



**April is
Environmental Month**

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Editor's Note



There is something special about April. It is a season when the world quietly reminds us that growth often begins with small, hopeful beginnings. Seeds planted months before finally break through the soil, reminding us that patience, care, and dedication eventually blossom into something meaningful.

In many ways, Rotary service follows that same journey.

Every outreach activity, every scholarship awarded, every tree planted, every child reached through our programs begins as a simple idea shared among people who care deeply about their communities. What starts as a conversation around a meeting table becomes a project. What begins as a project becomes a lasting impact. And somewhere along the way, lives are changed—not only those we serve, but our own as well.

As you turn the pages of this month's district newsletter, you will find stories that reflect the heart of Rotary: clubs coming together to support families in need, young leaders stepping forward to serve, and communities strengthened through collaboration and kindness. These are more than reports of activities—they are stories of hope, compassion, and the quiet power of people who believe that service truly matters.

What makes Rotary extraordinary is not only the scale of what we do, but the spirit with which we do it. Behind every successful project are Rotarians who generously give their time, talents, and hearts. They remind us that service is not just an obligation—it is a privilege.

As the Rotary year continues to unfold, April offers us a moment to pause and appreciate the journey we are on together. The work we do today plants seeds for tomorrow's leaders, stronger communities, and a more compassionate world.

Thank you to every Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor, and partner in service across our district. Your stories are the heartbeat of this publication, and your dedication continues to inspire all of us.

May this issue remind us that even the smallest acts of service can grow into something truly extraordinary.

In Rotary Service,

PP Beth Directo
Editor-in-Chief
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MESSAGE

from our

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Partners in Service,

As we step into April, we are greeted by a season of renewal and growth. Just as nature blossoms around us, our Rotary spirit thrives when we nurture the world that sustains us. This month, we shift our focus to one of Rotary's most vital areas of focus: Protecting the Environment.

The environment is more than just a backdrop for our service; it is the very foundation of healthy communities. When we protect our natural resources, we are inherently supporting clean water, better health, and economic stability. This month, I encourage every club to reflect on how we can be better stewards of the planet we call home. Across our district, the impact of our environmental initiatives is already taking root through reforestation efforts, waterway restoration, and the promotion of sustainable local agriculture. Our clubs are proving that Rotarians are truly people of action for the planet.



"The seeds we plant today through service projects, membership growth, and leadership development, will bear fruit for years to come."

Veronica Yu



I urge each club to highlight projects that restore and preserve our local ecosystems. Significant change often starts with intentional acts like hosting educational workshops on waste reduction, organizing community gardening events, or supporting renewable energy solutions for local infrastructure. By integrating environmental consciousness into our existing service models, we ensure that our impact is both deep and lasting.

As we approach the final quarter of the Rotary year, the concept of sustainability takes on a dual meaning. While we work to protect our natural world, we must also ensure the sustainability of our service. The projects we complete today are the seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come. Every tree planted, every bit of waste diverted from a landfill, and every sustainable habit formed is a testament to our motto, "Service Above Self."

I encourage all Rotarians to continue engaging with your communities, mentoring our youth to be environmental advocates, and fostering a culture of conservation within your clubs. Together, we are building a legacy of compassion and ecological responsibility that will resonate far beyond this Rotary year. Let us finish strong, keeping our hearts and our hands invested in the green future of our district.

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

Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we *Unite for Good*, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.

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



Rotary's environment area of focus offers clubs and districts the chance to make a truly lasting impact in their communities.

One possibility is through the Community Action for Fresh Water partnership between Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme, which launched the initiative in 2024 to protect, restore, and better manage freshwater resources worldwide.

Through the program, Rotary and Rotaract clubs identify a local body of water — a river, a lake, wetlands, or groundwater — and commit to its long-term protection and restoration. Members can draw on UNEP's technical expertise.

Salvador Rico, a member of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah, California, and a technical adviser to the partnership, tells us more:

The partnership is deeply personal to me.

My passion for clean rivers comes from a painful family experience during my childhood in Mexico: We believe my older sister died of polio she contracted from swimming in a polluted river there. Unsafe water is not an abstract environmental issue; it is a matter of life, health, and dignity for families and communities.

This experience drives my work as a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, where I ensure Rotary members have access to proven technical knowledge so their global grant-supported projects deliver lasting impact through permanent, scalable solutions.

Today, Community Action for Fresh Water supports Rotary clubs globally by providing a shared platform to upload projects, learn from other clubs, and access technical and financial support through global grants and club-to-club collaboration.

The impact became tangible in 2024, when the environmental chair of District 4170 in Mexico shared a critical challenge: Small, family-owned textile factories were polluting the upper Lerma River watershed. Rotarians lacked clear solutions. Through the freshwater partnership, I connected them with UNEP experts who provided guidance on bioremediation strategies. That collaboration led to a global grant application and, we hope, cleaner water for this community.

The partnership among Rotary clubs, family-owned textile companies, and government authorities ensures shared responsibility and long-term stewardship.

Every Rotary club can amplify this impact by registering freshwater projects at **communityactionforfreshwater.org**.

