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-PDG Sid Garcia
Chair, 2019 Manila
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RID RAFAEL "RAFFY" M. GARCIA III
INSTITUTE CONVENOR

Institute Convenor's Foreword

The 2019 Manila Rotary Institute was one of the largest attended and most memorable Rotary Institutes in recent history, with over 2,000 registered delegates.

It is a serious Rotary Institute where we learned from Rotary experts, such as RI President Elect Holger Knaack, TRF Trustee Chair Gary CK Huang, TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun, RI Director Stephanie Urchick, RI Director Elect Surgeon Chi-Then Liu, RI Director Elect Virpi Honkala, Past TRF Trustee/PRID Jackson Hsieh, PRID and TRF Trustee Elect Frederick Lin from Taiwan, TRF Trustee-Elect Aziz Memon, Past RI Vice President/ Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee Michael McGovern, PRID Guiller Tumangan, PRID Rafael "Paing" Hechanova, and PRID Saowalak Rattanavich. We also had the Finance Secretary of the Republic of the Philippines, Carlos Dominguez, and Health Secretary Francisco Duque, both fellow-Rotarians. Aside from an AKS installation event, we had a re-enactment of the First Polio Drops done forty years ago by the late RI President Jim Bomar. We recognized three PolioPlus Pioneer awardees.

It was an experience to remember, an experience of a lifetime!

RI DIRECTOR RAFAEL "RAFFY" GARCIA III
Convenor 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

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PDG ISIDRO "SID" G. GARCIA
INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

Institute Chairman's Foreword

My dear Co-Rotarians,

Thank you for taking the time to attend the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute!

Our program was packed with new information and innovative ideas from highly respected Rotary leaders such as RI President-Elect Holger Knaack, TRF Trustee Chair Gary Huang, TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun, Polio Plus Committee Chair Michael K. McGovern, and RI Director Stephanie Ulrich.

We celebrated the 40th anniversary of the PolioPlus campaign in the Philippines. We awarded three Polio Plus Pioneer Awardees and inducted 12 new members to the Arch Klumph Society. We addressed very pertinent topics such as protecting the environment, making Rotary relevant, conflict resolution, and attracting young professionals to Rotary. Our cultural night featured presentations from seven countries.

This institute gave our Rotarians the opportunity to network with prominent leaders in business, government, and the various professions. The institute was a virtual mine of talent and resources that were available for Rotarians to tap for the communities we serve. We are proud that we achieved an outstanding record in institute attendance, but more than that, we are proud that we were instruments in facilitating connectivity, collaboration, and creation to change the lives of people who need Rotary's help in our part of the world.

I personally thank the members of the Organizing Committee for collectively dedicating their countless manhours, their resources, and their ideas to make the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute a huge success, way beyond our expectations!

ISIDRO "SID" GARCIA
Chairman 2019, Manila Rotary Institute
Past District Governor, District 3830

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MESSAGES



RI PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY

RI President's Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this Rotary institute.

For the past 114 years, Rotary has shown that the world can be made better. That all of the good things that sometimes seem to be missing from the world — like service, and fellowship, and diversity, and integrity, and leadership — are still right here in Rotary, waiting for people to embrace them. This is the inspiration that Rotary can be, and is, to our world. And it is the inspiration in which all of us are connected.

Every Rotary institute is an important opportunity to gather in fellowship, to acknowledge our successes, and to discuss how we can continue to grow and change. We come together to share ideas and prepare for the year ahead of us.

Our main focus is to grow Rotary — to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, and, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more. We must all take responsibility for growing our membership base because, as you know, there is no Rotary without its members. We have to go beyond just inviting members, and build a membership that will appeal to a wide array of people from all walks of life who will add value to Rotary. Only with a diverse, vibrant, engaged membership will Rotary be capable of the work our communities need.

I hope that you will leave this institute feeling motivated and inspired, having been given the information and skills you need to accomplish these tasks and to set ambitious goals for the upcoming year.

Connecting people, communities, and nations remains at the heart of who we are and what we do. We must work to ensure that a stronger, thriving, revitalized Rotary will be better able than ever to connect the world for good. Together, we will continue to provide extraordinary service to local and global communities as Rotary Connects the World.

Kindest regards,

MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, 2019-20, Rotary International

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RIPE HOLGER KNAACK, RIPE

Message of the RI President-Elect

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

Manila is one of the most important cities in Rotary history – the home of the first Asian Rotary club, which just celebrated its 100th anniversary, and it was also in the Philippines where Rotary volunteers administered the first drops of the oral polio vaccine.

This institute is a wonderful opportunity for you to continue your proud Rotary tradition and prepare a new generation of leaders. These meetings will help you to get to know each other better and to ensure that you are aligned to achieve our highest goals.

The most important task before us is to grow Rotary. For me, growing Rotary is not about numbers, it is about adaptation and change. It is about making Rotary bigger than the challenges before us. It is about rising to this incredible moment – when we are recognized worldwide for our efforts to End Polio Now – and fixing our roof while the sun is shining.

I am a strong believer in self-reflection, and I know that it can help us grow and thrive. We need to do more than listen and applaud to the messages we receive at Institutes. We need to take action by reaching out to new members, engaging current members, and creating more alternatives for membership for the next generation of Rotarians.

Our new Action Plan is all about the kind of transformation Rotary needs to thrive in the digital age. Over the next five years, this plan will increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. Pay close attention to discussion about the plan, because it will be up to you to make it a success.

Together, we can ensure that the gift of Rotary keeps giving for decades and centuries to come. The world needs Rotary now more than ever. Thank you for your leadership and your friendship.

HOLGER KNAACK
President, 2020-21, Rotary International

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PRIP GARY C. K. HUANG
TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR

TRF Trustee Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As you have seen, Rotary Institutes are a unique opportunity for networking. It's a time when past, current, and future Rotary leaders exchange ideas, share successes and challenges in our zones, and plan for our future.

You saw how The Rotary Foundation and its programs were, without a doubt, the biggest tool we have to change lives. You learned more about our Foundation. I hope you took the message back home to your club and district.

We are closer than we have ever been to eradicating polio from the face of the earth, and Rotary is not wavering in the final stage. Let us not lose sight of our top goal. Work closely with your club, district, and zone teams to fulfill our promise to the world's children. You can help organize World Polio Day events and fundraisers, and spur our efforts in countless other ways.

In projects beyond polio eradication, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to helping us create lasting change. Let's work together to make all of our projects sustainable and measurable, so Rotary's impact continues well into the future. Another way we can increase our impact is by putting our District Designated Funds to work, through district grants, global grants, or PolioPlus. Share the Rotary Foundation Endowment option for Rotarians in your zones who want to leave a legacy through Rotary.

I know that The Rotary Foundation changes lives because I have seen it with my own eyes. And it is Rotary leaders like you who make it all possible by volunteering, leading, and giving. I thank you for your engaged participation in this institute, and for all you do to support our Foundation so that Rotary reaches its full potential of doing good in the world.

Sincerely Yours,

GARY C.K. HUANG
President, 2014-15
Rotary International Chairman,
Board of Trustees
The Rotary Foundation

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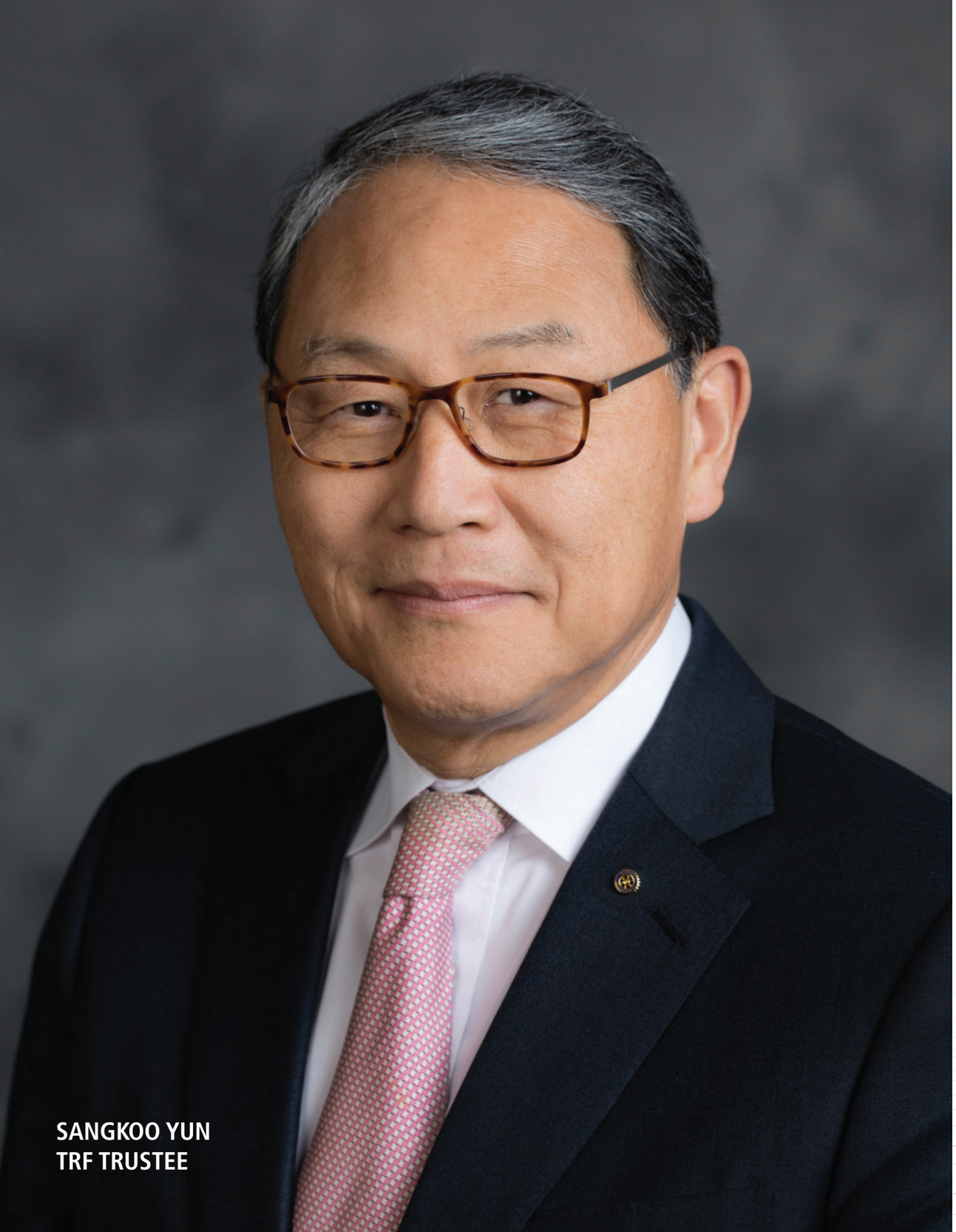

TRF Trustee's Message

Greetings from Seoul, Korea.

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation, Eunsun and I are honored that we were at your Manila Rotary Institute 2019.

Your Institute represented the great Rotarians from Zones 1B, 6, 9, 10A, 10B, 10C who are leading the Rotary world. It is not a coincidence. Without your sustained passion, determination and affection for our beloved organization, it would not have been possible. You are lauded. You are respected. And that comes with joy and responsibility. I am certain that you enjoy what you are able to achieve and willing to take even larger role in the Rotary movement. And Eunsun and I are anxious to confirm with our own eyes and ears.

We were happy to connect with you in a fabulous Institute.

Yours in Service,

SANGKOO YUN
Trustee, 2018-22
The Rotary Foundation

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CARLOS "SONNY" G. DOMINGUEZ III
SECRETARY OF FINANCE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Secretary of Finance's Message

I am sure the Filipino Rotarians responsible for organizing this event did their best to showcase the hospitality for which our people are known.

You came to the Philippines at a most opportune time. The economy has recovered its bearings. In the face of the expected slowdown in global economic growth, our economy has demonstrated resilience and sustained its trajectory of high growth.

Over the past three years of the Duterte administration, we spared no effort in preparing our economy for rapid inclusive development. We have maintained the highest standards of fiscal discipline, reformed our tax system, reduced our debt service load, increased our foreign currency reserves, and managed the fiscal deficit.

