a straightforward approach based on phonics and science, we updated how teachers teach and focused on how students really learn. We collected data on reading skills improvement over six months.

After demonstrating that teachers had integrated new practices into daily instruction, the project snowballed. The Belize Ministry of Education took notice.

Today, over 1,300 teachers have been trained and more than 20,000 students have benefited. We've achieved over 90 percent success rates, with many students making more than a year's worth of improvement in just five months.

The program is now compulsory in Belize primary schools. What moves me most is hearing teachers say how confident they are that they can change students' lives.

Our greatest success is working ourselves out of a job. When local educators take the lead, we know lasting change is underway."

Lynne's story exemplifies the power of Foundation grants. Through partnerships spanning six Rotary clubs and three countries, Literacy Alive! reminds us how good Rotary is at creating systemic change.

When our members' passion meets Foundation support, we don't just improve individual lives, we change entire communities. By supporting the Foundation, you can put your passion to work this month and every month.

Holger Knaack
Trustee Chair
Rotary International
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UNIFYING FOR GOOD: HOPE AT THE FOOT OF MT. BALAGBAG

BY ROTARY CLUB OF STO. DOMINGO



Tucked away in Barangay Licao-Licao, at the rugged foot of Mt. Balagbag on the border of Bulacan and Rizal, stands St. Joseph RMDS College—a small but steadfast school run by the Religious Missionaries of the Divine Saviour. Though absent from Google Maps, the school stands as a beacon of hope for more than 100 children, including 30 from Indigenous communities such as the Dumagat, Aeta, and Mangyan peoples.

For many of these students, the journey to school takes hours on foot, crossing rivers that swell dangerously during heavy rains. Such was the case during a recent visit by Past President Edgardo Galindez, when several students were unable to attend because swollen rivers made the paths impassable.

Despite these hardships, St. Joseph RMDS College continues to uplift lives by offering scholarships and keeping tuition minimal. Recently, the Rotary Club of Sto. Domingo strengthened this mission with a ₱120,000 donation for the construction of four new classrooms. Yet vital facilities—such as comfort rooms and handwashing stations—remain absent.

The story of this school is a powerful reminder: progress is not measured by buildings alone, but by the collective will to create lasting change. In unity, hope takes root—even in the most remote places.

ROTARACT DISCON 2025: A MAGICAL NIGHT OF TRIUMPH AND TRANSITION

BY JEREMY A. REYES, ROTARACT CLUB OF METRO AURORA YOUTH ADVOCATES

Rotaractors from all corners of District 3780 gathered on June 15 at the Quezon City Sports Club for DISCON 2025—a grand celebration marking the close of The Magic of Rotary year. The evening began with a stirring plenary session led by Mr. Brian Ezra Cainglet, who challenged the youth to take an active role in nation-building, reminding them of their power to create real and lasting change.

Excitement peaked during the District Awards Night, where over 150 awards were presented to recognize clubs and individuals who exemplified excellence in service and leadership. The Rotaract Club of Quezon City Mediatech was hailed as the Most Outstanding Club, while Magical President Zhey Lagutin received the Most Outstanding Club President award—truly the stars of the night.



The event closed with the Turnover Ceremony, where Excelsis Angel Ilagan, outgoing District Rotaract Representative, symbolically passed on the torch to incoming DRR Veronique Bianca Lolarga, ushering in the new Rotary theme, Unite for Good.

More than just a conference, DISCON 2025 was a heartfelt farewell to a magical year—and a hopeful leap into the next chapter of Rotaract service.

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MURPHY

The Rotary Club of New Murphy held its 3rd Regular Meeting featuring its signature project, the "Round Table Discussion," which focused on membership development and fostering a deeper understanding of what Rotary is all about.

The Round Table Discussion took place on August 16, 2025, at the Rotary Center in Quezon City. The session created an open and engaging atmosphere, with members actively participating in discussions, sharing insights, personal experiences, and suggestions on how to strengthen the club through recruitment and retention of members.

Guest speaker Past District Secretary Jesse Tanchanco, Chair of Membership Extension, presented on "What Rotary Is," inspiring new members and guests by highlighting Rotary's mission, core values, and areas of service. He also shared Rotary's historical timeline and other key insights.

District Information and Communication Officer and Senior Assistant Governor Richard Maglaya guided members through the process of registering on myrotary.org. The session was highly informative, and members gained a deeper understanding of the importance of maintaining their personal accounts on the platform.

At the heart of the round table setup, members felt more comfortable and connected to something bigger than themselves. The interaction, collaboration, and fellowship enhanced the productivity and impact of the meeting.

Ultimately, the gathering achieved its true potential through the collective commitment of its members. It was effective, informative, and participatory—further strengthening camaraderie within the club.





DUGTONG-BUHAY: BLOOD THAT BINDS HUMANITY

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MURPHY



On June 13, 2025, the Rotary Club of Kamuning partnered with RMN Foundation and other dedicated organizations for the Dugtong-Buhay Blood Donation Project at Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium, North Caloocan City. The initiative was held in observance of World Blood Donor Day, themed "Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives." The project brought life and hope to communities in need.

This noble endeavor aligned with Rotary's focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment. With 136 successful blood donors, the campaign underscored the life-saving power of collective compassion. President Versean Magtanong Bargola of RC Kamuning delivered a heartfelt message of partnership, reinforcing the club's strong commitment to public health and humanitarian service.

In collaboration with local authorities, media networks, and health institutions, the event stood as a beacon of unity, wellness, and service. It showcased how shared vision and teamwork can make a powerful impact—one blood bag at a time.

RC Kamuning extends profound gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and partners who gave more than blood—they gave hope, healing, and humanity. Truly, when we unite for good, we create a lifeline of love that flows endlessly.