Look around your community — I bet you'll find a body of water in need of protection. The Rotary Foundation can support your project through Community Action for Fresh Water and a global grant.

Holger Knaack
Trustee Chair
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RC MIDTOWN CUBAO EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS THROUGH THE LAGING HANDA BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

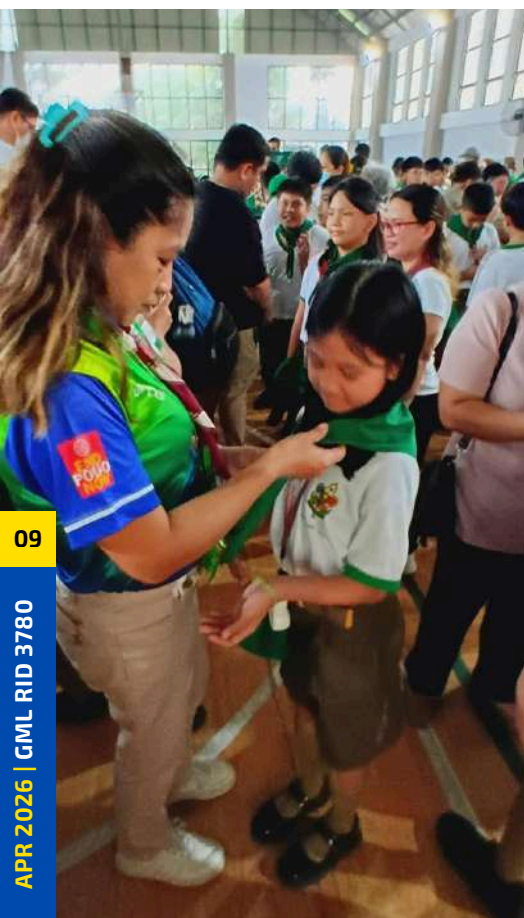
BY ROTARY CLUB OF MIDTOWN CUBAO

On December 12, 2025, the Rotary Club (RC) of Midtown Cubao reaffirmed its commitment to youth development by sponsoring the registration of 100 new scouts at Project 6 Special Science Elementary School. Through this partnership with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), these young scouters are now officially equipped to begin their journey toward leadership and service.

This initiative is far from a one-time donation; it is a signature project with deep roots, originally launched during the 2016-2017 Rotary year. By providing the means for these students to join the "Laging Handa" (Always Prepared) program, the club is investing in a proven framework for character building and ethical leadership.

Both Rotary International and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines share a common DNA: a focus on integrity, community service, and the fostering of responsible citizenship. Scouting provides a unique environment where youth can develop the self-confidence and academic discipline that will serve as the foundation for their adult lives.

As these 100 scouts embark on their training, they are guided by the core values of the movement: **Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief, and Cooperation.** Through this sustained support, RC Midtown Cubao ensures that the next generation of leaders is not just ready for today, but "Laging Handa" for the challenges of tomorrow.



RC ROOSEVELT ADVANCES MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY THROUGH ANTI-BULLYING SEMINAR AT EUGENIO LOPEZ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ROOSEVELT

With mental health as its signature advocacy, the Rotary Club (RC) of Roosevelt recently brought its commitment to youth well-being to the forefront. In partnership with Eugenio Lopez Senior High School, the club hosted an Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Awareness Seminar, designed to provide students with a safe, meaningful space for reflection and learning.

As part of its ongoing support for its adopted school, RC Roosevelt facilitated critical dialogues on the long-term impact of bullying. Through the coordination of UFG Bob Santillan (Kamuning Police Station 10, QCPD), the seminar featured resource speaker PCMS Maridel Frias. As a Senior Investigator for the Women and Children Protection Desk, Frias delivered compelling, practical insights on recognizing, addressing, and preventing harassment in all its forms.



Principal Romelita Tumaneng expressed her gratitude for the initiative, noting the growing urgency of mental health support for today's students. She emphasized the importance of timely interventions that equip the youth with the confidence and tools necessary to navigate modern social pressures.

Aligned with Rotary's global focus on **Disease Prevention and Treatment**, the seminar challenged students to speak up, protect their peers, and foster a culture of mutual respect. Through these grassroots initiatives, RC Roosevelt continues to bridge the gap between advocacy and action—empowering the next generation to build safer, more compassionate communities.



RC LOYOLA HEIGHTS A BIRTHDAY OF SERVICE LEADING RELIEF FOR PINYAHAN FIRE SURVIVORS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOYOLA HEIGHTS

In a moving display of "Service Above Self," President-Nominee Marjorie Jalosjos of the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights chose to celebrate her birthday not with a party, but by providing a lifeline to families devastated by the recent fire in Barangay Pinyahan, Quezon City.

On March 14, 2026—just one week after the blaze displaced hundreds of residents—PN Marjorie, alongside her family and fellow Rotarians, spearheaded a relief mission at NIA Road. The team provided hot meals and essential clothing to 1,000 survivors currently navigating the difficult road to recovery.