We also enacted new laws that will improve the ease of doing business in the country, improve the efficiency of our financial system, and open up the economy further by liberalizing market. We likewise accelerated our spending program on infrastructure modernization and our people, two areas of investment that will provide the highest returns in the short-run and prove beneficial well into the future.

All these efforts have borne fruit. The Philippines today is one of the fastest growing economies in the most dynamic region in the world. Our credit rating has been upgraded to BBB+ and we are expected to achieve upper middleincome economy status next year, ahead of schedule.

I understand many of the participants in this event are businessmen from many countries. It could serve you well to look closely at our economic performance and discover areas for partnership and investments.

The Rotary Club is known for its deep commitment to social service. Many of our communities have benefited greatly from projects undertaken by the Rotary Club. We look forward to many more partnerships in the years to come.

CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ
Secretary of Finance
Republic of the Philippines

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Pasay City Mayor's Message

Warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the Rotary Institute for Rotarians Across Asia and the Pacific for the holding of your annual gathering in Pasay City.

We welcome you most graciously and hope that you had the time to enjoy the various tourism and entertainment options in our City.

As an international service organization, you have successfully brought together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Rotary has become synonymous with service. Your progressive, dynamic and transformative leadership has changed the lives of millions for the better all over the world.

The City of Pasay will always welcome you and be supportive of Rotary International's endeavors and initiatives.

HON. IMELDA CALIXTO-RUBIANO
Mayor, Pasay City



PRIVP MICHAEL MCGOVERN
RI CHAIRMAN, POLIOPLUS COMMITTEE

RI Chairman, PolioPlus Committee's Message

Dear Rotarians and Guests:

It was about 25 years ago that I first visited your area attending the Rotary Convention in Taipei. It was fascinating to visit the exhibit on 75 years of Rotary in Asia and to have an opportunity to meet so many Rotarians who over the years since then have become good friends.

This zone covers the Philippines where Rotary first began to eradicate polio and Afghanistan and Pakistan where I pray we will see the last cases soon. The energy and devotion to Rotary and to polio eradication I see each time I visit is inspiring. There is no area in the world where there is more passion to get the job done of ending polio.

I thank Director Raffy Garcia for inviting me to join you in a wonderful Institute.

Warm regards,

MIKE MCGOVERN
Chairman, PolioPlus Committee
Rotary International



PRID RAFAEL HECHANOVA

Past RI Director's Message

Fellow Rotarians, Spouses and Guests –

Many years ago, these Rotary Institutes had for its purpose, the discussion of policies initiated by the Board of Directors. In recent years, in addition, it has become the training of future Rotary leaders and in effect has taken the place of Regional Conventions.

I am happy that many Rotarians registered and participated in the Workshops and in the other Rotary activities. Our appreciation of membership in Rotary will be enhanced as our knowledge of Rotary Information will strengthen our passion of doing good in the world and to render service with love as LOVE FOR OTHERS IS WHAT ROTARY IS. In addition, the opportunity for fellowship with other Rotarians was always there.

I join our other Rotary leaders in welcoming the public or certain sectors of it to be invited to attend our meetings, the Institutes, the District Conferences and our Conventions. It is imperative that they know what we are doing. How can they if they are not invited.

RAFAEL "PAING" G. HECHANOVA SR.
Director, RY 1996-1998
Rotary International

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PRID GUILLER TUMANGAN

Past RI Director's Message

My RI President of 2-0-0-0 Carlo Ravizza posed a tough challenge: "you will be the first Governors of the New Millennium, but not only the first, you must also be the best." He knew that it could not accomplish this task in one year, so he taught us "Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity."

I am grateful to Rotary for publishing the book "Rotary Presidents: Themes and Visions". The organizational wisdom in this book has helped me give less of my ego and more of the Rotary spirit from Rotarians worldwide, as if Rotary was born eons ago. It changed my concept of time. In one year of service, Rotarians get lots of things done. May these few days together yield a bountiful harvest of ideas, inspirations, and wisdom from the Institute resource persons.

James Bomar, Jr. in 1979 invited his governors to be torchbearers – to imagine planting a sapling of service, and nurturing it, and at the sight of the first bud theory of dreaming of a shady tree.

Did his governors that year think that the their TRF contributions and first drop of polio vaccine would combat an ever escalating disease that will place Rotary at the center of a global fight to eradicate it, influencing business and government leaders to pour in resources and having women working side by side with Rotarians in perilous areas to find the last child with polio?

Our pride and icon M.A.T Caparas in his address to his Governors: "Let us invite the world to join us in our quest, through Rotary, for children without polio; for food for all people; for life worth living; for world at peace. In our year, and in all the years to come, let us say it because it is true: Rotary Brings Hope!

Harold Thomas, in 1959 reminded us that "The early success of Rotary came from building bridges of friendship in vocational, club and community service". I hope that with each institute we attend, the bridges of international service will be galvanized by deeply-rooted friendships and personal visions of a world at peace.

GUILLER E. TUMANGAN
Director, RY 2014-2016
Rotary International

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CHAPTER 1
PEOPLE OF ACTION

The Host Organizing Committee led by Convenor RI Director Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III and Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia preside over a general membership meeting, one of several held during the year-long preparation for the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute, held at the Manila Marriott Hotel.

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What is a Rotary Zone Institute?

Rotary members believe that they have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues, which Rotary has classified into six areas of focus, to: 1) promote peace, 2) fight disease, 3) provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, 4) save mothers and children, 5) support education and 6) grow local economies.

Each year, past, present, and incoming RI and district and leaders attend Rotary Zone institutes to update and share information, build connections, and exchange ideas about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, the repository of donations for service projects by Rotarians and their friends which funds are used to finance service projects around the world through grants.



ZONE 1 Section B:
Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan: 3271, 3272, 3281, 3282, 3410, 3420

ZONE 9:
China, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, Taiwan: *52, 3450, 3461, 3462, 3470, 3481, 3482, 3490, 3501, 3502, 3510, 3521, 3522, 3523

ZONE 10:
Section A: Philippines 3770, 3780, 3790, 3800, 3810, 3820, 3830, 3850, 3860, 3870
Section B: Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360
Section C: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore 3300, 3310



The Zone Institute program is divided into 3 parts: 1) Training of future District leaders; 2) Presentation of various updates and forecasts followed by interactive discussions and sharing of best practices, handled by world class Rotary experts and finally; 3) Cultural immersion and fellowship.

The 2019 Manila Rotary Institute is one such zone institute, envisioned to be an enjoyable and educational event. The institute also holds numerous adjunct events such as the Governors-Elect Training Seminar (GETS), the Governors Nominee Training Semina (GNTS), the District Team Training Seminar for district trainers (DTTS), the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar (RRFS), and the Spouses' Program.

Contributed by ***Past District Secretary Jesse Tanchanco, D3780, Deputy Vice Chair for Proceedings, Member, Editorial Board***

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When he started his year of service, Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney explained his theme, *Rotary Connects the World*.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

He says, "(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help."

"Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal," he added. "In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all."

“Connect” is a strong action word, which means “to join, link, unite, or bind.”

In an increasingly digital global environment, interesting ideas can leap in from anywhere. In Rotary, there is much value in breaking through the silos of district-only or country-only or zone-only ideas. It is so easy to connect beyond the boundaries of our districts, beyond our zones, beyond our countries. The value of these connections is not about the number of people we know, but about the depth, sincerity, and authenticity of the connections that we build and sustain, about valuing and nurturing the free flow of ideas between ourselves, about sharing the same goals of improving humanity, and about strengthening the public image of Rotary.

Beyond connection is another action word, “collaborate,” which means “to work with one another for a special purpose.” Collaboration leads to the formation of teams, of groups of interdependent individuals who choose to work together to achieve a common goal. Rotary’s unique structure allows its members to create cross-cultural teams of individuals beyond geographical borders. Despite our cultural differences, Rotarians have a common understanding that we need to work together to improve this world in the best way we can.

To bring our connections and intent to collaborate towards tangible results, is the need to “create,” or to make something new that did not exist before, or to cause a new situation. Rotary was the dream of one man in 1905, Paul Harris. It was a dream that came true by connecting and collaborating with a few friends. Today the movement he created has 1.2 million members around the world. The Rotary Foundation started with a dream of Arch Klumph in 1917, to create an endowment fund “to do good in the world”. It started with US26.50. TRF has since awarded more than US$4 billion in grants to improve the world.

Rotarians create new situations as they build schools and install deep wells where none existed before. Rotarians create new lives by providing livelihood opportunities.

Today that online exchange can be seamless, without the restrictions of distance and time, we need only to keep an open mind, to be in both “send” and “receive” modes to be able to connect, collaborate, and create, and make this world – our world – a better place.

Past District Governor
Sue Sta. Maria
Editor-in-Chief, Coffeetable Book (Online & Print Versions)
Institute Vice Chairman for Proceedings, Publications and Secretariat





Convenor RI Director Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III and Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia preside over one of several general membership meetings of the Host Organizing Committee, as Vice Chair for Proceedings, Publications and Secretariat PDG Sue Sta. Maria (seated) reviews information for presentation. Behind is PDG Benigno Emilio "Pichoy" Ramirez, Vice Chair for Online Registration.

People of Action

The success of 2019 MARI depended on efficient organization, extensive planning, and bringing a total of 23 great teams together in one well-coordinated event. In the end, the Institute was attended by an unprecedented number of attendees never before seen in a zone institute anywhere around the world.

Despite the unprecedented number of attendees, there was no queue in the Secretariat Room where the kits were claimed. Delegates even stopped by to relax and have coffee. The pre-institute activities were carried out, with attendance better than expected. The pre-training seminars left distinct memories with the future governors. Even the spouses were treated to enriching encounters. Geared to be an information-packed conference, the institute's schedules were tightly packed, softened by efficiently managed sumptuous buffet meals and great evening events. The stage was a sight to behold. The breakout sessions and the PolioPlus commemorative program glided by smoothly. Daily online newsletters were published on time.

Change of Chairmanship and Organization

Preparations for the 2019 MARI started more than one full year in advance with Convenor RI Director (RID) **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III** and Past District Governor (PDG) **Robert Kuan** at the helm. Unfortunately, PDG Robert Kuan's health caught up with him. The Philippine Rotary world was shattered, but as they say in theater circles, the show must go on.

Convenor RID Raffy Garcia appointed PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** to take over the chairmanship. It was an easy choice. PDG Sid Garcia chaired the 2016 Presidential Conference in Manila, a successful international event convened by Past RID **Guiller Tumangan**, with about 1,000 in attendance.

Convenor RID **Raffy Garcia** and Chair PDG **Sid Garcia** immediately set to work. The first task was to establish the organizational structure that would create the institute, and make it happen. They organized 21 local committees, consisting of: 1) the Executive Committee composed of most of the committee chairs, 2) Online Registration, 3) Events Management, 4) Pre-Institute Training Seminars, 5) Attendance and Promotions, 6) Secretariat, Proceedings and Publications, 7) House of Friendship, Project Fair and Holiday Bazaar, 8) Institute Program Development, 9) Ways and Means, 10) Publicity and Communications, 11) Dignitaries and Aides, 12) Gala Night, 13) Cultural Night, 14) Logistics, Venue and Meals, 15) Partners Program, 16) Airport Reception and Transfers, 17) Hotel Reservations, 18) PolioPlus Commemorative Program, 19) Pre-Institute Activities (the Golf Tournament and Mountain Trek), 20) Sergeant-at-Arms/Security, and 21) Medical and Health.



Institute Chair PDG Sid Garcia makes a point as Vice Chair for Program PDG Danny Fausto listens and Institute Treasurer Connie Beltran takes notes.

In addition, two international committees were created: 1) Country Coordinators who took care of coordinating operational and administrative matters with their respective countrymen, and 2) Attendance and Promotions.

In total, the Convenor and the Chair managed 23 committees.

Meetings

The African proverb, “it takes a village,” applies in achieving just about any significant endeavor – and 2019 MARI was no exception.

Amidst his travels and responsibilities as RI Director, Convenor RID Raffy Garcia, joined by Chair PDG Sid Garcia, presided over international meetings and ocular inspections of the Marriott Grand Ballroom with the Execom, the Country Coordinators and the foreign Attendance and Promotions Coordinators who flew to Manila for these events.