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RC ROOSEVELT CHAMPIONS LIVELIHOOD TRAINING FOR EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ROOSEVELT



The Rotary Club of Roosevelt, in partnership with Gawad Kalinga and Cxperts Asia, held a livelihood training at the GK Headquarters, featuring Mr. Henry Pangilinan of the Meralco Foundation Institute as resource speaker. The program aimed to equip community members with practical skills to improve their means of living and build a sustainable future.



This initiative aligns with Rotary's Area of Focus: Community Economic Development. It directly benefits families by equipping them with livelihood skills while laying the foundation for long-term growth through continuing education and scholarships.

Participants from nearby communities eagerly took part, engaging in discussions and sharing aspirations. By session's end, 32 participants enrolled for further training. From this group, candidates will be assessed to determine recipients of MFI scholarships, ensuring opportunities extend beyond the initial training.

Through this effort, the Rotary Club of Roosevelt reaffirmed that service goes beyond responding to immediate needs; it is about building pathways toward lasting progress—one skill, one opportunity, and one empowered community at a time.

RC NEW MANILA EAST ELEVATES PUBLIC IMAGE THROUGH GLOBAL SERVICE AND PARTNERSHIPS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST

The Rotary Club of New Manila East (RCNME) continues to build a strong public image anchored in meaningful service, international collaboration, and leadership in community development. Its recent features in respected publications such as The Manila Times, PeopleAsia, and Daily Tribune showcase how the club extends its impact beyond local communities, embracing global partnerships that drive sustainable change.

Through high-value Global Grant projects, RCNME, part of Rotary International District 3780, demonstrates its capacity to deliver advanced healthcare solutions that directly benefit thousands of underserved Filipinos and contributes to the training of future medical professionals. At the same time, honoring outstanding leaders through vocational awards reinforces Rotary's values of service, integrity, and excellence.



This balanced approach—combining hands-on community service, global solidarity, and recognition of exemplary leadership—strengthens RCNME's image as a club that not only transforms lives but also embodies Rotary's true spirit: Service Above Self, with compassion beyond borders.





ROTARY DISTRICT 3780 STRENGTHENS TIES WITH QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT

BY AYA NICOLE P. CORPUS

Quezon City, Philippines — Rotary International District (RID) 3780, led by **District Governor Veronica Ho-Yu**, reinforced its partnership with the Quezon City Government through a courtesy visit to **Mayor Joy Belmonte** on August 18.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between the city and Rotary in advancing community service programs aimed at improving the quality of life of QC citizens.

Mayor Belmonte was joined by **City Legal Officer Atty. Carlo Austria**, **Mr. Perry Dominguez**, and other local officials, while DG Yu was accompanied by members of Rotary International District 3780.

During the discussions, DG Yu reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to work closely with the local government, ensuring that all initiatives are relevant to the needs of the people.



Rotary is ready to intensify our collaboration with the city to guarantee that our programs remain impactful and truly responsive to the communities we serve

- DG Veronica Yu



The courtesy call highlighted the importance of aligning Rotary's service initiatives with the city's development agenda, a partnership that both parties agreed would lead to more inclusive and sustainable programs for Quezon City residents.



Tribute to President Quezon

The following day, **August 19**, RID 3780 also took part in the commemoration of the **birth anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon**, the “Father of the National Language” and the first President of the Philippine Commonwealth.

DG Yu joined **Rotary Club of Midtown Cubao President Joy Apostol** in a solemn wreath-laying ceremony, honoring the former president’s enduring legacy.

The observance coincided with the **Special Non-Working Public Holiday** in Quezon City, as well as in the provinces of Quezon and Aurora, declared to honor Quezon’s contributions to nation-building—particularly his promotion of the national language and the foundations of Philippine self-governance.

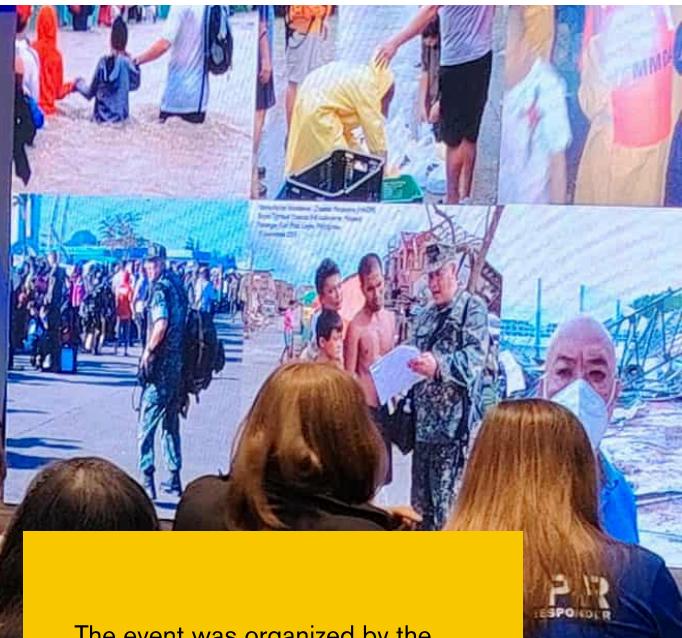
Service and Solidarity

The back-to-back activities reflect Rotary District 3780's active role in community partnership and civic observance. By aligning with the city government and paying tribute to national history, Rotary reaffirms its mission of **“Service Above Self”**—working hand-in-hand with leaders and citizens toward a stronger and more united Quezon City.

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PREPARED FOR ANYTHING: ROTARY DISTRICT 3780 LEADS DISASTER READINESS TRAINING

BY JHUNE TOLENTINO JR.



On August 23, 2025, Rotary District 3780 hosted a Disaster Seminar on Family and Workplace Resilience at the Global Inspiring Hall, Rotary Center in Quezon City. The half-day seminar, which ran from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., drew 89 participants.

The event was organized by the Disaster Preparedness, Relief, and Recovery Committee under the leadership of Chairman Rtn. Jhune Tolentino of the Rotary Club of Cubao, together with District Project Chair PP Jules Chanco.