Guided by the Rotary theme, **"Unite for Good,"** the initiative brought more than just nourishment to those in temporary shelters; it brought a much-needed sense of solidarity. PN Marjorie's decision to pivot from a personal celebration to a community-focused mission energized volunteers and underscored the club's commitment to immediate, hands-on humanitarian aid.

Through the collective efforts of RC Loyola Heights, the day transcended simple relief work—it served as a powerful message of hope and resilience for a community determined to rebuild.



RC WEST TRIANGLE INSPIRING YOUNG DREAMERS THROUGH THE GIFT OF LITERACY

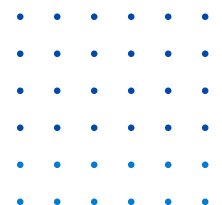
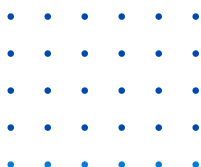
BY ROTARY CLUB OF WEST TRIANGLE

On February 19, 2026, the Rotary Club (RC) of West Triangle visited Pinaglabanan Elementary School to turn a regular school day into an inspiring journey of discovery. Led by Rotarians Rey Galang and Amie David, the club hosted a specialized teaching and reading session designed to uplift students—particularly those struggling with literacy—within a supportive, high-energy environment.

The session focused on reading as more than just a school requirement, but as the foundation for self-confidence and future opportunity. Through interactive storytelling and guided exercises, students were encouraged to see themselves not just as pupils, but as "dreamers in the making." The spark of enthusiasm in the classroom proved that when a child masters a page, they gain the confidence to master their future.

This initiative directly supports the Department of Education's **Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program**, showcasing Rotary International's commitment to bridging educational gaps in the post-pandemic landscape.

Ultimately, the project was a testament to the power of patience. By turning pages together, RC West Triangle reminded these young learners that with the right guidance, no learning hurdle is insurmountable.





RC ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS QUEZON CITY UPLIFTING THE PARAWAY MANGYAN COMMUNITY THROUGH HEALTH AND EDUCATION

BY CYNTHIA DE LEON OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS QUEZON CITY

With a shared vision of community empowerment, the Rotary Club of Entrepreneurs and Professionals Quezon City (RCEP) traveled to the remote Paraway Mangyan School in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. The mission was twofold: to inaugurate the new RCEP Educational Activity Center and to conduct a comprehensive outreach program for the local community.

The initiative was deeply rooted in Rotary's core **Areas of Focus**, specifically basic education, literacy, and maternal and child health. Operating under the theme "**Healthy Body & Mind**," the project recognized that a child's ability to learn is inextricably linked to their physical well-being.

The newly established Educational Activity Center provides a safe, inspiring hub where young Mangyan learners can explore and grow. By introducing interactive learning materials and activity-based tools, RCEP aims to spark a lifelong love for education while fostering critical thinking and creativity.

The mission's impact extended beyond the classroom, reaching mothers and children through the distribution of essential vitamins and medicines. This vital health intervention underscores the club's commitment to strengthening immunity and supporting families in underserved, high-altitude, or remote areas where medical access is often limited.

Ultimately, this journey was more than a logistical delivery of resources; it was a mission of profound compassion. Every mile traveled toward Paraway symbolized the dedication of RCEP members to bring tangible hope and opportunity to an indigenous community striving for a brighter future.



RC SACRED HEART BUILDING STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH KARATEDO EMPOWERMENT

BY TRESS PARUNGAO OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SACRED HEART

In a dynamic initiative designed to foster resilience, the Rotary Club (RC) of Sacred Heart recently hosted an inspiring Karatedo demonstration tailored specifically for women and youth.

The event moved beyond basic physical training, reinforcing the fundamental belief that everyone deserves to feel secure and empowered in their daily lives. Through the art of Karatedo, participants discovered that self-defense is not merely about physical prowess—it is an exercise in building self-worth and cultivating the mental fortitude to face life's adversities.



Spearheaded by dedicated members of RC Sacred Heart, including Master/UFG Claire Leuterio, the demonstration highlighted the impact of grassroots community involvement. The event featured a high-energy collaboration with the incoming Rotaractors from The Thumb OSC Shidokan Karatedo, showcasing a powerful synergy between seasoned leaders and a new generation of advocates for youth empowerment.





RID 3780 UNITED WE LEAD AT THE 2026 INTERACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BY MARIJO GARCIA

The Interact District Conference (DISCON) 2026 recently transformed the PSSLA Corporate Center in Quezon City into a powerhouse of youth leadership. Operating under the evocative theme “United We Lead,” the March 21st event was expertly hosted by the Rotary Club of Constitution Hill – Bagong Sandigan, in partnership with the Interact Club of Judge Feliciano Belmonte Sr. High School.