A much bigger function room had to be used for a general membership meeting of the Host Organizing Committee to include the foreign members, assigned as Country Coordinators and/or Marketing Committee members.



Members of the Host Organizing Committee from the different countries belt out songs in a fellowship after one of the meetings.







Both the Convenor and the Chair busied themselves raising the funds – and contributing immensely to the coffers – that would oil the Institute machinery.

From 2018 through 2019 until the month of the Institute, countless meetings were conducted by Chair PDG Sid Garcia with the 21 Philippine committees, each held separately from the rest to ensure full focus on the respective areas of responsibilities. In between, general membership meetings were held to keep all the committees updated of each other's activities and ensure close coordination between them.

The three-day-conference soon happened – and just as soon, it ended. In the afternoon of December 1, 2019, the doors to the Marriott Grand Ballroom closed. The numerous rows of buffet tables were taken out. The hotel crew went back to their regular posts. The attendees returned to their home countries.



The organizers feel that the overwhelming positive comments indicated that the Institute was a success. If there was any aspect that may have needed some change, it was the tightly packed sessions that necessitated a few schedule overflows, which at the end, nevertheless ended the day on time.

The full year spent by the 23 committees and their members – People of Action – in hectic preparations, communication, coordination and meetings, were rewarding.

SALAMUCH!

Salamuch, salamuch, salamuch!

The first known use of a mash-up word was in 1896, more technically called a “portmanteau” (*portmanteau* once meant *suitcase*, in which one stuffs several items in one valise or luggage) – literally, it means combining two words into one. An example of a famous mash-up word, or portmanteau, is “brunch” (breakfast + lunch).

The **2019 Manila Rotary Institute** adapted a *mash-up* word, or *portmanteau*: “SALAMUCH” to mark the gratitude of the organizers to the many committee members. It is a mash-up of the words “salamat” (a Tagalog word meaning, “thank you”) and “much” (meaning, a large amount).

Filled with gratitude, the Convenor and the Chair deemed it fitting to celebrate the success of the Institute. A thanksgiving party was quickly in the works after the 2019 Christmas and New Year holidays.

On February 5, 2020, the 2019 MARI Salamuch Thanksgiving Program took place at the Dusit Thani Makati attended by the members of the institute’s various committees.













A Catholic mass was celebrated by **Father Tito Calauag**. The attendees then moved to the ballroom, where a buffet dinner was spread. A short program ensued. PDG **Chit Lijauco**, chair of the event, welcomed the attendees. Emcees PDG **Sue Sta. Maria** and PDG **Oyan Villanueva** set the pace. Convenor RID **Raffy Garcia** and Chair PDG **Sid Garcia** expressed their gratitude in their speeches.

Convenor RID Raffy Garcia and Chair PDG Sid Garcia were caught off guard—and pleasantly surprised—when a video compilation of their "bloopers" (fumbles and funny moments) were played. The room was filled with laughter, probably a collective expression of relief that the institute ended well. Then it was time for the "roasting" (similar to a lampoon) of Convenor RID Raffy Gracia and Chair PDG Sid Garcia who gamely laughed with the audience. The irreverent roasting was led by PDG **Oyan Villanueva**, CP **Maricris Lim-Pineda**, and PDG **Sam Pagdilao**.

The wine and whiskey added to the lively singing and dancing after the program—lots and lots of it. The spirit of SALAMUCH filled the air.

Job well done, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute! And to the People of Action who made it happen – all 23 committees including the Country Coordinators and the Attendance and Promotions committee members from abroad – salamuch, salamuch, salamuch!!



JOB WELL DONE!

SALAMUCH!

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	District	
RI Director Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia	3800	**Institute Convenor**

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PDG Edna R. Sutter	3830	Institute Vice Chairman, Institute Events Management and Chair, Cultural Night
PDG Ernesto "Ernie" Choa	3810	Institute Vice Chairman, Pre Institute Trainings
PDG Rolando "Oyan" Villanueva	3790	Institute Vice Chairman, Attendance and Promotions
PDG Suzanne "Sue" Sta. Maria	3830	Institute Vice Chairman, Secretariat, Proceedings and Publications
PDG Samuel "Sam" Pagdilao	3780	Institute Vice Chairman, House of Friendship, Project Fair and Holiday Bazaar
PDG Danilo "Danny" Fausto	3780	Institute Co-Vice Chairman, Institute Program Development
PDG Jesus Francisco "Jess" Cifra	3780	Institute Co-Vice Chairman, Institute Program Development
PDG Rafael "Butch" Francisco	3830	Institute Vice Chairman, Ways & Means
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CP Maricris Lim-Pineda	3830	Institute Vice Chairman, Logistics, Venue and Meals

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PP Domilo "Milo" Lucenario	3780	Program Monitoring

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PP Elvira "Elvie" Gan	3810	Segment Coordinator, Day 1
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PP Angelina " Angie" Mauricio	3810	Segment Coordinator, Day 1
PP Imelda "Mel" Sietereales	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
CP Elvira "Elvie" Quiazon	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
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PP Edith Bernardo	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
PP Bea Tan	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
PP Matt Pituc	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
Rtn. Michelle "Mico" Reyes	3830	Segment Coordinator, Cultural Night
PP Ma. Perpetual "Peth" Rivera	3780	Segment Coordinator, 1st Plenary Session, Day 2
PP Ma. Veritas "Tawie" Luna	3780	Segment Coordinator, 2nd Plenary Session, Day 2
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DGN Edgardo "Ed" Ayento	3780	Segment Coordinator, Breakout Sessions
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PDG Pastor Marcelo "Mar" Reyes	3780	Segment Coordinator, Breakout Sessions
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PDG Angelito Colona	3830	Dignitaries' Aide
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PDG Rufino "Penny" Policarpio & Spouse Joan	3780	Dignitaries' Aide
PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" San Felipe	3800	Dignitaries' Aide
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PDG Spouse Celene Choa	3810	Deputy Vice Chairman
CP Teresita "Tess" Tumangan	3810	Member
PDG Spouse Malen Ong	3800	Member
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Past President Adriel Bersola	3810	Terminal 2 Transfers
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Rotarian Tzarie Guingcangco	3810	Terminal 2 Transfers
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Past President Romy Chua	3810	Terminal 3 Transfers
President-Elect Brilliant Chua	3810	Terminal 3 Transfers

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CP Mache Torres - Ackerman	3830	Institute Co-Vice Chairman, Hotel Reservations

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President Bimbo Mills	3830	Member
Past President Tony Lopez	3830	Member
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Rotarian Chris Ferareza	3830	Member
Rotarian Ric Gindap	3830	Member
Tess Dumana	3830	Member

House Of Friendship, Project Fair and Christmas Bazaar

PDG Samuel "Sam" Pagdilao	3780	Institute Vice Chairman
CP Catalina "Lina" Hilario	3830	Deputy Vice Chairman
PP Lilibeth De La Cruz	3830	Member
PP Paul Jay "Jay" Estrebillo	3820	Member

Country Coordinators

RIDE Surgeon Liu Chi Tien	3500	Country Chair - Taiwan
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PDG Pervez Ahsan Khan	3272	Country Chair - Pakistan
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PDG Leslie Salehuddin	3300	Country Chair - Malaysia
PDG Chew Ghim Bok JP	3310	Country Chair - Malaysia / Singapore / Brunei

Attendance and Promotions - Philippines

PDG Rolando "Oyan" Villanueva	3790	Institute Vice Chairman
PDG Mary Anne "Me'anne" Alcordo - Solomon	3860	Deputy Vice Chairman
PDG Rodolfo San Felipe	3800	Deputy Vice Chairman
PDG Efren Martinez	3770	District Coordinator
PDG Nestor Borromeo	3780	District Coordinator
PDG Digna Ragasa	3790	District Coordinator
DGN Tonipi Parungao	3800	District Coordinator
PDG Emmanuel Cosico	3810	District Coordinator
PDG Medardo Igualada	3820	District Coordinator
PDG Jose Bengzon III	3830	District Coordinator
PDG Mark Anthony Ortiz	3850	District Coordinator
DG Benjamin Garcia	3860	District Coordinator
PDG Samuel Fontanilla	3870	District Coordinator

Attendance And Promotions - Other Countries

PDG Tseng Chiu Lien (William)	3510	Country/District Coordinator - Taiwan
PDG SAM Showket Hossain	3281	Country/District Coordinator - Bangladesh
PDG Mir "Anis" Anisuzzaman	3282	Country/District Coordinator - Bangladesh
DGE Farhan Essa Abdullah	3271	Country/District Coordinator - Pakistan
DGN Tazeem Ahmad Kamboh	3272	Country/District Coordinator - Pakistan
PDG Thomas Aquinas, PDG Rodolfo Baltamer, and PDG Achmad Mufid Wahyudi	3410 & 3420	Country/District Coordinator - Indonesia
PDG Eugene Yick Jin Fong	3450	Country/District Coordinator - Hong Kong/ Macau/ Mongolia
PDG Orachorn Saisrithong	3330	Country/District Coordinator - Thailand (D-33330/D-3340)
PDG Chairat Prasertlum	3350	Country/District Coordinator - Thailand (D-3350/D-3360)
PDG Siti Subaidah	3300	Country/District Coordinator - Malaysia/ Brunei
DGN Rajamohan Munisamy	3310	Country/District Coordinator - Singapore

Logistics, Venue and Meals

Charter President Maricris Lim-Pineda	3830	Institute Vice Chairman
Charter President Elvie Quiazon	3830	Member
Charter President Nene Callanga	3830	Member
Charter President Jeannette Mendoza	3830	Member
Charter President Arlene Dias	3830	Member
Charter President Doc Tony Pobre	3830	Member
Past President Rachel Ocampo	3830	Member
Past President Bea Tan	3830	Member
Past President Rafael Lim	3830	Member
Past President Matt Pituc	3830	Member
Past President Winston Yang	3830	Member
Past President Liza Gervacio	3830	Member
President Reggie Gervacio	3830	Member
Rotarian Celyn Sta Ana	3830	Member
Rotarian Ericka Chung	3830	Member
Rotarian Teresita Calixto-Robles	3830	Member

Pre-Institute Activities

PDG Angelito "Lito" Colona	3830	Golf Fellowship
PP Conrado "Junjun" Dayrit	3830	Manila City Tour
President Eduardo "Ed" Jarcia, RC Makati Magilas	3830	Fun Trek to Mt. Pinatubo

Sergeant-At-Arms

PP Philip Lee	3830	Team Head

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COMMENTS

“EXCELLENT. THE BEST ROTARY INSTITUTE I HAVE EVER ATTENDED!”

PDG LEONARDO RAPHAEL M. TAYCO, JR. (D3850, PHILIPPINES)

“CONGRATULATIONS! I AGREE WITH THE MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED. INDEED THE 2019 MARI WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE WAY THE THREE-DAY-EVENT WAS ORGANIZED, PLANNED AND EXECUTED WAS VERY, VERY GOOD! THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. ”

PP LUZ N. COTOCO (D3800, PHILIPPINES)

“Awesome event.”

FARHAN ESSA ABDULLAH, PHD (D3271, PAKISTAN)

“Excellent. It’s a memorable Institute for me.”

IMTIAZ SAJU (D3281, BANGLADESH)

“Excellent.
Well prepared venues. Registration was well organized. I wish to express my personal gratitude to you and to the entire team for the kind assistance that you and your team extended to me and to my club.
More power. Congratulations!”

DGE DINDO O. BERINO (D3770, PHILIPPINES)

This is the best Zone Institute in terms of logistical arrangements.

DG ADOR TOLENTINO
(D3830, PHILIPPINES)

"I have been attending conventions on a regular basis and this one is so far, so good. I have been enjoying the speeches of the organizers who are very relaxed and cool. The opening ceremonies was good. Very well-organized. The programs are well planned and the topics are relevant."

PDG YOLY WYCOCO
(D3770, PHILIPPINES)

"MANILA ZONE INSTITUTE SHOWS ROTARY AT ITS BEST! IT IS ALSO A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES AT ITS BEST!"

PDG MARIQUIT "KIT" REVENTAR
(D3820, PHILIPPINES)

"Congratulations to all!"