Participants gained practical strategies for preparing for earthquakes, floods, and even potential missile threats. Lt. Commander Ferdinand A. Juan, a consultant to corporate and diplomatic communities on disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), crisis management, and business continuity programs, served as the keynote speaker.



RC CUBAO SOUTH BRINGS SMILES TO SAN RAFAEL AETA COMMUNITY

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO SOUTH



Rodriguez, Rizal – On August 31, 2025, the Rotary Club of Cubao South, together with partner Rotary Clubs from District 3780, held a community outreach program at Catmon Elementary School, serving the San Rafael Aeta Community. The initiative served approximately 300 beneficiaries, offering essential services alongside uplifting activities.

The program featured medical, dental, and optical consultations, along with the distribution of medication to families in need. Beneficiaries also enjoyed free haircutting services and chiropractic massage, while a mini livelihood seminar offered hands-on training in soap making, dishwashing liquid, and ice cream production to promote sustainable skills.

Children received toys through a gift-giving activity, bringing joy and smiles to young faces. Meanwhile, adults participated in educational seminars covering dental care, basic life support, disaster preparedness, anti-drug education, and values formation—all designed to strengthen community resilience and well-being.

This project was made possible through the joint effort of the Rotary Club of Cubao South and fellow Rotary Clubs in District 3780, embodying this year's Presidential Message, "Unite for Good." The outreach not only addressed immediate needs but also empowered the Aeta community with knowledge, skills, and hope for a brighter future.



A SALUTE TO OUR QUEZON CITY POLICE TRAINEES

A Six-Month Values Education Enhancement Program

BY ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER ANONAS

The Rotary Club of Greater Anonas, together with the Rotaracts and Interactors, in collaboration with Living Epistle Church and the Philippine National Police (PNP), successfully held a Breakfast Assistance Program on August 23, 2025. This activity formed part of the six-month Values Education Enhancement Training for PNP police trainees in Quezon City.



The initiative aimed to nourish not just the body but also the values and morale of our future law enforcers. Over 200 trainees participated in this meaningful morning program, which combined spiritual encouragement, civic engagement, and fellowship.

The event underscored the importance of instilling integrity, discipline, and compassion within the police force—values deeply aligned with Rotary's mission of *Service Above Self*. Through this collaboration, the Rotary Club, Living Epistle Church, and the PNP



reaffirmed their shared commitment to community development, ethical leadership, and holistic training for public service.

Warm breakfasts, heartfelt messages, and strong partnerships made the morning both memorable and impactful. Together, we continue to build bridges between civic organizations, faith groups, and public institutions for a stronger, values-driven nation.

RC SFDM STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SERVICE

BY ROTARY CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE

The Rotary Club of San Francisco Del Monte (RCSFDM), led by President Pierangelo "Perry" Dominguez, opened its service year with strong partnerships and impactful projects. In collaboration with RC Nagoya Wago and RCC volunteers, the club fostered solidarity among Rotarians, youth leaders, and community partners—laying the groundwork for sustainable service.

When severe floods and successive typhoons struck in July 2025, RCSFDM responded swiftly, bringing relief to Barangays Del Monte and San Antonio. With Rotaract Malaya Achievers and barangay officials, the club distributed food, clothing, linens, and hygiene kits. This timely response restored dignity, alleviated suffering, and strengthened trust in Rotary as a dependable partner in times of crisis.

On July 31, RCSFDM also advanced health and education through a vision screening program at Teodora Alonzo Elementary School. Together with RC Nagoya Wago, the Quezon City Health Department, and volunteer doctors, more than 120 students received free eye examinations. Findings showed nearly 70% had vision problems, underscoring the need for early intervention to support both wellness and learning.

Taken together, these initiatives reflect Rotary's enduring commitment to Service Above Self—fostering resilience, empowering communities, and building a brighter future.





ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, QC CHAMPIONS DEI, BRINGS JOY TO GOLDEN GAYS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO, Q.C.

On August 2, 2025, the Rotary Club of Cubao, QC, showcased Rotary International's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by partnering with Trippers Pilipinas and PICPA Western Metro Manila in a community service event for the Home for the Golden Gays—an organization of elderly LGBTQIA+ individuals who live together and support one another.

Held at Welcome Plaza Mall, the event provided the Golden Gays with both cash and in-kind donations. More than material support, however, it was a celebration of resilience, acceptance, and belonging. In a heartwarming exchange, members of the Golden Gays shared their talents in music and dance, filling the venue with joy and vibrant energy.

The day stood as a powerful reminder that while donations meet immediate needs, the gifts of dignity, love, and inclusion are truly priceless. This event not only uplifted the Golden Gays but also reflected Rotary's enduring commitment to building a more inclusive, compassionate, and humane world for all.





RC ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS HANDWASHING FACILITY AND SIGNAGE TURNOVER

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

The Rotary Club of Entrepreneurs and Professionals (RCEP) recently completed its handwashing facility project at Old Balara Elementary School. Installed at the end of July, the facility was formally turned over on August 28, 2025, with the UFG President leading the ceremony alongside twelve officers and members of RCEP.

The project aims to promote good hygiene among students and encourage proper handwashing practices. To support this, RCEP also installed instructional signage that guides children through the steps of effective handwashing. As the school year begins, these simple yet practical reminders are especially important.

Handwashing remains one of the easiest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. By pairing the facility with clear instructions placed where children wash their hands, RCEP helps transform lessons into daily habits.



This initiative underscores RCEP's commitment to both education and health. By reducing the risk of bacterial infection and illness, the handwashing project fosters a cleaner, safer school environment. While modest in scale, it makes a meaningful difference in the lives of the students of Old Balara Elementary School.