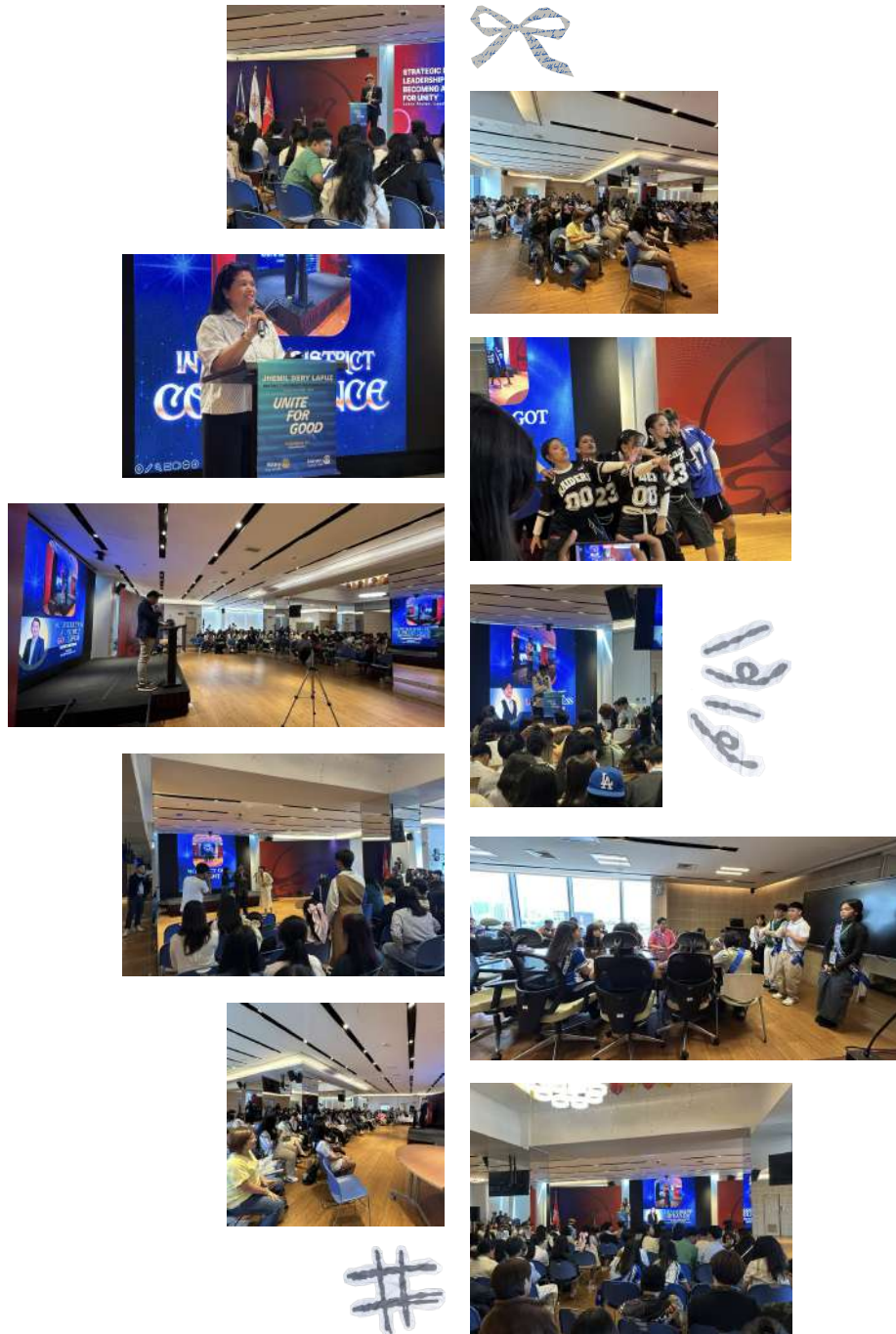
The conference opened with a high-energy “Parade of Banners,” as Interact presidents led their delegations onto the floor. This vibrant display served as a visual testament to the district’s diversity and set a collaborative tone for the hundreds of young leaders in attendance.

Throughout the day, delegates engaged with a roster of elite speakers who challenged the youth to move beyond the status quo. These keynote sessions focused on the intersection of personal growth and community service, reinforcing the idea that leadership is not just a title, but an action.



The atmosphere shifted from academic to electric during the much-anticipated talent showcase. In a fierce but friendly display of dance and vocal performances, the Interactors proved that their creativity is as formidable as their commitment to service.

A pivotal moment of the conference was the election of the District Interact Representative Elect (DIRE). This exercise in grassroots democracy allowed Interact UFG Presidents to directly shape the future of the district, ensuring that the organization remains led for youth, by youth.



The event reached its crescendo with an awarding ceremony that recognized the "best of the best" for Rotary Year 2025–2026. As trophies and medals were presented, the room celebrated the collective impact of a district that has spent the year turning the "United We Lead" philosophy into tangible community change.

Ultimately, DISCON 2026 was more than a meeting—it was a renewal of the Interact spirit, leaving a new generation of leaders inspired to drive positive change across RID 3780.

RID 3780 CROSS-BORDER COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH DISTRICT 3590



In a magnificent display of international fellowship and shared purpose, **Rotary International District 3780 (Quezon City)** recently joined forces with **District 3590 (South Korea)** for a powerhouse day of community service. The collaborative mission brought together district leaders, local clubs, and emergency responders to deliver essential aid and hope to the communities of Quezon City.