PDG DARWIN IGUALADA
(D3820, PHILIPPINES)

"MANAGING 2,000 PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH A HUGE GATHERING, EVERYTHING WAS SO FANTASTICALLY COORDINATED AND ORGANIZED ... EVERYONE FROM THE ORGANIZING HOST WAS SO CORDIAL AND COURTEOUS. EVERY NEED WAS SO FINELY MET ... ALWAYS WITH A SMILE. LOVED EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR MARI."

DR FARHANA AHMED
(D3281, BANGLADESH)

“The Cultural Night was much fun because we caught a glimpse of the cultures of other countries. It was also refreshing to see our Rotarian friends gamely participate. The House of Friendship could be likened to that of Rotary International’s. This is the first time that we saw something of that kind in a Zone Institute. The topics are very relevant, especially the talk of McGovern on polio which was very informative ... The buffet meals were very good!”

PP ASIAM CHRISTI AND
PP SAJID BASEER SHAIKH, RETIRED COLONEL
(D3272, PAKISTAN)

Excellent Institute!

DGE ERIK CHAK
(D3450, HONG KONG)

“I APPRECIATE THE TECHNICAL PROVIDER FOR PROVIDING EXCELLENT SUPPORT. THE SOUND WAS CLEAR EVEN AT THE BACK.”

ROBERTO ANTONIO F. ROSADIA
(D3800, PHILIPPINES)

Thanks for organizing an excellent institute.

MAHMUDUL HASAN
(D3281, BANGLADESH)

“EXCELLENT. IT WAS EASY TO CLAIM MY KIT ON THE FIRST DAY IT WAS AVAILABLE. THE FOOD WAS VARIED AND TASTY AND THE AMOUNT WAS GENEROUS. THERE WERE ADEQUATE FOOD STATIONS THAT HANDLED THE VOLUME OF PARTICIPANTS.”

ROIDEMER VECIDA
(D3820, PHILIPPINES)

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND HISTORICAL. THE CULTURAL SHOW WAS GREAT AND THE LECTURERS PROVIDED US A LOT OF INSIGHTS AND LEARNINGS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND STAFF. GREAT!!!

FEDELINO MALBAS JR.
(D3810, PHILIPPINES)

"Wonderful event management. Warm reception at the Secretariat room. Very informative press conference at the House of Friendship. Grand presentation of cultural show. Inspirational speakers especially the (AKS) donors recognition. I love the End Polio footage in Makati. All organized and smooth."

APRIL_73UL@YAHOO.CO.UK
(D3850, PHILIPPINES)

"Thank you for doing good for Rotary, and thank you for taking good care of us."

MOMIN AHMED RONY
(D3282, BANGLADESH)

"It was a great Institute."

PDG DR RAJINDAR SINGH (D3300, MALAYSIA)

"Overall institute was a well-planned event. I enjoyed my days in Manila. Hopefully I will join again if any major event will be arranged in Philippines.

Great Job, Team Manila."

SHAHAB RAZA KHATEEB
(D3271, PAKISTAN)

"Thanks for making us proud."

PDG JOSIE ANG
(D3810, PHILIPPINES)

"I LEARNED A LOT THROUGH THE VERY INFORMATIVE AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS. THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. IT WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE PROGRAM COUPLED WITH FASCINATING GATHERING. METICULOUSLY PLANNED LUCRATIVE MEALS."

IMTIAZ AHMED
(D3281, BANGLADESH)

“THE PRESENTATIONS ON TRF WAS ILLUMINATING. THE PROJECT FAIR WAS VERY WELL DONE WITH VERY GOOD PARTICIPATION. OVERALL A WELL-BALANCED PROGRAM. INNOVATIVE INCLUSION OF ROTARACTORS AT THE WORKSHOPS IS CERTAINLY WELCOMED.”

LESLIE SALEHUDDIN
(D3300, MALAYSIA)

Excellent. Well organized, excellent food, enough buffet tables to avoid long queue, perfect kit, very good speakers.

DANTE G BOLUSAN
(D3790, PHILIPPINES)

“WELL DONE! CONGRATULATIONS. VERY ORGANIZED REGISTRATION. THE NEWSLETTER ON THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS EXCELLENT, A PRODUCT OF HARD WORK.”

REBECCA DELA CRUZ
(D3780, PHILIPPINES)

“The onsite registration was a breeze.”

MICHAEL YEE
(D3310, SINGAPORE)

“Excellent.”

LUZVIMINDA TREMBLAY (D3820, PHILIPPINES)
DR. MA.VERITAS F. LUNA (D3780, PHILIPPINES)
ROZIANA WIGUNA (D3410, INDONESIA)
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CHAPTER 2
PROGRAM

ROTARY INSTITUTE 2019

MANILA

2019 MANILA ROTARY INSTITUTE

NOVEMBER 29 – DEC 1, 2019
MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM
RESORTS WORLD MANILA, PASAY CITY

PART 1: PRE-INSTITUTE TRAINING SEMINARS

Institute Vice-Chair / General Trainer: PDG Ernesto "Ernie" Choa, D3810

GETS Training Team Refresher Course November 26, 2019 | 3PM to 5PM Venue: Executive West Room 5	**Governors-Elect Training Seminar (GETS)** November 27-28, 2019 | 9AM to 5PM Ceremonial Hall (Opening) Executive East Room 8 & 10 (Break out) Diplomatic Hall (Graduation)
Head Training Leader: **PDG Pauline Leung, D3521**	Head Training Leader: **PDG Pauline Leung, D3521**
Governors-Elect Partners Training Seminar November 27-28, 2019 | 9AM to 5PM Venue: Ceremonial Hall (Opening) Executive East Room 8 & 10 (Break out) Diplomatic Hall (Graduation)	**GNTS Training Team Refresher Course** November 27, 2019 | 3PM to 5PM Venue: Executive West Room 5
Head Training Leader: **Spouse Minda Garcia**	Head Training Leader: **PDG Ada Yiu Cheung Cheng, D3450**

DTTS Training Team Refresher Course November 27, 2019 | 1PM to 3PM Venue: Executive West Room 5	**Governors-Nominee Training Seminar (GNTS)** November 28, 2019 | 9AM to 5PM Venue: Executive East Room 8 & 10
Head Training Leader: **PDG Rajindar Singh, D3300**	Head Training Leader: **PDG Ada Yiu Cheung Cheng, D3450**
District Trainers Training Seminar (DTTS) November 28, 2019 | 9AM to 5PM Venue: Executive West Room 5	**Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar (RRFS)** November 29, 2019 | 9AM to 12 Noon Venue: Diplomatic Hall (Opening)
Head Training Leader: **PDG Rajindar Singh, D3300**	Head Training Leader: **PDG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon, Jr., D3800, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)**

Mental Health Transformation November 29, 2019 | 10:30 to 11:30AM Venue: House of Friendship / Project Fair area Presented by D3271 Pakistan	**Major Donor Lunch** November 29, 2019 | 12 Noon to 2PM Venue: Diplomatic Hall
In Charge: **Dr Imran Yusof Muhammad**	In Charge: **PDG Rafael "Paeng" Ng Tantuco, Sr., D3820**

PART 2: PRE-INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

November 27, 2019	**Manila Rotary Institute Golf Fellowship at Villamor Air Base Golf Course** Tee off time 8:00 am. Organized by PRGF - Philippine Rotary Friendship & Golf Fellowship Organizing Chairman: **PDG Angelito "Lito" E. Colona, D3830**
November 28 - December 1, 2019 9AM to 10PM except on December 1 which only up to 4PM	**Christmas Bazaar, House of Friendship and Project Fair** Formal opening on November 29, 2019 at 10AM In Charge: **PDG Samuel "Sammy" P. Pagdilao, D3780**
November 28, 2019	**Mt. Pinatubo Fun Trek** *Blaze the breath-taking views of Mt. Pinatubo's rivers-and-valleys-filled trail before reaching the most beautiful crater lake summit ever created by a catastrophic volcanic eruption.* In Charge: **Rotary Club of Makati Magilas, D3830**
November 28, 2019	**City Tour** *Tour Highlights: Rizal Park, Fort Santiago, Baluarte de San Diego, National Museum, Buffet Lunch, Free time at the SM Mall of Asia* *Duration: 7 Hours and 30 minutes, Pick up at 8AM* In Charge: **PP Conrado "JunJun" M. Dayrit III, D3830**

PART 3: INSTITUTE PROPER

Day 1: Friday, 29 November 2019

Venue: Plenary Hall, Grand Ballroom
Attire for the day: National Costume
Deputy Vice Chair for Institute Events Management, Day 1:
PDG Ernesto "Ernest" D. Yuyek, D3810

OPENING CEREMONY

Segment Coordinators: PP William Uy, PP Angelina "Angie" Mauricio, PP James Tan, PP Elvira "Elvie" Gan & PP Eva Dulay, D3810

2:00PM	Arrival of Guests
3:00	Cocktails
3:45	Entry of Delegates / Assembly of Dignitaries
4:00	Procession of Dignitaries
4:20	Opening Entertainment number
4:40	Call to Order **RIPE Holger Knaack** *RI President-Elect, RY 2020-2021* **PRID Sangkoo Yun** *TRF Trustee* **RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute* **PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830** *Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
4:43	Invocation **Susanne Knaack** *Spouse of RIPE Holger Knaack*
4:46	Entry of Colors (Country Flags & Rotary Flags) National Anthems (Philippines , Germany, South Korea, & Taiwan)
5:18	Welcome Remarks **PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830** *Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
5:25	Recognition of Dignitaries **PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780** *Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*

5:35	Roll Call of Participants by Countries **PDG Rolando "Oyan" V. Villanueva, D3790** *Institute Vice Chairman, Institute Attendance and Promotions*
5:45	Introduction of the Convenor **PDG Jose Francisco "Jess" Q. Cifra, D3780** *Institute Co-Vice Chairman, Institute Program Development*
5:48	Opening Remarks **RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
5:58	Welcome Message **Hon. Imelda Calixto Rubiano** *Mayor, City of Pasay*
6:05	Vote of Thanks **PDG Raul E. Peralta, D3790** *Chairman, Philippine College of Rotary Governors*
6:08	Presentation of Token of Appreciation **RID Rafael Garcia & spouse Minda and PDG Isidro Garcia & spouse Teresita**
6:10	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker **PDG Benigno Emilio "Pichoy" P. Ramirez, D3770** *Institute Vice Chairman, Institute Online Registration*
6:13	Keynote Address Future of Rotary **RIPE Holger Knaack** *RI President-Elect, RY 2020-2021*
6:33	Vote of Thanks **PRID Rafael "Paing" G. Hechanova Sr., D3830**
6:36	Presentation of Token of Appreciation **RID Rafael Garcia & spouse Minda and PDG Isidro Garcia & spouse Teresita**
6:38	Announcements **PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780** *Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
6:40	Adjournment **RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*

CULTURAL NIGHT

Segment Coordinators: PP Imelda "Mel" Sietereales, CP Elvira "Elvie" Quiazon, PP Edith Bernardo, CP Simeona "Nene" Callanga, CP Arlene Dias, PP Bea Tan, PP Matt Pituc, Rtn. Michelle "Mico" Reyes, D3830

6:41 Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

6:42 Entertainment Number: D3820 – Philippines
In Charge: **DG Everett "Evett" Uy Olivan & spouse Maryselle**

6:47 Welcome Remarks
PDG Edna R. Sutter, D3830
Vice-Chair, Institute Events Management
Chairman, Cultural Night

6:52 Dinner

7:32 Introduction of Guest Speaker
DG Bernadette "BH" Hererra, D3780

7:37 Keynote Speech
Hon. Carlos "Sonny" G. Dominguez III
Secretary, Department of Finance
Republic of the Philippines

7:57 Vote of Thanks to Guest Speaker
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

7:59 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia & spouse Minda and PDG Isidro Garcia & spouse Teresita

8:01 Toast to the Philippines and Rotary International
PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830
Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:04 Announcement
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780
Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:09 **Cultural Presentations: International Night**
Cultural Presentation from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Taiwan, and Thailand

9:30 Adjournment
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

Day 2: Saturday, 30 November 2019

Venue: Plenary Hall, Grand Ballroom
Deputy Vice Chairs for Institute Events Management, Day 2:
PDG Dwight Hilarion "Dwight" M. Ramos, D3780, PDG George V. Bunuan, D3770, and PDG Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco, D3820