RC CAMP PANOPIO LEADS BUNTIS CONGRESS TO PROMOTE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP PANOPIO

The Rotary Club of Camp Panopio, under the leadership of UFG President Marilou G. Aboloc, in collaboration with the Butuan City Health Office—Obrero Main Health Center, Butuan Doctors College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Batch 1992, and the United Architects of the Philippines Butuan City Chapter, conducted a Buntis Congress (pregnant women's congress)—a highly impactful initiative under Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Area of Focus.

The project addressed the root causes of maternal and child mortality by empowering mothers with knowledge, connecting them to proper healthcare, and strengthening community health systems. It exemplifies Rotary's commitment to creating lasting change, one mother and child at a time.

The activity featured lectures on Pregnancy and Maternal Nutrition during the First 1,000 Days of Life and Oral Health Care for Pregnant Women. It was held on July 31, 2025, at the Obrero Main Health Center, Brgy. Obrero, Butuan City.



RDLS 2025 EQUIPS DISTRICT 3780 ROTARACTORS FOR LEADERSHIP

BY RID 3780 ROTARACT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

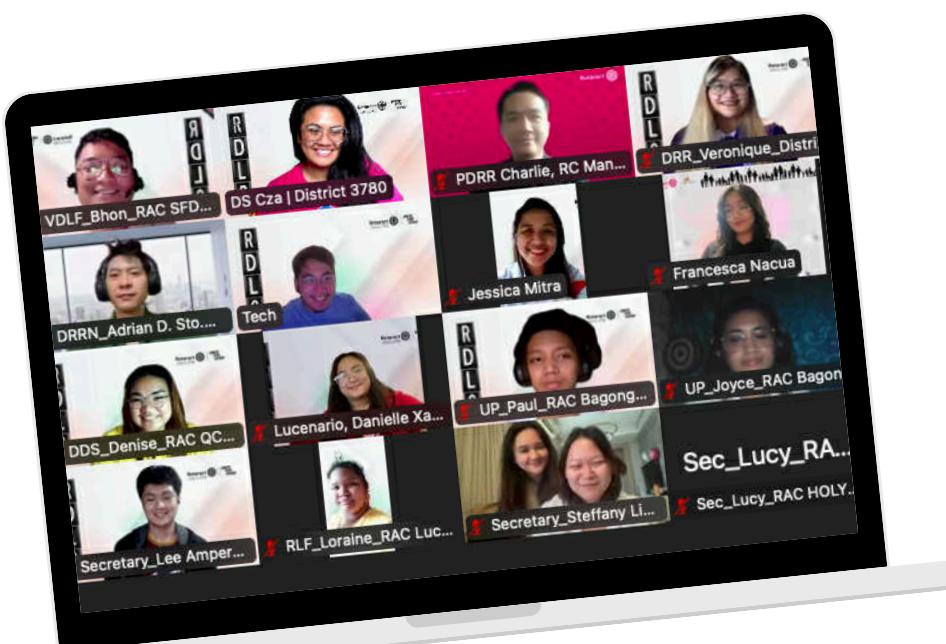
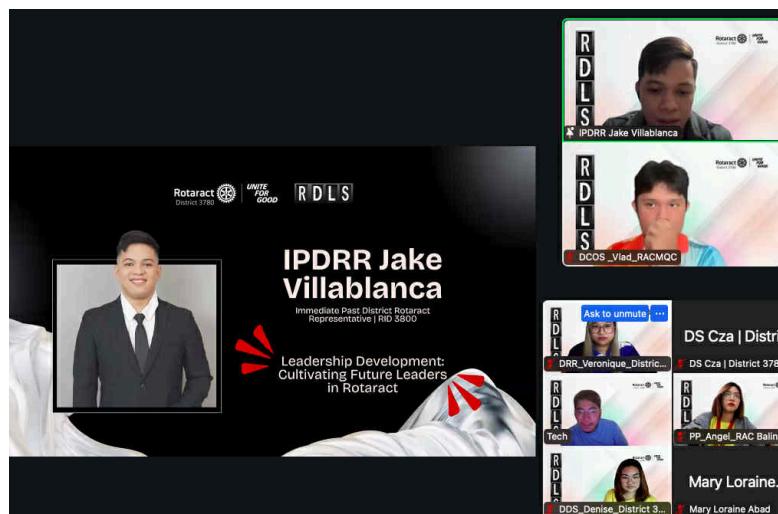
The Rotaract District Learning Seminar (RDLS) 2025 of District 3780 was successfully held virtually, gathering Rotaractors across the district for a day of leadership training, committee development, and collaborative learning. Spearheaded by District Rotaract Representative Veronique Bianca Lolarga, the seminar equipped members with skills to manage clubs, lead impactful projects, and grow as service-driven leaders.

The program began with preliminaries, followed by sessions on leadership, project management, and membership growth. IPDRR Jake Villablanca of District 3800 spoke on leadership development, while Past MDIO Chair Melchor "Chock" Encabo of District 3810 guided participants through project planning and execution. PDRR Nikkole Anne Marie Parlade discussed strategies for member recruitment, retention, and inclusivity.

Afternoon breakout workshops strengthened committee capacities. PDRRs Jessica Mitra, Patrick Hermoso, Nicole Corpus, Bhon, and Past MDIO Chair Charlie Chua tackled finance, public image, secretariat, community service, and professional service, respectively. PDRR Leah Camille De Truz highlighted international partnerships and global collaboration.

The seminar concluded with committee presentations, a plenary discussion, and a walkthrough of Rotary.org resources. RDLS 2025 reaffirmed District 3780's commitment to developing well-rounded Rotaract leaders ready to create lasting impact locally and globally.

- Lack of engagement or value
- Poor club culture or leadership
- Time constraints
- No sense of impact or belonging





RC KAMUNING BUILDING SAFER SCHOOLS, INSPIRING BRIGHTER FUTURES

BY ROTARY CLUB OF KAMUNING

The Rotary Club of Kamuning proudly embodied the spirit of Unite for Good through its transformative initiatives in Marcelo H. Del Pilar Elementary School on August 29, 2025. Guided by Rotary's seven areas of focus, the club carried out projects that now benefit every student and teacher on campus, ensuring that no one is left behind.