The first day of this service series was led by the dynamic partnership of **District Governor Veronica Yu** of RID 3780 and **District Governor Oh Deuk Yu** of RID 3590. Their unified leadership set the stage for an impactful journey through District 3, starting with a comprehensive feeding and gift-giving program.

A Morning of Nourishment in Barangay Pansol

The morning kicked off in Barangay Pansol, where the visiting delegates from **South Korea worked hand-in-hand with the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, Team Network Inc. – Fire Rescue Department**, and local officials. This multifaceted collaboration ensured that the outreach was not only about immediate nourishment but also about strengthening the bonds between volunteer rescuers and the residents they serve. Families received hot meals and special gift packs, marking a successful start to the two districts' joint humanitarian efforts.



Investing in the Future at Bagong Silangan

As the sun moved into the afternoon, the mission traveled to Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. Joined by the **Rotary Club of Bagong Silangan**, the district leaders visited a vital **Global Grant Project** at Bagong Silangan Elementary School. This visit served as a reminder of the long-term, sustainable impact that international Rotary partnerships can achieve in the field of basic education and literacy.



The afternoon was filled with smiles as the team conducted a massive outreach for the youth of the community. More than **250 children** received:

- **School Supplies** to support their academic journey.
- **Hygiene Kits** to promote health and wellness.
- **Nutritional Snacks** for the afternoon celebration.

This "Day of Service" was more than just a distribution of goods; it was a testament to the global nature of Rotary. By bridging the distance between the Philippines and South Korea, RID 3780 and RID 3590 proved that when Rotarians unite, the capacity to do good in the world is limitless. From fire rescue volunteers to international governors, every hand involved helped plant seeds of resilience and friendship in the heart of Quezon City.



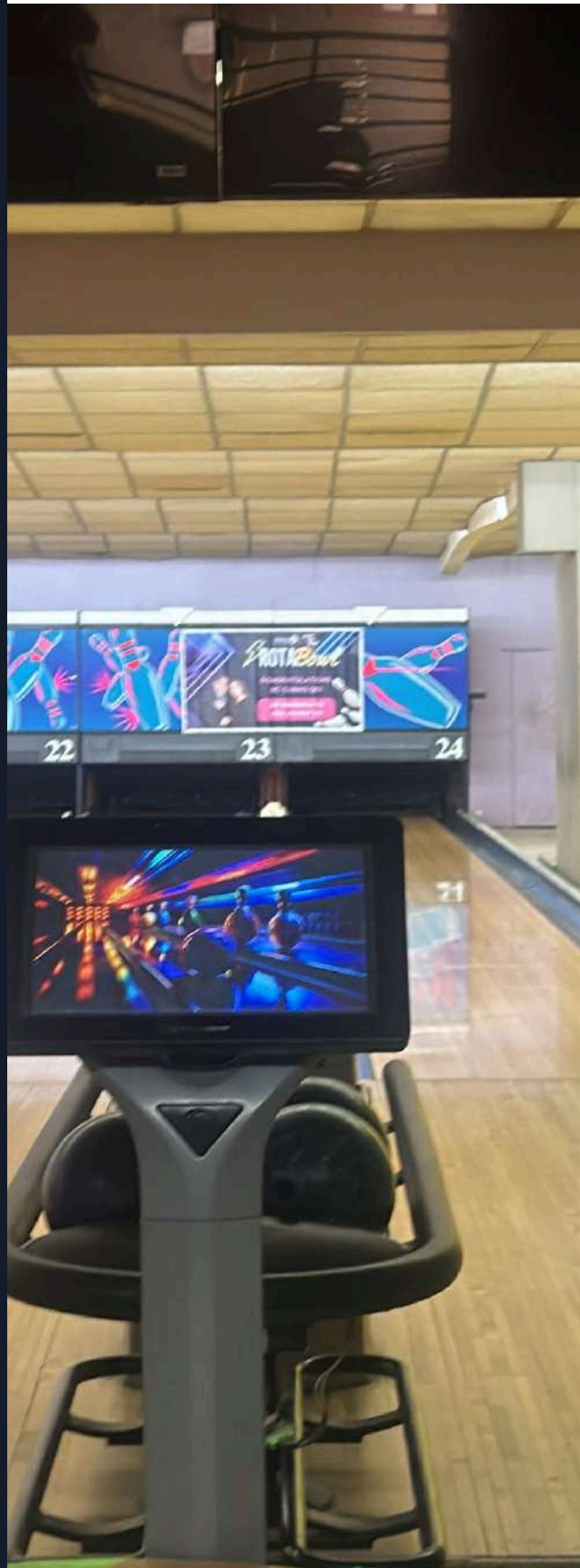
RC Cubao QC officially set the lanes ablaze as the host of the highly anticipated 2nd Leg of **ROTABOWL**. The tournament kicked off with high energy on February 8, 2026, at the AMF Commonwealth Ever Gotesco, marking the start of a multi-week journey defined by strikes, spares, and, most importantly, the enduring spirit of Rotary fellowship.