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Attire: Business Segment
Coordinator: PP Perpetual "Peth" Rivera, D3780

8:00 Community Singing
In Charge: **PDG Samuel "Sammy" P. Pagdilao, D3780**

8:30 Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:32 Ecumenical Invocation (AVP)

8:35 Opening Remarks
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:38 Introduction of Speaker
RRFC Tseng Chiu Lien "William", D3510

8:41 The Rotary Foundation Update
PRID Sangkoo Yun, TRF Trustee

8:56 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

8:58 Introduction of Speaker
PDG Corina T. Bautista, D3770

9:01 Rotary's Strategic Plan
RID Stephanie A. Urchick, D7330

9:18 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

9:20 Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
DGE Rajamohan Munisami, D3310

9:23 The Impact of Rotaract
RIPE Holger Knaack
RI President-Elect, RY 2020-2021

9:38 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

9:40 **POLIO PROGRAM**
Segment Coordinator: **PDG Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Solomon**, Philippines Zone Coordinator, End Polio Now Committee

Part 1: The History of the Polio Eradication Program
9:40: **PRID Rafael "Paing" G. Hechanova Sr., D3830**
Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

9:50: **PDG Oscar "Oskie" C. de Venecia, D3830**
Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

10:00: **PDG Aziz Memon, D3271 - Polio Update in Pakistan**
Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

10:10: **Dr. Huong Thi Giang Tran, Director**, Division of Programmes for Disease Control, World Health Organization – The Global Situation
Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

10:28: **Part 2: The Polio End Game**
PRIVP Michael K. McGovern, RI Chairman, Polio Plus Committee
10:38: Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia
10:40: **Part 3: Awarding of Polio Plus Pioneer Awardees:**
1. **PDG Antonio "Jun" P. Tambunting Jr.**
2. **PDG Ruben G. Henson Jr.**
3. **PDG Oscar "Oskie" C. de Venecia**

10:50: **Part 4: Awarding of Polio Plus District Donors, RY2018-19; RY2019-20**

10:55 Announcements
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780
Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

10:58 Adjournment
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

AKS INDUCTION CEREMONIES and LUNCH
Segment Coordinator: PP Eduardo "Ed" Feriols, D3780

11:00AM Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

11:02 Introductory Remarks
PDG Jesus "Jess" S. Nicdao, D3790
Endowment & Major Gifts Adviser, Zone 10A

11:04 Welcome Remarks
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

11:07 Introduction of Guest speaker
IPDG Marilou Co, D3800

11:10 Message
PRIP Gary C. K. Huang, TRF Trustee Chair

11:20 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

11:22 **AKS Induction Ceremony**
Presentation of Inductees
Recognition to be presented by:
- **Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang**
- **RIPE Holger Knaack**
- **Foundation Trustee Sangkoo Yun**
- **RID Rafael M. Garcia III**

Trustees' Circle

1. **Past Pres. Nasser Shahrear Zahedee and Rtn. Nahida Akter Zahedee, D3281, Bangladesh**
2. **Past Pres. Ulfat Jahan Moon and Moazzem Hossain, D3281, Bangladesh**
3. **Past Pres. Raushan Ara Akhta, D3281, Bangladesh**
4. **District Govenor-Elect Johnny Gaw Yu and Past Pres. Veronica Ho, D3780, Philippines**
5. **Past Pres. Sarah Deloraya-Mateo and Pres. Arnel Mateo, D3780, Philippines**
6. **Past Pres. Rafael Garcia IV and Spouse Djhoanna Garcia, D3800, Philippines**
7. **Past District Gov. Benigno Ricafort & Nona Ricafort, D3800, Philippines**
8. **Pres. Joaquin Capen Rodriguez, D3810, Philippines**

9. Past Pres. David Ackerman and Charter Pres. Mache Ackerman, D3830, Philippines

10. PDG Dr. Ashok Gupta and Vijaya Gupta, D3054, India

Chairman's Circle

11. Past District Gov. Edna Reotutar Sutter and Martin Sutter, D3830, Philippines

12. Past District Gov. Robert Fung Kuan and Yvonne Kuan, D3830, Philippines

12:39 Response
PRID Sangkoo Yun
TRF Trustee

12:42 Announcements
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780
Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

12:44 Adjournment
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

12:45 LUNCH

Message
John Hewko
General Secretary, Rotary International

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Attire: Business Segment
Coordinator: PP Ma. Veritas "Tawie" Fojas-Luna, D3780

1:30 Call to Order
PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830
Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

1:31 Introduction of Speaker
DGE Johnny "Johnny" Gaw Yu, D3780

1:34 2019 Council on Legislation
PDG Danilo "Danny" V. Fausto, D3780
Institute Co-Vice Chair, Institute Program Development

1:49 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
PDG Sid Garcia and PDG Edna Sutter

1:51 Introduction of Speaker
DG Amador "Ador" Z. Tolentino Jr., D3830

1:54 "Building a New Generation of Rotary Leaders"
RIDE Surgeon Liu Chi Tien, D3500

2:09 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
PDG Sid Garcia and PDG Edna Sutter

2:11 Introduction of Speaker
DG Everett "Evett" Olivan, D3820

2:14 "Rotary & United Nations: Partners in Peace"
PDG Douglas Vincent, D7080
Rotary United Nations Representative, Zone 24

2:29 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
PDG Sid Garcia and PDG Edna Sutter

2:31 Introduction of Speaker
DG Liza "Liza" V. Elorde, D3810

2:34 "Developing Membership Retention Strategies"
Dr. Siva Ananthan, D3300
Past Assistant Governor, D3300

2:49 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
PDG Sid Garcia and PDG Edna Sutter

2:51 Announcements
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780
Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

2:56 Adjournment
PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830
Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (3:00PM TO 5:00PM)

Venue: Executives Rooms, Marriott Grand Ballroom (to be posted on the LED screens)
Segment Coordinators: DGN Edgardo "Ed" N. Ayento, PP Joannes "Jojo" Ablog, PP Ricardo "Ric" Doria, PP Apolinario "Pol" Castillo, PP Angelita "Angel" Castro & PP Cesar Napoleon "Pocholo" Jaymalin, D3780

Break Out Room No. 1 (Exclusive to Governors, PDGs, DGEs, DGNs)

Session 1A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Making Rotary Relevant
Resource Speaker: **PDG Herminio "Sonny" B. Coloma, Jr., D3830**
Panelists:
- **PRID Jackson "Jackson" Hsieh, D3520**
- **PDG Leslie "Leslie" Salehuddin, D3300**
- **PDG Muhammad Faiz Kidwai "Faiz", D3271**

- **PDG Chew Ghim Bok, JP "Ghim Bok", D3310**
- **PDG Sam Showket Hossain "Showket", D3281**

Moderator: **PDG Jaime "Jimmy" A. Cura, D3830**
Rapporteur: **PDG Yolanda "Yolly" Wycoco, D3770**

Session 1B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Protecting the Environment
Resource Speaker: **PDG Pervez Ahsan Khan "Pervez", D3272**
Panelists:

- **PDG Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina, D3860**
- **PDG Pacifico "Boy" B. Aniag, D3770**
- **PDG Iftikhar Ahmed "Iftikhar", D3272**
- **PDG K.M. Zainul Abedin "Zainul", D3281**

Moderator: **PDG Jose A.R. "Pepz" Bengzon III, D3830**
Rapporteur: **PDG Siti "Siti" Subaidah, D3300**

Break Out Room No. 2 (Open to all Delegates)

Session 2A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Making Rotary Relevant
Resource Speaker: **PDG Jason Lim Chong Chye "Jason", D3350**
Panelists:

- **PRID Hsiu Ming Lin "Frederick", D3520**
- **PDG Prof Dr. M Tayub Chowdhury "Tayub", D3282**
- **PDG J. Antonio "Tony" M. Quila, D3830**
- **PDG Joe Jay T. Doctora "Jude", D3850**
- **PDG Salim Reza "Salim", D3281**

Moderator: **PDG Dr. Mir Anisuzzaman "Anis", D3282**
Rapporteur: **PDG Digna "Digna" R. Ragasa, D3790**

Session 2B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Protecting the Environment
Resource Speaker: **PDG Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan, D3810**
Panelists:

- **PDG Shohid Ahmed Chowdhury "Shohid", D3282**
- **PDG Pir Syed Ebrahim Shah "Ebrahim Shah", D3271**
- **PDG Mohammed Abdul Awwal "Awwal", D3282**
- **DGE Tazeem Ahmad Kamboh "Tanzeem", D3272**

Moderator: **PDG Vicente "Tito" M. Enriquez, D3770**
Rapporteur: **PDG Fe "Bing" R. Juarez, D3870**

Break Out Room No. 3 (In Mandarin)

Session 3A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Making Rotary Relevant
Resource Speaker: **PDG I-Tson Soo (Antonio), D3522**
Panelists:

- **PDG Kuang-Hsiung Chang (Mintong), D3461**
- **PDG Pai Chou Tu (Obs), D3502**
- **PDG Hongshue Chen (ENT), D3502**
- **PDG Jen-Hwa Hsu (Jerry), D3521**
- **PDG Chung-tong Chen (John), D3481**

Moderator: **PDG Thomas Wong (Tommy), D3521**
Rapporteur: **PDG Chin Mei Lu (May), D3480**

Session 3B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Protecting the Environment
Resource Speaker: **PDG Yau Fang Chen (Gary), D3523**
Panelists:

- **PDG Chun-Liang Kuo (D.K.), D3520**
- **PDG Jenn-Pan Horng (J.P.), D3481**
- **PDG Wen-Chao Shen (Allen), D3502**
- **PDG TienMu Chiu (Polish), D3490**
- **PDG Ching-piou Chwang (IPDG Professor), D3481**

Moderator: **PDG Luan-Fong Lin (ARC Naomi), D3482**
Rapporteur: **PDG Peter H G Cheng (PDG Peter), D3501**

Break Out Room No. 4 (Open to all Delegates)

Session 4A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Workshop on Rotary's Strategic Plan
Resource Speaker: **PDG Pastor Marcelo "Mar" M. Reyes, Jr. "Mar", D3780**
Panelists:

- **PRID Saowalak "Saowalak" Rattanavich, D3350**
- **PDG Muhammad Saleem Rao "Saleem", D3271**
- **PDG Dr. Ishtiaque A. Zaman "Ishtiaque", 3281**
- **PDG Benigno "Buboy" C. Valles, D3790**

Moderator: **PDG Samuel "Sam" C. Fontanilla, D3870**
Rapporteur: **PDG Ernesto "Ernest" D. Yuyek, D3810**

Session 4B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Discussion on Networking

Resource Speaker: **PP Tetsuzo "Tetsu" Fukuda, D2760**

Panelists:
- **PDG Eva Kurniaty "Eva", D3410**
- **PDG Danilo "Dan" G. Espinosa, D3780**
- **PDG Reynaldo "Rey" C. David, D3780**
- **PDG M. Iqbal Qureshi "Iqbal", D3271**

Moderator: **PDG Marcos "Mac" C. Hermoso, D3800**
Rapporteur: **PDG Dulce "Dulce" Coyukiat, D3780**

Break Out Room No. 5 (Open to all Delegates)

Session 5A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Dengue Control – what we Rotarians can do

Resource Speaker: **PDG Ir John Cheah Kam Loong, D3310**

Panelists:
- **PDG Dr Ruben G. Henson, D3790**
- **PDG Dr Virachai Jamroendararasame , D3360**
- **PDG Michael Yee Yik Fah, D3310**

Moderator: **PDG Datuk Hj Zainie A. Aucasa, D3310 1st**
1st Rapporteur: **PP Lucas Chew Kar Hin, D3310**
2nd Rapporteur: **IPDG Benjamin M. Garcia, D3860**

Session 5B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Mediation and Arbitration – A Model for Conflict Resolution Within the Rotary

Resource Speaker: **PDG Samuel "Sammy" P. Pagdilao, D3780**

Panelists:
- **PRID Guiller "Guiller" Tumangan, D3830**
- **PDG Pablo "Ambo" M. Gancayco, D3780**
- **PP Wong Wai Tung, D 3450**
- **PP Dr. Joseph W.F. Leung, D3450**
- **DG M. Khairul Alam "Khairul", D3281**