When heavy rains previously caused flooding due to broken gutters, both safety and learning were compromised. By repairing the school's gutter system, the club safeguarded the entire court, protecting students from future harm and creating a safer space for all. The installation of water filters ensured that every child now has access to clean drinking water daily, while staff training ensured long-term sustainability. Anti-slip mats and steel brushes were also provided so the school community can move safely, turning risk into reassurance. Finally, the installation of the Rotary Four-Way Test stands as a visible reminder for all learners to live with truth, fairness, goodwill, and concern for all.

These collective actions prove that when Rotary serves, it serves not just a few, but the entire community—together, for good.





ANTI-DENGUE CAMPAIGN MISTING HELD AT QUEZON CITY SCHOOLS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CUBAO EDSA

The Rotary Club of Cubao EDSA, led by Unite for Good President Kevinne Aquino, strengthened its advocacy for Disease Prevention and Treatment through an Anti-Dengue Misting Project.

The initiative aimed to safeguard the students, teachers, and surrounding community of Bagong Pag-Asa Elementary School and San Francisco High School by helping prevent the spread of dengue and promoting a healthier learning environment. With dengue cases on the rise during the rainy season, the project provided timely protection and highlighted the importance of proactive health measures.

Beyond misting, the activity also served as a platform to raise awareness about dengue prevention practices. Teachers and community members were encouraged to maintain clean surroundings, eliminate stagnant water, and actively participate in sustaining a safe school environment.

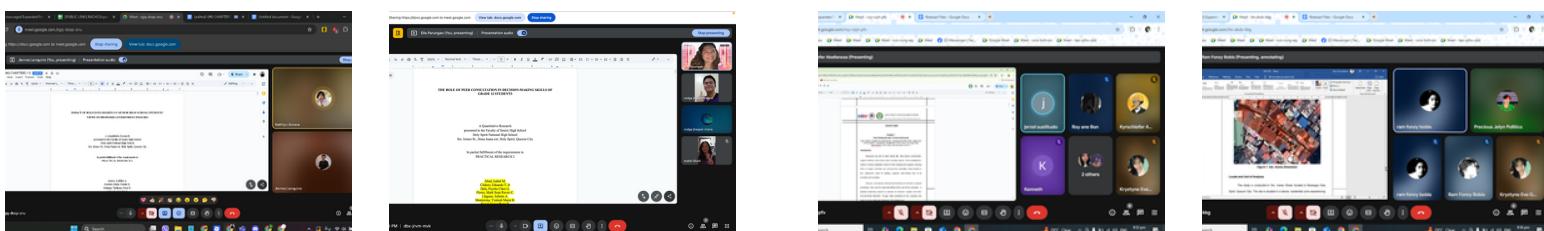
Parents and school officials expressed their gratitude to the club for its commitment to the welfare of the youth. "This initiative not only protects our children but also empowers us to take action as a community," shared one school administrator.

Through this project, the Rotary Club of Cubao EDSA once again reaffirmed Rotary's enduring motto: "Service Above Self."



RACBAY-ARAL: EXPANDED PEER TUTORING (QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH PART 1 & 2)

BY ROTARACT CLUB OF HOLY SPIRIT



EPT: A Major Success!

The Expanded Peer Tutoring (EPT) program kicked off the academic year with two highly successful sessions in early August. Designed to support student researchers, the initiative connects them with experienced industry consultants for mentorship and guidance.

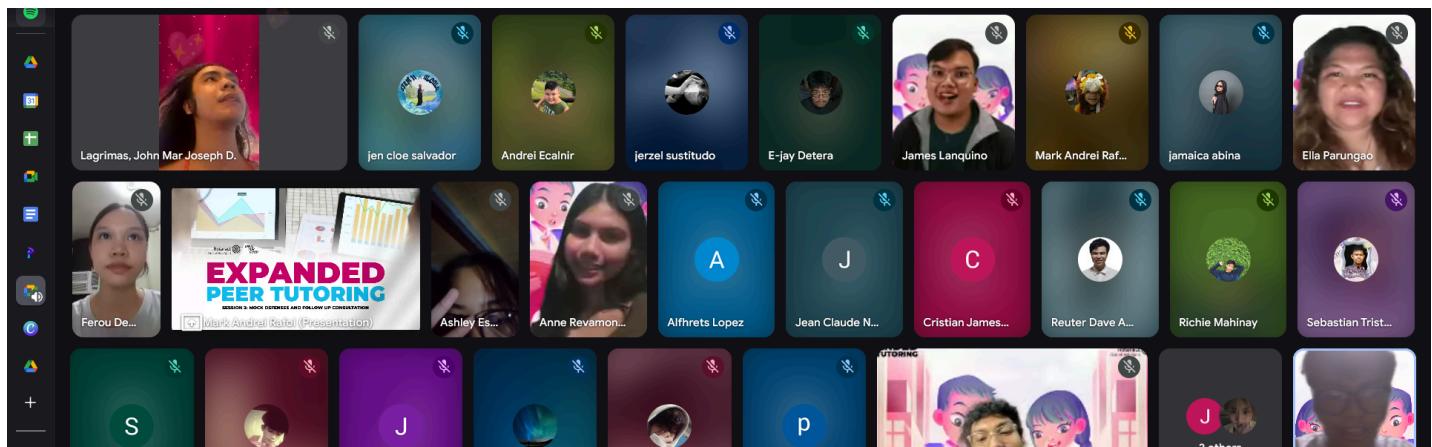
Session 1: Building a Strong Foundation

Held on August 2, 2025, via MS Teams and Google Meet, the first session brought together 15 consultants and 13 student groups—approximately 119 researchers from the ABM, ICT, STEM, and HUMSS strands. The event helped students navigate the complexities of their studies, empowering them to revise their papers, refine methodologies, and ensure their research remained relevant to their fields.