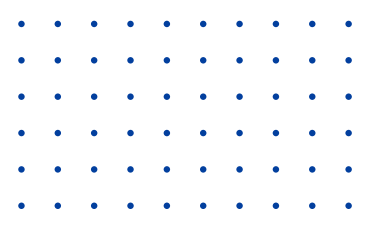
The opening ceremony was graced by the charm and poise of the district's finest, where **Justine Paglinawan**, representing the **Rotary Club of Pag-asa**, was crowned the winner of the **Best Muse**. Her win set a celebratory tone for the eight-series tournament that followed.

A Resounding Success in Sportsmanship

Participated in by 15 spirited teams from across Rotary International District 3780, the tournament ran from February to March 29, 2026. The venue at Ever Gotesco AMF-Puyat Commonwealth became a second home for Rotarians, providing a space where competitive play met meaningful interaction. Every week was filled with laughter and encouragement, proving that while the pins may fall, the bonds between clubs only grow stronger.

RID 3780 STRIKING GOLD WITH FELLOWSHIP AT THE ROTABOWL LEG 2





The Champions' Circle

After a series of intense matches and strategic plays, the following teams emerged as the victors of their respective categories:

Category	Champion	1st Runner Up	2nd Runner Up	3rd Runner Up
Class O	Batasan Hills	Diliman Silangan	Cubao QC	Quirino QC
Class A	Magical Presidents	Transforming Presidents	Loyola Heights	Midtown Cubao
Class B	New Manila East	Cubao South	Metro North Centennial	Pag-Asa
Class C	UFG Strikers	Constitution Hill - Bagong Sandigan	Novaliches	—

More Than a Game: A Testimony of Unity

While the trophies found their new homes, the true essence of ROTABOWL remained rooted in the heart of the district. **PP Jose "Joemon" Montenegro of RC Pag-asa** captured the sentiment of the tournament perfectly, reflecting on how unity remains the cornerstone of the Rotary family.

"Unity is the strength that defines us as Rotarians," **PP Joemon** shared. "We come from different families, professions, and philosophies in life, yet we stand as one in our commitment to serve. Our participation in the ROTABOWL is more than a competition—it is a celebration of fellowship, camaraderie, and the spirit of togetherness that binds us."

The **Rotary Club of Cubao QC** successfully reminded the district that beyond the lanes, they are not just individuals working side by side; they are one family serving with one purpose. ROTABOWL Leg 2 was a powerful reminder that when Rotarians play together, they strengthen the foundation upon which they serve together.



RID 3780 LIGHTING UP THE STAGE AT THE ZONE 10A SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS FORUM

The **10 RI Districts Public Image Forum** recently became the ultimate intersection where stories meet strategy and service meets visibility. On April 17, 2026, leaders from across the region gathered for "**Spotlight on Success**," a high-impact session designed to amplify the Rotary message and transform the way the world sees the impact of our organization.

The event served as a powerful reminder that behind every Rotary project is a narrative worth telling. By bringing together District Governors and Public Image Chairs, the forum highlighted how passion and purpose can be channeled into effective communication that transforms communities.



A Masterclass in Modern Branding

Representing **Rotary International District 3780**, District Public Image Chair **PP Aya Nicole Corpus** delivered a presentation that was widely commended as one of the best among the ten participating districts. Her presentation, titled "**Verified Flip: Evolution of Storytelling in RID 3780**," provided a comprehensive roadmap for modernizing the Rotary brand and will be used as a primary highlight of the event.

PP Aya's session showcased a sophisticated multi-channel approach to public image:

- **Meet the District:** The session opened with high-production music videos for the District National Anthem, the "**Unite For Good**" theme song, and the Rotary Hymn.
- **The Power of the "Flip":** A showcase of the revamped **Governor's Monthly Letter (GML)**, featuring a sleek, modern design and the integration of *Heyzine* for an interactive digital reading experience.
- **A Legacy of Storytelling:** Insights into the "**Lights, Camera, People of Action**" District Public Image Caravan, which brings branding education directly to the clubs.
- **Meta Verified & Multi-Channel:** A strategic look at the utilization of District Information Communication Officers (DICOs) and the importance of securing **Meta Verification** for social media authenticity.
- **Service in Motion:** Highlighting bold visibility projects, such as the electronic billboards of **RC Entrepreneurs and Professionals QC** and **RC West Fairview**.
- **Branding Partners, Not Police:** A shift in philosophy where the district team acts as consultants to help clubs thrive, rather than just enforcing rules.

Keeping the Momentum Alive

The forum concluded with a heartfelt message of gratitude to the District Governors and Public Image Chairs who serve as the driving force behind Rotary's visibility. The success of RID 3780 at this gathering proves that when we own our narrative and use modern tools to share our victories, the momentum for service becomes unstoppable.

As the forum highlighted, let's keep sharing our stories and amplifying our impact. Through the leadership of chairs like PP Aya Nicole Corpus and the commitment of our clubs, District 3780 continues to inspire the world through the lens of Rotary.

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RC GREATER ANONAS MARCHING ON TOWARD A LEGACY OF SERVICE FELLOWSHIP AND IMPACT

BY ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER ANONAS

The Rotary Club (RC) of Greater Anonas has concluded a remarkable quarter, defined by high-impact projects and a revitalized sense of fellowship. The journey began with the **UFG Presidents' Team Re-Building for Peace & Renewal** in Baguio, which offered members a reflective space to strengthen unity and renew the core Rotary promise of "Service Above Self."