Moderator: **PDG Raul "Raul" E. Peralta, D3790**
Rapporteur: **PDG Dennis Norman "Dennis" T. Go, D3790**

Break Out Room No. 6 (In Mandarin)

Session 6A
3:00-4:00PM

Topic – Developing New Generations of Rotary Leaders

Resource Speaker: **PDG Pauline Leung (Pauline), D3521**

Panelists:
- **PDG Huang Chang Lin (Johnson), D3502**
- **PDG Wen-Ta Liao (Kevin), D3482**
- **PDG Jen-Te Chen (Ortho), D3470**
- **PDG Su Feng Lee (Charming), D3510**
- **PDG Huangchang Lin (Johnson), D3502**

Moderator: **PDG Mei-jen Chang (Jennifer), D3470**
Rapporteur: **PDG Tung-Hsien Tsai (Daniel), D3510**

Session 6B
4:00-5:00PM

Topic – Workshop on Rotary's Strategic Plan

Resource Speaker: **PDG Hung-Min Chang (Tony), D3501**

Panelists:
- **PDG Shyh-wen Chiu (Dental), D3460**
- **PDG Chiu Lin Chiu (Computer), D3480**
- **PDG Szu-Chen Liu (Skin), D3482**
- **PDG Cheng-Te Tsai (Former), D3470**
- **PDG Mu-tu Hsieh (Concrete), D3490**

Moderator: **PDG Chao Hsiung Lin (Set), D3510**
Rapporteur: **PDG Lucas Lin (Audi), D3521**

Break Out Room No. 7 (Open to all Delegates / Rotaractors by Invitation)

Session 7
3:00-5:00PM

Topic - Challenges of Attracting Young Professionals into Rotary

Resource Speakers: **RIDE Virpi Honkala, D1400**
IPDG Rajiv Sharma, D3030

Panelists:
- **Alexiz Tan - Rotaract Club of Chinatown-Manila D3810**
- **Melchor Encabo - Rotary Club of Metro Escolta D3810**
- **Calvin Khoo - Rotary Club of Damansara Heights D3300**
- **Elyse Lin – Rotary Club of Taipei Lighters D3481**
- **Sherry Ann Murillo – Rotaract Club of Mariveles Freeport D3790**
- **Sahil Bughio – Rotaract Club of Hyberabad Galaxy, D3271**
- **Veronica Chan – Rotaract Club of Macau Central D3450**

Moderator: **PDG Rolando "Oyan" V. Villanueva, D3790**
Rapporteur: **PDG Dwight Hilarion "Dwight" M. Ramos, D3780**

Break Out Room No. 8 (Institute Spouse Program)

Session 8
3:00-5:00PM

Moderator: **Celene Choa**
Resource Speaker: **Minda Garcia**

Rotary Polio Commemoration Event (By Invitation Only)
Segment Chair: **PDG Mary Anne "Me'anne" A. Solomon, D3860, Philippines Zone Coordinator, End Polio Now Committee**
Departure by 1:30PM via shuttle

2:00-4:00PM **Visit to RC Makati Clubhouse – the site of the first Rotary oral vaccination**
Venue: RC Makati Clubhouse in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati
To be graced by RI dignitaries
Visit the site where then Pres. James Bomar with her Ann Kathy administered the first oral vaccine on September 29, 1979
Host Club: **RC Makati, in-charge: PP Reginald Alberto "Reggie" B. Nolido, D3830**

GALA NIGHT

Attire: Formal
Deputy Vice Chair for Institute Events Management, Gala Night:
PDG Ursula Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco, D3820
Institute Vice-Chairman for Publicity and Communications

7:00PM Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

7:02 Song Invocation
[AVP]

7:06 Welcome Address
PDG Ursula Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco, D3820
Deputy Vice-Chair for Institute Events Management, Gala Night

7:11 Dinner

7:56 Introduction of Speaker
DG Nelson M. Aspe, D3800

8:00 Message
PRID Sangkoo Yun, TRF Trustee

8:15 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

8:17 **Raffle: Five (5) Paintings donation of PDG Ernesto "Ernie" Salas**
PDG Ursula Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco, D3820
Deputy Vice-Chair for Institute Events Management, Gala Night

8:22 Adjournment
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:24 Entertainment and Dancing

Day 3: Sunday, 1 December 2019

Deputy Vice Chair for Institute Events Management, Day 3: **PDG Dulce Coyukiat, D3780**

7:30AM Interfaith Service

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Attire: Business
Segment Coordinator: **PDG Pastor Marcelo "Mar" Reyes Jr., D3780**

8:30 Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:32 Invocation
PP Philip Nazareno, D3830

8:35 Opening Remarks
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

8:40 Open Forum:
RID Rafael M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute
Moderators: **PDG Rolando "Oyan" Villanueva, D3790** & **PDG Dulce "Dulce" Coyukiat, D3780**
RIPE || TRF Chair || TRF Trustee || RID || RIDE || PRID

CLOSING CEREMONY

Segment Coordinator: **PDG Danilo "Dan" Espinosa, D3780**

9:40 Call to Order
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

9:41 **RI Five Year Financial Forecast**
[Audio Video Presentation]

9:46 Closing Message
RIPE Holger Knaack
RI President-Elect, RY 2020-2021

9:53 Presentation of Token of Appreciation
RID Rafael Garcia and PDG Isidro Garcia

9:55 Reports on Workshops
Coordinators:
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio and PP Jesse Tanchanco Jr., D3780
1. PDG Yolanda "Yolly" Wycoco, D3770
2. PDG Siti "Siti" Subaidah, D3300

3. PDG Digna "Digna" R. Ragasa, D3790
4. PDG Fe "Bing" R. Juarez, D3870
5. PDG Chin Mei Lu (May), D3480
6. PDG Peter H G Cheng (PDG Peter), D3501
7. PDG Ernesto "Ernest" D. Yuyek, D3810
8. PDG Dulce "Dulce" Coyukiat, D3780
9. IPDG Benjamin "Ben" M. Garcia- D3860
10. PDG Dennis Norman "Dennis" T. Go, D3790
11. PDG Tung-Hsien Tsai (Daniel), D3510
12. PDG Lucas Lin (Audi), D3521
13. PDG Dwight Hilarion "Dwight" M. Ramos, D3780

10:55 2020 Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2020
PDRR Calvin Khoo & Rotaractor Lan Jie Fei, Rotaract District 3300, Malaysia

2021 Taipei Rotary International Convention
PRID Jackson Hsieh, D3520

The ONE International Award
David Harilela, D3450

2020 Honolulu Rotary International Convention
PDG Rolando "Oyan" V. Villanueva, D3790

11:15 Closing Message
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

11:20 Awards and Recognition (Zone Awards – Public Image and Membership; Cultural Contest; Organizing Committee Recognition)
Moderator: **PDG Danilo "Dan" G. Espinosa, D3780**

11:50 Handover of the Institute Flag to Convenor **RIDE Surgeon Liu Chi Tien**
Message
PDG Chew Ghim Bok JP "Ghim Bok", D3310, Chairman, 2020 Singapore Rotary Institute

12:00 Closing Remarks
PDG Isidro "Sid" G. Garcia, D3830
Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

12:05 Announcements
PDG Rufino "Penny" L. Policarpio III, D3780
Institute Secretary, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

12:10 Adjournment
RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III
Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute

Farewell Lunch

GOVERNORS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (GETS) TRAINING TEAM REFRESHER COURSE

(Nov. 26) Tuesday, G/F Executive West Room 5

Start	End	Duration	Session	Trainer
3:00	3:05	5 min.	Welcome Remarks	**RID Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
3:05	3:10	5 min.	Introduction of 2019 GETS Training Team members	**PDG Pauline Leung, D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
3:10	3:25	20 min.	Preparing for Your Role	**PDG Pauline Leung, D3521** 2019 GETS Training Team Leader
3:25	3:45	20 min.	Non-verbal communication	**PDG Ernie Choa, D3810** *General Trainer*
3:45	4:05	20min.	Practice I	**PDG Eva Kurniaty, D3410** *Rotary Coordinator*
4:05	4:15	10 min.	Suggestions	Training Team Members
4:15	4:35	15 min.	Practice II	**PDG Virgilio Farcon Jr., D3800** *Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator*
4:35	4:45	10 min.	Suggestions	Training Team Members
4:45	4:50	5 min.	Adjournment	**PDG Pauline Leung, D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*

GOVERNORS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR
Day 1 (Nov. 27) Wednesday

Venue : Ceremonial Hall

Start	End	Duration	Session and format	Trainer
09:00	09:30	30 min.	Opening Plenary Session	**RI DirectorRafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019Manila Rotary Institute*
			Introduction of Rotary Dignitaries & GETS Training Team members	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
			Welcome Remarks	**PDG Sid Garcia, D3830.** *Chair, Organizing Committee, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			Opening Remarks	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
09:30	09:50	20 min.	Welcome and Introduction of DGEs & Spouses	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
09:50			Adjournment **(DGEs move to G/F Executive East Room 7 & 9)**	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019Manila Rotary Institute*
09:55	10:40	45 min.	Overview of Training Session	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
10:40	10:55	15 min.	Coffee Break	
10:55	12.10	75 min	Strategic Planning *Idea Exchange*	**PDG Ernesto Choa, D3810** *General Trainer*

12.10	13:30		Lunch Venue: Ceremonial Hall	
13:30	14:40	70 min	Leading Your Team *Idea Exchange*	**PDG Arasu Rajaratnam, D3300** *Rotary Coordinator*
14:40	15:50	70 min	Grow Rotary *Workshop*	**PDG Eva Kurniaty, D3410** *Rotary Coordinator*
15:50	16:05	15 min	Coffee Break	
16:05	17:15	70 min	Planning Your Events *Idea Exchange*	**Salim Reza, D3281** *Endowment/Major Gift Advisor*
17:15	17:20	5 min.	Adjournment	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
19:00	21:00		Dinner (With Spouses) Venue : Ceremonial Hall	

Day 2 (Nov. 28) Thursday

Venue : G/F Executive East Room 7 & 9

Start	End	Duration	Session and format	Trainer
09:00	10:30	90 min.	Supporting The Rotary Foundation *Idea Exchange*	**PDG Virgilio Farcon Jr., D3800** *Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator* Resource Person: **PDG William Tseng, D3510** *Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator* TRF staff
10:30	10:45	15 min.	Coffee Break	
10:45	12:15	90 min.	Promoting Rotary's Public Image *Workshop*	**PDG Reynaldo Castillo, D3820** *Rotary Public Image Coordinator*
12:15	13:30		Lunch Venue : Ceremonial Hall	
13:30	14:40	70 min.	Connecting With Clubs *Idea Exchange*	**PDG Jess Nicdao, D3790** *Endowment/Major Gift Adviser*
14:40	15:10	30 min.	Preparing for International Assembly	**PDG May Lu , D3481** *Rotary Public Image Coordinator & Panelists*
15:10	15:25		Coffee Break	
15:25	16:25	60 min.	Your Support from Rotary Asia Pacific (D3300-3523) Bangladesh and Pakistan (D3271-3282)	**Ting-Fen Hillinger,** *Club and District Support, RI*
			Your Support from Rotary Philippines (D3770-3870)	**Andrew Best** **Mary Jayne Desmond** Club and District Support, RI
16:25	16:35	10 min.	Closing Session & Announcement.	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** 2019GETS Training Team Leader
18:30	22:00		Graduation Dinner Venue : Diplomatic Hall	(By Invitation Only) Meet at lobby at 18:00 Program Starts 18:30 Sharp