Session 2: Continued Progress and Support

On August 9, 2025, the second session, conducted via Google Meet, involved 16 consultants and 10 groups (around 90 students). This follow-up featured consultations and mock defenses, enabling participants to integrate advisor feedback and prepare for opening defenses. Students praised the sustained guidance and the tangible progress achieved by their peers.

Collectively, these sessions proved that the EPT program is more than just academic support—it is a vital platform for building confidence, sharpening research skills, and ensuring long-term student success.



ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE: A CATALYST FOR CHANGE AT JP LAUREL SR. HIGH SCHOOL

BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOYOLA HEIGHTS



On August 15, 2025, the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights (RCLH), in partnership with JP Laurel Sr. High School, hosted a vibrant Rotary Day of Service. This landmark event, aligned with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, aimed to foster sustainable change and empower the community. The day began with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing, reaffirming the strong collaboration between the two institutions.

Key highlights included an urban farming initiative with 4Ps beneficiaries, students, and parents, and the launch of the ELEVATE literacy program. Student leaders also participated in a peacebuilding and conflict management seminar, which was reinforced by an anti-bullying campaign. The club further contributed through the donation of school supplies, the induction of Interact Club officers, a feeding program, and initiatives supporting maternal and child health.

Led by UFG President Ruel "Knicks" Nicolas, the event embodied Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. It demonstrated RCLH's commitment to youth empowerment, peace promotion, environmental stewardship, economic development, health advocacy, and literacy. Collectively, these efforts painted a powerful picture of how Rotary unites communities to shape brighter, more inclusive futures.

ROTARY CLUB OF KATIPUNAN LEADS THE FIGHT FOR LUNG HEALTH

BY ROTARY CLUB OF KATIPUNAN



In the Philippines, cancer is the second leading cause of death, with lung cancer as the deadliest type—responsible for nearly one in five cancer-related fatalities. Respiratory diseases such as pneumonia, chronic lower respiratory illnesses, and tuberculosis also remain among the top causes of mortality, underscoring the urgent need for early detection and effective treatment.



In observance of Lung Health Month, the Rotary Club of Katipunan, led by UFG President Emerito Rojas, partnered with the Lung Health Alliance of the Philippines (LungHAP) to host the Baga Ko Mahal Ko – United for Lung Health Forum on August 23, 2025. The event brought together medical experts, advocates, and community leaders for discussions on asthma, COPD, lung cancer, and TB. A highlight was the presentation on PhilHealth's YAKAP Program, which explained how citizens can access consultations, screenings, and medicines—a lifeline for many families.



District 3780 Governor Veronica Ho-Yu emphasized proactive measures and community-centered initiatives, while LungHAP Chair AKS Arnel Mateo stressed empowering patient leaders as health advocates. Rojas, a long-time cancer control champion, urged a “whole-of-society approach” to lung health.

The forum became both a knowledge-sharing platform and a rallying point—uniting expertise, leadership, and advocacy for a healthier future.

Primary Care Benefit

Registration

Through the following:

➤ Member initiated

- eGov App
- PhilHealth Member Portal

The PhilHealth-accredited PhilHealth Konsulta Package providers are posted in PhilHealth website

➤ PhilHealth-assisted and initiated

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WASH TO WELLNESS: HANDWASHING FACILITY LAUNCH BY RC BALINTAWAK

BY ROTARY CLUB OF BALINTAWAK

The Rotary Club of Balintawak, led by UFG Pres. Dr. Michael F. Lara, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Daejeon Mokhyang, proudly launched the WASH to Wellness Handwashing Facility Project at Balingasa Elementary School on August 11, 2025, with Principal Dr. Albert Flores.

The project addressed the school's urgent need for proper sanitation. With limited handwashing stations, students often skipped this essential practice, leaving them vulnerable to preventable illnesses and frequent absences. By providing a sustainable and accessible facility, the initiative ensures children can safeguard their health while building lifelong habits.

The launch brought together Rotarians, school leaders, teachers, and students, underscoring the collective spirit of service and international collaboration. Hundreds of learners will benefit directly, while families and the wider community gain through improved hygiene awareness.

More than just a construction project, WASH to Wellness stands as a symbol of Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self." It shows how cross-border partnerships can deliver tangible impact—promoting health, strengthening communities, and inspiring the next generation to value both wellness and service.



RC BIAK NA BATO CHAMPIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY DONATIONS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF BIAK NA BATO

QUEZON CITY, Philippines – The Rotary Club of Biak na Bato (RC Biak na Bato) reaffirmed its commitment to community development through a series of technology donations in August and September 2025. These initiatives highlight the club's dedication to Rotary International's Areas of Focus, particularly Basic Education and Literacy and Growing Local Economies.

On August 24, RC Biak na Bato donated Smart TVs and desktop computers to Tabing Illog Elementary School in Licab, Nueva Ecija. The project aims to enhance classrooms with interactive lessons, digital resources, and hands-on technology, directly benefiting hundreds of students while building digital literacy skills.

Continuing its outreach, the club donated desktop computers on August 30 to its adopted community, the Homeowners Cooperative of Palmera Homes Phase 4 in Quezon City. These tools empower residents with access to online learning, job opportunities, and entrepreneurial ventures—helping bridge the digital divide and strengthen local economic growth.

Finally, on September 7, RC Biak na Bato extended support to its sister club, RC Atimonan of District 3820. While specific items were not detailed, the act reinforced Rotary's global network of solidarity and cooperation.

These initiatives embody Rotary's motto of Service Above Self, creating lasting impact in education, livelihoods, and inter-club collaboration.



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP AGUINALDO RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH AFP 11TH CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF CAMP AGUINALDO

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) 11th Civil-Military Operations (CMO) recognized its partner stakeholders for their outstanding contributions to the military's peace and development efforts on September 10, 2025.