The spirit of leadership continued at the **PE's Graduation: Harana Dinner & Fellowship 2026**. This elegant evening honored the dedication of our incoming leaders, fostering the camaraderie essential for the challenges of their upcoming roles.

Our investment in the next generation remains a top priority. The **Interact DISCON: United We Lead** ceremony empowered young leaders through intensive workshops, while the **Values Education Program** at Don Quintin Paredes High School provided students with the ethical framework necessary to become socially responsible citizens.

A crowning achievement of the quarter, led by Community Service Chairperson PP Jossie Dimarucut, was the **Rotary Homes Turnover Ceremony** in Lipa City. Through a powerful collaboration between RID 3590 and RID 3780, deserving families were granted safe, dignified housing—a life-changing intervention that ensures long-term stability and hope.

To sustain this momentum, the **UFG President's 3rd Quarter Meeting** served as a strategic hub, effectively reviewing ongoing initiatives and fine-tuning our roadmap for the months ahead. Together, these efforts exemplify our commitment to purpose-driven service and our unwavering resolve to inspire positive change.





RC MIDTOWN CUBAO WEAVING SUSTAINABLE FUTURES THROUGH WOMEN'S LIVELIHOOD SKILLS

BY ROTARY CLUB OF MIDTOWN CUBAO

In a vibrant celebration of National Women's Month, the Rotary Club (RC) of Midtown Cubao brought the community of Barangay E. Rodriguez Sr. together to honor tradition and economic independence. On March 25, 2026, the club hosted a **Bayong-Making Workshop**, a vocational service project designed to empower fifty local women with sustainable livelihood skills.

The initiative sought to elevate the traditional *bayong* from a simple market basket to a symbol of environmental advocacy. By teaching participants to craft these eco-friendly bags, the workshop highlighted the intersection of creativity and resourcefulness, encouraging the use of sustainable materials in daily life. For the participants, the day was about more than just weaving; it was about building the confidence and technical skills necessary to support their families.

This successful outreach was made possible through a strong collaboration with the **Bagong Henerasyon Partylist**, headed by Hon. Robert L. Nazal, Jr., and the **Barangay Council of E. Rodriguez Sr.** under the leadership of Brgy. Capt. Marciano "Lakay" Buena-Agua—who serves as both a dedicated community leader and a proud member of RC Midtown Cubao.

Led by UFG President Joy Apostol, the mission was supported by a dedicated team including PP Allan Reytas, CICO Jo Intia, Rotarians Marites Letrodo and Jenny Godoy, and Spouses Leah Buena-Agua and Carol Reytas. Through these grassroots efforts, RC Midtown Cubao continues to embody the Rotary principle of **"Service Above Self,"** ensuring that as the *bayongs* are woven, so too is a stronger, more resilient community.

RC WEST FAIRVIEW GROWING FUTURES AND NURTURING FORESTS THROUGH URBAN GREENING

BY ROTARY CLUB OF WEST FAIRVIEW

At the forefront of environmental stewardship, the Rotary Club (RC) of West Fairview continues to champion sustainability through its **Seedling Potting Project**. Held on March 5, 2026, at the La Mesa Watershed Forest Nursery, the initiative brought together the Rotary Club of Lagro Ascension and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in a unified effort toward reforestation and watershed preservation.

Under the leadership of IPP Maria Agnes Bajita, the project transformed environmental advocacy into tangible action. Rotarians rolled up their sleeves to prepare soil and pot seedlings—the vital first steps in nurturing what will eventually become resilient forest cover. More than a simple gardening task, the day served as a powerful expression of Rotary's commitment to safeguarding our natural resources and fostering community-wide ecological responsibility.

This initiative is a cornerstone of RC West Fairview's **Green Corridors** program, evolving from a singular volunteer effort into a sustained movement for urban greening. While the project directly benefits approximately 2,000 local barangay residents, its true scale is far-reaching: it contributes to the long-term restoration of a watershed that millions depend on for clean water and ecological protection.

By planting these seeds today, RC West Fairview is quite literally growing the future of a greener, more sustainable region.





RC SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE A LEGACY OF IMPACT AND SERVICE IN MOTION

BY ROTARY CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE

March marked a profound chapter for the Rotary Club (RC) of San Francisco del Monte—a month where legacy, service, and purpose converged.

The festivities began with the club's **55th Charter Anniversary** on March 4, 2026, at the historic Club Filipino. The evening celebrated over five decades of enduring impact, punctuated by Veronica Yu's recognition of RC SFDM as a pillar of community service. A poignant highlight was the presentation of the **Lifetime Achievement Award** to PDG Penny Policarpio, honoring an extraordinary 33-year journey of dedicated Rotary service.

Building on this momentum, members gathered on March 14 for the **Traditional Harana** at Estancia de Lorenzo. The evening was a vibrant display of solidarity, showing unwavering support for Incoming President Jet Legaspi and the leadership team poised to take the helm.