GETS PARTNERS AGENDA
Day 1 (Nov. 27) Wednesday

Venue: Ceremonial Hall

Start	End	Duration	Session and format	Trainer
09:00	09:30	30 min.	Opening Plenary Session Call to Order	**RI DirectorRafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019Manila Rotary Institute*
			Introduction of Rotary Dignitaries & GETS Training Team members	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
			Welcome Remarks	**PDG Sid Garcia, D3830.** *Chair, Organizing Committee* *2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			Opening Remarks	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			VIP Remarks	**RI President ElectHolger Knaack**
09:30	09:50	20 min.	Welcome and Introduction of DGEs & Spouses	**PDG Pauline Leung , D3521** *2019 GETS Training Team Leader*
09:50			Adjournment (Partners move to G/F Executive East Room 8 & 10)	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800,** *Convenor, 2019Manila Rotary Institute*
10.00	10.03	3 min.	Call to Order	**Minda Garcia, Convenor** *2019 GETS Partner Program*
10.03	10:13	10 min.	Welcome Remarks	**Tesha Garcia, Chair** *2019 GETS Partner Program*
10:13	10:40	27 min.	Introduction of DGEs' partners	**Albert Leung,** *Training Team Leader,* *2019 GETS Partner Program*
10:40	10:55	15 min.	Coffee Break	
10:55	11:30	35 min.	Roles and Responsibilities of the District Governor	**Surendra Kaur**
11:30	12:05	35 min.	Rotary in Your District	**KamalaRajaratnam**
12:05	13:30		Lunch (with spouses) Venue : Ceremonial Hall	
13:30	14:05	35 min	Planning for the Official Visit	**Shereen Anis**
14:05	14:40	35 min	Service Projects	**Celene Choa** *Vice Chair, 2019 GETS Partner Program*
14:40	15:15	35 min.	The Rotary Foundation & Contributions	**Yvonne Kuan, AKS**
15:15	15:30	15 min.	Coffee Break	
15:30	16:00	30 min	Preparing for International Assembly & Cultural Exhibits	**Minda Garcia, Convenor** *2019 GETS Partner Program*

16:00	16:30	30 min	Q & A	**Minda Garcia, Convenor** *2019 GETS Partner Program*
16:30	16:35	5 min.	Adjournment	**Minda Garcia, Convenor** *2019 GETS Partner Program*
19:00	21:00		Dinner (With Spouses) Venue : Ceremonial Hall	

Day 2 (Nov. 28) Thursday

Start	End	Duration	Session and format	Trainer
09:00	16:00		Outing to RAMEGA Farms	Meet at lobby at 08:30
18:30	21:00		Graduation Dinner Venue : Diplomatic Hall	(By Invitation Only) Meet at lobby at 18:00 Program Starts 18:30 Sharp

GOVERNORS' NOMINEE TRAINING SEMINAR (GNTS)

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G/F Executive 8 & 10 room

Start	End	Duration	Session and format	Trainer
09:00	09:25	25 mins	Opening Plenary Session Call to Order	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			Introduction of Rotary Dignitaries & GNTS Training Team members	**PDG Ada Cheng, D3450** *2019 GNTS Training Team Leader*
			Welcome Remarks	**PDG Sid Garcia, D3830** *Chair, Organizing Committee* *2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			Opening Remarks	**RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
			Remarks	**RI President-elect Holger Knaack**
9:25	9:40	15 mins	Welcome and Introduction of DGNs	**PDG Ada Cheng, D3450** *2019 GNTS Training Team Leader*
9:40	10:00	20 mins	Overview of Training Session	**PDG Ada Cheng, D3450** *2019 GNTS Training Team Leader*
10:00	10:45	45 mins	**Session 1:** District Governor-Nominee Responsibilities	**PDG A. K. M. Shamsul Huda, D3281** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
10:45	11:00	15 mins	Coffee Break	
11:00	11:45	45 mins	**Session 2:** Getting To Know Your District	**PDGSiti Subaidah, D3300** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
11:45	12:30	45 mins	**Session 3:** Membership	**PDG Mir Anisuzzaman, D3282** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*

12:30	13:45		Lunch	
13:45	14:30	45 mins	**Session 4:** Financial Management	**PDG Chang Hung Ming, D3501** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
14:30	15:15	45 mins	**Session 5:** Communication	**PDG Sam Showket Hossain, D3281** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
15:15	15:25	10 mins	Break	
15:25	16:10	45 mins	**Session 6:** District Conference	**PDG Rolando V. Vilianueva, D3790** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
16:10	16:55	45 mins	**Session 7:** Creating A Calendar	**PDG Pervez Ahsan Khan, D3272** *2019 GNTS Training Leader*
16:55	17:30	30 mins	Your Support from Rotary	Club and District Support, RI
17:30	17:45	15 mins	Closing Session	**PDG Ada Cheng, D3450** *2019 GNTS Training Team Leader*

DISTRICT TRAINERS TRAINING SEMINAR (DTTS)

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09.00 –10.00	Opening Session **PDG Dr. Rajindar Singh D3300 Malaysia** Welcome address by: **1. PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia, Chairman, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute** **2. RID Rafael "Raffy" M. Garcia III Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute** **3. Rotary International President Elect Holger Knaack**
10.00 – 11.00	Understand your role (Idea Exchange) **PDG Marcos Hermoso D3800 Philippines**
11.00 – 11.15	Tea / Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.15	Plan your curriculum (Workshop) **PDG Jason Lim Chong Chye D3350 Thailand**
12.15 – 13.15	Understand Rotary training events (Panel) **PDG Sajid Pervaiz Bhatti D3272 Pakistan**
13.15 – 14.15	LUNCH
14.15 – 15.15	Plan your training event (Idea Exchange) **PDG Leslie Salehuddin D3300 Malaysia**
15.15 – 16.15	Prepare the trainers (Idea Exchange) **PDG Muhammad Faiz Kidwai D3271 Pakistan**
16.15 – 17.00	Closing Session **PDG Dr. Rajindar Singh D3300 Malaysia**

REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR (RRFS)

29 November 2019
Head Training Leader: **PDG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr. D3800, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)**

0700 – 0800	Registration/Fellowship
0800 – 08.05	Call to Order and Opening Remarks **RI Director Rafael M Garcia III D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
0805 – 08.10	Welcome Remarks **PDG Isidro Garcia D3830** *Chair, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*
0810 – 0820	Introduction of Dignitaries & Officers **ARRFC Rufino Policarpio**
0820 – 0825	Introduction of Trustee Chair Representative Sangkoo Yun **PDG James Dee D3800**
0825 – 0840	Address **TRF Trustee Chair Representative Sangkoo Yun**
0840 – 0845	Introduction of RID Stephanie Urchick **PDG Corina Bautista D3770**
0845 – 0900	Address **RID Stephanie Urchick**
0900 – 0910	Current Status of TRF Finances, Contributions and Finances **FDS Gretchen Laurel**
0910 – 0920	TRF Report from Zone 6B **PDG Wichai Maneewacharakiet, D3330** RRFC-Zone 6B
0920 – 0930	TRF Report from Zone 7A **PDG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr. D3800** RRFC-Zone 7A
0930 – 0940	TRF Report from Zone 10B地帶的扶輪基金報告， **PDG William Tseng主持, D3510** RRFC-Zone 10B
0940 – 0945	Announcements
0945 – 1000	Coffee Break and Transit to Breakout Rooms

1000 – 1130 **English Breakout Sessions**

GROUP A: (English)
"Achieving our TRF Goals to secure our funding for the present and the future."
(How to surpass our Annual Fund and Permanent Fund goals)
Breakout Room Executive East 8 & 10 (Silvester Sciele Room)
Moderator: **RRFC Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.,D3800**

Panelists:
1. PDG Marilou Co, D3800
2. PDG Edna Sutter, D3830
3. PDG Orachorn Saisrithong, D3330

Resource:
TRF Trustee Elect PRID Frederick Lin
EMGA PDG Jess Nicdao, D3790

Rapporteur: **ARRFC Rufino Policarpio, D3780**

GROUP B : (English)
"Best practices and Challenges to make the world POLIO FREE and with the recent outbreak in the Philippines and what is the status of existing POLIO cases in remaining endemic countries?"

Breakout Room Executive East 7 & 9 (PRIP Mat Caparas Room)

Moderator: **EPNC Zone 7A PDG Mary Anne Solomon, D3860**

Panelists:
1. EPNC Zone 6B PDG Jason Lim D3350
2. PDG Pervez Ahsan Khan D3272
3. DG Everett U. Olivan D3820
4. PDG Sajid Pervaiz Bhatti, D3272
5. AG Enrique A. Tayag D3810 (Department of Health)

Resource:
1. TRF Trustee Elect and E/MGA Aziz Memon, D3271
2. Past EPNC PDG Oscar De Venecia, D3830

Rapporteur: **ARRFC PDG Joseph Michael Espina, D3860**

GROUP C : (English)
"Expanding our reach through maximum utilization of District Designated Fund (DDF) and empowering our communities through sustainable global grant and district grant projects"

Breakout Room Executive West 1 & 3 (Hiram Shorey Room)

Moderator: **RRFC Wichai Maneewacharakiet, D3330**

Adjunct Programs

Panelists:
1. PDG Oliver Ong, D3850
2. DGE. Chalermchat Chan-In D3330
3. PDG K.M.Zainul Abedin D3281
4. PDG Philip Chong D 3310

Resource:
1. PDG Siri Eaimjamroonrat D3340

Rapporteur: **PDG. Leslie Salehuddin D3300**

Mandarin Breakout Session

Moderator 主持人:
RRFC William Tseng(Tseng Chiu-Lien), D3510 (主持人RRFC William)

Panelists 與談人:
1. E/MGA Ortho(Horng Ching-Huei) D3490
2. PDG O.B.S(Tu Pai-Chou) D3502
3. PDG SKIN(Liu Szu-Chen) D3482
4. RPIC May (Lu Chin-Mei) D3481

Resource 資源提供人:
PDG Jennifer(Chang Mei-Jen) D3470
PDG Doctor (Lin Po-Jung) D3462

Rapporteur 報告人: **PDG Paul (Kuo Chih-Siun) D3522**

1130 – 1135	Back to the Venue of Plenary Session
1135 – 1200	Report by Each Discussion Group Rapporteur (Maximum 5 Minutes each) **Group A ARRFC Rufino Policarpio, D3780** **Group B ARRFC Joseph Michael Espina, D3860** **Group C PDG Leslie Salehuddin, D3300** **Group D PDG Paul, D3522**
1200	**Adjournment** **RI Director Rafael Garcia III, D3800** *Convenor, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute*



CHAPTER 3
THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III, Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia, RF Trustee/PRID Sangkoo Yun and RIPE Holger Knaack raise their hands in a demonstration of unity and friendship as the audience cheers.

A brass band welcomes the crowd with spirited music, such as "Sweeter than Wine."

More than twelve months of grueling preparations led to this: an elegantly dressed ballroom that welcomed delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, the United States of America, and the host country, the Philippines.

It was the opening of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute (MARI) and at four in the afternoon of November 29, the Rotarians, donned in their national costumes, entered the Marriott Grand Ballroom.

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Huge percussion instruments add to the ebullience of the opening ceremonies.









ACKNOWLEGEMENT OF THE DIGNITARIES

The stage backdrop cut into half to reveal the night's dignitaries:

Rotary International Director-Elect **Virpi Honkala** and Spouse **Matti** from Finland, Rotary International Director-Elect **Chi Tien Surgeon Liu** and Spouse **Grace**, Past Rotary International Director **Rafael Hechanova**, Past Rotary International Treasurer and Past Rotary International Director **Frederick Lin**, Past Rotary International Director **Guiller Tumangan** and Spouse **Leticia**, Past Rotary International Director Dr. **Saowalak Rattanavich**, Past Rotary International Director **Jackson SL Hsieh** and Spouse **Juliet**, Past Rotary International Vice President **Michael McGovern**, Rotary International Director **Stephanie Urchick**, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute Chairman Past District Governor **Isidro"Sid" Garcia** and Spouse **Teresita**, 2019 Manila Rotary Institute Convenor Rotary International Director **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III** and Spouse **Minda**, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Past Rotary International Director **Sangkoo Yun** and Spouse **Eunson**, and Rotary International President-Elect **Holger Knaack** and Spouse **Susanne**.

The dignitaries waved with enthusiasm as they headed to their respective tables.