The special gathering aimed to strengthen the AFP's partnership with various stakeholders who play a vital role in promoting peace, development, and community resilience in the National Capital region. A key highlight of the event was the Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Partnership Agreement between the unit and partner stakeholders. The symbolic activity underscored the collective commitment to working hand in hand on activities that bridge the military and civilian sectors.

The 11th Civil-Military Operations "Kaugnayan" Battalion (11CMOBn), Civil-Military Operations Regiment (CMOR), Philippine Army, marked another milestone as it held the Signing of the Memorandum of Partnership Agreement (MOPA) with key stakeholders at Headquarters 11CMOBn, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

The formal signing of agreements highlights the strong cooperation between the military and its partner institutions. The MOPA reflects the shared commitment of the 11CMOBn and its stakeholders to promote peace, development, and community resilience.

After the signing, the guests were treated to performances from the 11CMOBn Visual Arts and Performing Arts (VAPA), showcasing the creativity and talents of the unit. The celebration concluded with a boodle fight, symbolizing camaraderie, unity, and the strong bond between the soldiers and their partners.

LTC BLAS, Acting Commanding Officer of the 11CMOBn, expressed her gratitude to the stakeholders for their continued partnership with the unit. She emphasized that their contributions play a crucial role in advancing peace and security efforts in communities.

The signing of the MOPA signifies not only the formalization of partnerships but also the strengthening of trust, cooperation, and shared responsibility to achieve lasting peace and development in the country.



UNITED WE LEAD: INTERACT DISTRICT 3780 SHINES AT DISLAS 2025

BY RID 3780 DISTRICT INTERACT COMMITTEE



Quezon City, Philippines – Interactors from across District 3780 gathered on August 30, 2025, at Quezon City Science High School for the annual District Learning Assembly (DISLAS), hosted by the Rotary Club of Bagong Silangan. With the theme “United We Lead at Interact DISLAS 2025,” the event celebrated the district’s tradition of service, learning, and leadership.

The day opened with registration, a processional, an invocation, and the singing of the national anthem, followed by welcoming



remarks from Rotary Club President Jen H. Chanco. The turnover ceremony marked the passing of leadership from IPDIR Ivan Jae Villasis to newly elected DIR Jhemil Lapuz, who inspired participants: “Every member carries a spark. When we bring those sparks together, they ignite a light strong enough to make the whole district shine.”

Following induction ceremonies and an address by District Governor Vero H. Yu, participants engaged in breakout sessions, learning skills in leadership, record-keeping, membership growth, and service initiatives, while connecting with peers who face similar challenges.

The day concluded with creative performances and a motivational keynote by Nonong Noriega, leaving Interactors energized and reminded that leadership is shared, service is collective, and every Interactor can ignite change. Certificates were distributed, and the assembly closed with songs celebrating unity and fellowship.

DISLAS 2025 proved that District 3780 stands ready to shine brighter than ever—a true District of Stars.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, PEOPLE OF ACTION: REGION 5 HOSTS PUBLIC IMAGE CARAVAN



Quezon City, Philippines — On August 16, 2025, the Rotary Center's Global and Inspiring Lounge buzzed with energy as Region 5 clubs, in partnership with the District Public Image Committee, hosted the Public Image Caravan: Lights, Camera, People of Action. The event brought Rotarians together to sharpen their skills in projecting Rotary's story with professionalism, creativity, and impact.

The program opened with an inspirational message from PDG Mildred Vitangcol, Zone 10A Regional Public Image Chair, who spoke on "Inspiring Change Through the Power of Image." She reminded Rotarians that image is not just about logos and branding, but about reflecting Rotary's values and service. "When people see Rotary in action, they see change," she shared, setting the tone for a day of learning and empowerment.

A dynamic lineup of workshops followed. PDS Jesse Tanchanco highlighted professionalism in Rotary Protocol and Proper Decorum. CP Aya Corpus led the Branding Basics Workshop, guiding Rotarians on visual consistency. Chair Ojet Santos inspired attendees to share meaningful narratives in Telling Our Rotary Story.

Hands-on skills were strengthened through PP Ben Del Rosario's GML Ready writing session and Mr. Japs Ramiscal's engaging workshop on smartphone photography and videography. The caravan concluded with Ms. Aimee Dizon's ChatGPT Workshop, showcasing how AI can support Rotary storytelling.

The event closed with enthusiasm and renewed confidence, reminding everyone that a strong public image is every Rotarian's responsibility in amplifying Rotary's story of service and change.

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UNLOCKING LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & INTEGRITY: RID 3780 INSPIRES ROTARIANS

Quezon City, Philippines — On August 30, 2025, Rotarians of District 3780 gathered at Novotel Manila Araneta City for a meaningful seminar on Leadership, Service, and Integrity, organized by the District Membership Committee. The event provided an opportunity for members to learn from accomplished leaders while reflecting on Rotary's core values.

Keynote speaker Captain Stanley Ng, President of PAL Holdings Inc., emphasized that true leadership is anchored in integrity, humility, and character. He reminded participants that ethical decisions build trust and lasting impact.

A panel of business and social leaders further enriched the discussion. Rommel T. Juan of Binalot Fiesta Foods Inc. shared how service and integrity can shape organizational culture. Kris Ivone Santos of Wingyard Unlimited discussed adaptive leadership and resilience in the face of challenges. Enzo Marfal of AngkatPh highlighted the power of social entrepreneurship in driving community impact through innovation and compassion.

The seminar combined inspiring talks with engaging exchanges, leaving Rotarians with fresh insights and renewed commitment. As the program concluded, one message stood out: leadership in Rotary is not defined by position, but by service rooted in integrity. District 3780's Rotarians left ready to embody these values in their clubs and communities.





SANGKOO YUN, FORMER RI PRESIDENT-ELECT, DIES AT 75

SangKoo Yun, a distinguished Rotary leader and businessman chosen as Rotary International president for 2026–27, passed away on 5 September after months of treatment for pancreatic cancer. A member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, Yun resigned as president-elect in August to focus on his health.