Even amidst celebration, service remained the club's heartbeat. On March 6 and 25, vision screening initiatives at **Dalupan Elementary School** reached 81 young learners, successfully providing critical support to 72 students in need. The club's commitment to health continued on March 15 with a **Blood-Letting Activity** in partnership with the Joneg Foundation. Led by PP Jojo Negapatan and joined by UFG President Perry Dominguez, the drive screened 48 individuals and collected 30 life-saving blood units.

Further strengthening the club's future, RC SFDM also welcomed five new Rotarians into the fold this month, bolstering the fellowship that drives their mission. Ultimately, March was more than a series of milestones; it was a testament to lives touched and a legacy that remains firmly in motion.



RC COSMOPOLITAN CUBAO A MONTH OF GREEN ACTION HEARTFELT GIVING AND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

BY ROTARY CLUB OF COSMOPOLITAN CUBAO

This March, the **Rotary Club of Cosmopolitan Cubao** demonstrated the profound reach of holistic service, weaving together environmental protection, youth welfare, and economic empowerment. From the coastal mudflats of Bataan to the seminar halls of Quezon City, the club's members proved that "Service Above Self" is a commitment that touches every corner of community life.



The month reached a high point in **Barangay Camachile, Bataan**, where the club's signature mangrove planting initiative entered its tenth year of partnership with the local community. Dedicated volunteers braved the early morning low tide to plant **200 mangrove seedlings**, a vital effort toward coastal resilience. This environmental mission was paired with the "Little Gifts, Big Smiles" outreach program, which transformed the day into a celebration for local families. While children engaged in games and received hygiene kits and school supplies, dozens of local mothers were provided with essential household goods, reinforcing the bond between the club and the residents.

Sustainability also took a financial turn earlier in the month through the "**Sipag + Diskarte**" seminar. Designed for small business owners, this session moved beyond dry theory to offer relatable "hacks" for budgeting and income management. By blending practical financial literacy with genuine camaraderie—complete with a shared dinner and a bread distribution—the club ensured its beneficiaries were equipped both mentally and materially for the future.

Through these diverse efforts, RC Cosmopolitan Cubao continues to protect the planet and empower the workforce, proving that when hearts and hands unite, the impact is truly limitless.

Editor's Note: In compliance with district guidelines limiting clubs to one featured article per month, the three reports submitted by the Rotary Club of Cosmopolitan Cubao for April 2026 have been consolidated into this single feature.

RC PAG-ASA CULTIVATING COMPETENCE AND CHARACTER AT KANAWAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL

BY ROTARY CLUB OF PAG-ASA



The air in Morong, Bataan, was thick with a sense of milestone and mission on March 28, 2026. **RC Pag-asa** journeyed to the heart of the community to support the 27th Commencement Exercise of Kanawan Integrated School, themed *"Pilipinong Nagsipagtapos: Handang Mamuno nang may Kakayahan at Mabuting Pagkatao"* (Filipino Graduates: Prepared to Lead with Competence and Character).

The ceremony was graced by a special guest speaker who embodies the very essence of leadership through service: **Guillermo Julián Chanco, PhD**, the IPDC for Service Projects of Rotary International District 3780. His message served as a powerful catalyst for the graduates, encouraging them to carry the torch of integrity and capability as they transition from students to community leaders.

Honoring the Architects of Knowledge

The celebration extended beyond the students to the dedicated educators and school staff of Kanawan Integrated School. In a special awarding and appreciation ceremony, the club recognized the outstanding teachers whose tireless hard work and unwavering commitment have served as the foundation for the students' success. This tribute highlighted those who mold the competence and character celebrated in this year's graduation theme.

A Feast of Community Spirit

As the formal proceedings concluded, the atmosphere transformed into a vibrant display of community solidarity. **RC Pag-asa** organized a massive feeding program that catered to a diverse crowd of over **520 individuals**. This inclusive gathering brought together:

- **Graduates and their families**
- **Local community members and children**
- **Barangay and LGU officials**
- **DepEd representatives, faculty, and volunteers**

Volunteers greeted the long lines of guests with warm smiles and generous servings of pancit, egg, and hotdog with rice. This initiative was about more than just a meal; it was a profound message of unity, reminding the residents that they are seen, valued, and supported.

Investing in Excellence

To further encourage the pursuit of academic excellence, the club provided **donations in the form of cash incentives** to seven honor students. These gifts served as a practical investment in the bright futures of these young leaders, acknowledging their perseverance and helping pave the way for their next academic chapters.

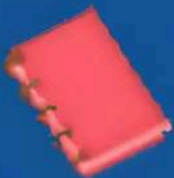
The day at Kanawan Integrated School proved once again that success is not merely an individual achievement but a collective victory. Through the efforts of **RC Pag-asa**, the graduates left the halls not just with diplomas, but with the knowledge that a whole community of Rotarians and local leaders stands firmly behind them.



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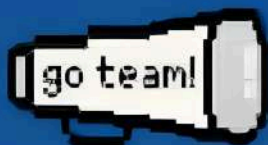
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