“SangKoo’s passing is a great loss to the global Rotary family,” said RI President Francesco Arezzo. “His vision and dedication will continue to inspire all who knew him. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched through Rotary service.”

Born in Seoul, Yun was the son of a prominent political activist who served as South Korea’s president in the early 1960s. Choosing architecture over politics, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Syracuse University before returning to Korea to establish Dongsuh Corp., supplying architectural materials during the 1988 Olympic construction boom, and later founding Youngan Corp., a real estate and investment venture.

Yun joined Rotary in 1987, co-chartering the Sae Hanyang club, championing Youth Exchange, and dedicating himself to international service. He co-chaired the Keep Mongolia Green Project for eight years, planting windbreak forests in the Gobi Desert and orchards in Karakorum, efforts that earned him Mongolia’s Friendship Medal.

An accomplished global leader, Yun visited more than 30 Rotary Foundation initiatives worldwide. Honored as an Officer of the British Empire and recognized by South Korea’s president and prime minister, he also contributed to cultural preservation and civic initiatives. A devoted family man, Yun is survived by his wife Eunsun, two children, and grandchildren.

Yun’s belief in service resonated in his words: “I am one link in a strong, unbroken chain forged by those who came before and held by those who stand beside me today.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

September–October
2025

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SEPT
08:00AM

TRF AWARENESS SEMINAR

A showcase how Rotary creates lasting global impact.
Quezon City Sports Club



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OCT
11:00AM

MOONCAKE FESTIVAL

Celebrates the Mooncake Festival with fellowship
Quezon City Sports Club



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OCT
07:00AM

BLOOD LETTING ACTIVITY

A life-saving blood donation drive
PNP Multi-Purpose Hall, Q.C.



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OCT

ROTABOWL (OCT. 19 - DEC. 14)

A fun-filled fellowship bowling event that strengthens
bonds while striking for a cause.



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OCT

TRF RECOGNITION NIGHT

An evening dedicated to honoring generosity and
celebrating the impact of The Rotary Foundation.



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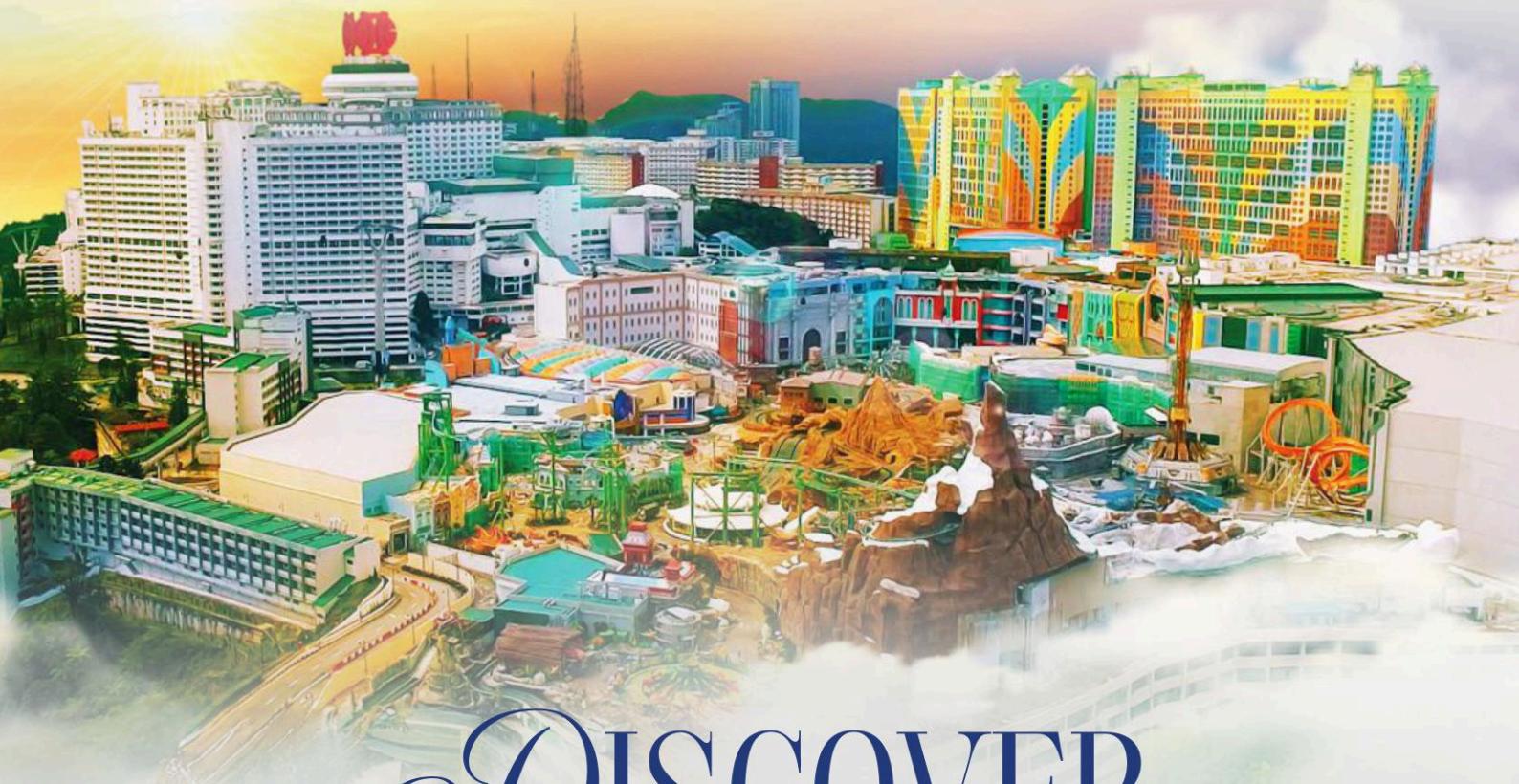
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