RIDE Virpi Holanka and Spouse Matti



RIDE Chi Tien Surgeon Liu and Spouse Grace



PRID Rafael Hechanova



PRIT/PRID Frederick Lin



PRID Guiller Tumangan and Spouse Leticia



PRID Saowalak Rattanavich



PRID Jackson SL Hsieh and Spouse Juliet



PRIVP Michael McGovern



RID Stephanie Urchick



Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia
and Spouse Teresita



Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III
and Spouse Minda



RF Trustee/PRID Sangkoo Yun
and Spouse Eunson



RIPE Holger Knaack and Spouse Susanne















1920s 1950s 1980s 1990s 2000s 2019

ROTARY THROUGH THE DECADES

The lights dimmed and smoke quickly filled the stage. The screens showed **Paul Harris**, the acknowledged founder of **Rotary** in circa 1905. Photos of **Arch Klumph**, who founded **The Rotary Foundation** in 1917, were shown in quick succession. The screen shifted to the City of Manila in 1919, where the first Rotary club in Asia, the **Rotary Club of Manila**, was established. Men in suspenders and hats, and women in sparkly dresses danced onstage—freezing the audience with amazement.

Each time a new decade was introduced, the dancers appeared onstage with performances reminiscent of the times. But aside from their stellar moves, the Rotarians were glued to the screens that traced the growth of the Rotary worldwide. **The Rotaract** was born followed by decades of fighting polio. At present, Rotary has grown into a network of over 1.2 million members with a prominent role in promoting global peace and honing its culture of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership.

THE FORMAL OPENING

The sound of trumpets filled the ballroom as four Institute dignitaries, Convenor RID Raffy Garcia III, Chair PDG Sid Garcia, TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun and RIPE Holger Knaack were once again summoned to the stage. After Convenor RID Raffy Garcia and Chair PDG Sid Garcia officially called the Opening Ceremonies to order, they raised each other's hands in unity.



A brass band marched onstage with perfect cadence to the spirited tune of *"Sweeter Than Wine."*

The stage became quiet as Susanne Knaack led the invocation. She urged everyone to continue creating lasting change within themselves and for the communities they should be grateful to serve.

The entry of colors was up next with Rotaractors waving the flag of each participating country followed with the flags of the Rotary International Institute, Rotary International, and the Philippines. The national anthems were played.

PDG Sid Garcia formally welcomed the delegates. He emphasized the 2019 MARI Theme: *Connect, Collaborate and Create*—

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LEFT: More drums add exuberance to the opening ceremonies. RIGHT: Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III, Chair Isidro "Sid" Garcia, RF Trustee/PRID Sangkoo Yun and RIPE Holger Knaack clap their hands to the beat of the vibrant music. MIDDLE: Susanne Knaack leads the invocation in a solemn moment. BOTTOM: Rotaractors carry the flags of the participating countries.











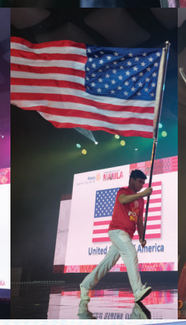





which is the heart of the Rotary experience in serving global communities. He promised that the 2019 MARI will be filled with new ideas that the Rotarians can take home.

Institute Vice Chair for Promotions PDG **Rolando "Oyan" Villanueva** led the roll call of all participating countries with each group cheering at the top of their voices.

MESSAGES

The Pasay City Mayor, Honorable **Imelda Calixto-Rubiano**, delivered her keynote messvage. "Rotary has uplifted the lives of many people in its exemplary record of service above self," she said. She invited the delegates over to Pasay and other areas of Manila to experience Pinoy Christmas. She then called RID Raffy Garcia and PDG Sid Garcia to assist her in officially handing the key of the City of Pasay to RIPE Holger Knaack.

RID Raffy Garcia then thanked the organizing committee for their year-long efforts. According to him, the success of the 2019 MARI will hopefully secure the Philippine Rotary's bid for the 2026 RI Convention.

"So as we celebrate the way Rotary connects the world, let's get to work that Rotary remains a beacon of hope for the generations to come.

– RIPE Holger Knaack

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Mayor Imelda Calixto-Rubiano presents the key to Pasay City, to RIPE Holger Knaack, assisted by Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III and Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia.



RIPE Holger Knaack took the stage next and spoke about Rotary's future. He ensured continuity by working closely with the Rotaractors. There is a need to reach out to younger members and to strengthen Rotary through innovative approaches and solutions.

"So as we celebrate the way Rotary connects the world, let's get to work that Rotary remains a beacon of hope for the generations to come," RIPE Holger Knaack said. PRID Rafael Hechanova Sr. presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Rotary Institute Secretary **Rufino "Penny" Policarpio III** gave a few administrative reminders before RI General Secretary **John Hewko's** video message was played. Secretary Hewko stressed the need of the Rotary to adopt a new club and membership mindset.

The Opening Ceremonies was adjourned promptly by Convenor RID Raffy Garcia.















RIPE Holger Knaack



PRID Rafael Hechanova





PDG Rufino "Penny" Policarpio



Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III



Opening Ceremonies

















CHAPTER 4
THE FUTURE OF ROTARY

RIPE Holger Knaack sits on the grass with Filipino Rotaractors as he converses with them.

Photo credit: Philippine Rotary Magazine

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“Our focus is on growing Rotary—reaching out to new members, engaging current members, and creating more alternatives for membership for the next generation of Rotarians. The world needs Rotary now more than ever. We must ensure that the gift of Rotary continues for decades and centuries to come. We need to take action.”

– RIPE Holger Knaack

RIPE Holger Knaack and Spouse Susanne surround themselves with happy Rotaractors, who Knaack considers as the future of Rotary.

“We all agree on the need to achieve membership growth. The question is, how do we achieve it?” asks RI President-Elect Holger Knaack.

Rotaractors: The Miracle That Rotary Needs



"My dream is to have Rotaractors take on leadership roles in Rotary Clubs – today, not in the future."

A firm believer in **Rotaractors,** RIPE Holger Knaack sees them as the miracle that Rotary needs. He loves them, their energy, their exuberance, their optimism, their creativity, their ability to multitask and their speed in getting things done.

RIPE Holger Knaack said in a plenary session, "Rotaractors are enabling partners that Rotary clubs need to flourish and grow."

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"Rotaractors should be allowed to charter their own Rotary Clubs. They know what they want. Let them do it.

Ecstatic with the turnout of more than 200 Rotaractors in the previous day's event, he did not hesitate to invite them to the next International Assembly. He urged all club and district leaders to include Rotaractors in all club projects and district events, which for him is a "win-win" situation.

RIPE Holger Knaack classified Rotaract Clubs as: 1) community-based clubs operating like a Rotary Club and meeting twice a week;



Photo credit: Philippine Rotary Magazine

RIPE HOLGER KNAACK DIALOGUES WITH FIVE ROTARACTORS

RI President-Elect **Holger Knaack** spent time with five Filipino Rotaractors after lunch on the Institute's second day. The dialogue was arranged by *Philippine Rotary Magazine.*

He walked to a small garden at the Marriott Grand Ballroom and noticed the MARI tee-shirts that the others were wearing, more noticeably, by the Rotaractors. RIPE Holger Knaack said, "I want to wear that, too." Somebody moved to get him a shirt of his size. Without hesitance, he took off his coat and his business shirt, and put on the MARI shirt.

Seeing the Rotaractors seated on the grass, he quickly sat beside them with a big smile on his face and started a conversation.

One Rotaractor who is also a Rotarian, asked him, "How can we attract and retain more Rotaractors in our clubs?" RIPE Holger Knaack responded, "Select your members carefully. Get to know them. Make sure you meet their expectations. Have more fellowships. Create a cool organization. If you are proud of your club, it will show."

Another Rotaractor commented, "Rotary is expensive. Many Rotaractors cannot afford to join the Rotary Clubs." To which RIPE Holger Knaack retorted, "Rotary is not expensive. It's only USD 60 a year. Meeting every week in a five-star-hotel, that's expensive. All you need to do is get together, have a bottle of water or drinks, some snacks, and enjoy each other's company."

and 2) university based Rotaract Clubs where members leave the club after graduation. Hence, he encouraged more community-based Rotaract Clubs. He also encouraged the recruitment of Rotaractors at a young age in order for them to enjoy more years in the Rotaract Clubs. He cited the Institute in Berlin, Germany wherein three of their Rotaractors now hold important positions – one became a District Governor, another became the keynote speaker at the RI Toronto Convention, and a third holds an equally important position in Rotary.

"My dream is to have Rotaractors take on leadership roles in Rotary Clubs – today, not in the future."

"Many Rotarians treat our Rotaractors as kids. Some of them are young managers and business people," RIPE Holger Knaack continued. "Some Rotary Clubs are doing the right things. Some are not. Many young leaders do not find the Rotary Clubs interesting. The new Rotary does not like the old Rotary. And some old Rotarians are complaining that the young Rotarians are too different."

RIPE Holger Knaack continued, "When Rotaractors reach the maximum age, they have to leave their friends behind. We can move the upper age limit in Rotaract Clubs. Do you want to move the upper age limit in your Rotaract Club? Rotaractors should be made to decide on their own. You can make your own by-laws. Your Rotaract Clubs should meet your needs. Everything is possible." His statements were met with awe.

How does this warm, informal, amiable incoming RI President wish to be remembered? His answer was straightforward but meaningful: "I'd like to be remembered as somebody who is sitting on the ground with Rotaractors."

– PDG Sue Sta. Maria

Excerpt from Philippine Rotary Magazine

He further suggested, "Rotaractors should be allowed to charter their own Rotary Clubs. They know what they want. Let them do it."

"I see no difference between a Rotarian and a Rotaractor. To me, we are all members of Rotary International, and we work together and use our own strengths and abilities to serve our organization."

To end the session, RIPE Holger Knaack emphasized that Rotaractors must be trusted. "Look at them at eye level. Treat them as equals," he said. "They do their jobs as good as the Rotarians and in most cases, even faster than Rotarians. Rotaractors are not our future – but our today."



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The Challenges of Attracting Young Professionals Into Rotary

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In the breakout session on *The Challenges of Attracting Young Professionals Into Rotary*, several reasons surfaced for the lack of interest by the Rotaractors to transition to the status of full-fledged Rotarians. RI Director-Elect (RIDE) **Virpi Honkala** and Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) **Rajiv Sharma** were the resource speakers. The panelists included Rotaractors **Alexiz Tan**, **Sherry Ann Murillo**, **Sahil Bughio** and **Veronica Chan**. The Rotarian panelists were Past President **Melchor Encabo**, **Calvin Khoo** and **Elyse Lin**. PDG **Roland "Oyan" Villanueva** was the moderator.

Rotary has been branded as an organization of members from the high society who have made a name for themselves and are now in a position to pay it forward. Thus, most members are of an older age.

There is definitely a challenge in attracting young members into the fold. Some of the reasons cited were: there is a need for Rotarians to understand the younger generation;

the percentage of Rotarians younger than 40 years old in existing clubs is about 5% or less; there is a scarcity of common points of interest between the Rotarians and the younger generation. Some young professionals are not comfortable with the current practices and traditions in the Rotary Clubs. They think that Rotary takes too much time, is too expensive, and it is “not fun.” Rotary Clubs do not give their young members the opportunity to take on leadership positions; the young Rotarians do not derive a sense of achievement from club membership. They feel that they are not being engaged in club activities or do not receive enough recognition.

RIDE Virpi Honkala spoke about the recent Council of Legislation and RI Board decision on the admission of Rotaractors into Rotary membership. Rotary is determined to attract the young generation into its fold. He said Rotaract is no longer a program, but a partner of Rotary Clubs.

In an effort to dispel the Rotaractors’ apprehensions about joining a Rotary Club, IPDG Rajiv Sharma spoke of his personal experience as a former Rotaractor who successfully blended with the members of his Rotary Club and was eventually elected as a District Governor.

RIPE Holger Knaack’s earlier suggestion in a plenary session that young professionals and Rotaractors should establish their own Rotary Clubs was strongly echoed. Not surprisingly, this was regarded by the Rotaractor-panelists as their preferred option.

BREAKOUT SESSION ON ATTRACTING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INTO ROTARY

DEVELOPING NEW GENERATIONS OF ROTARY LEADERS

Rotarians should be good listeners to the new generations, be their friend, be supportive, and make them feel that they are part of the Rotary family.

Attracting young professionals to join our Rotary Clubs is just the start. Developing them to become Rotary leaders is the next step.

Developing New Generations of Rotary Leaders was the topic in a breakout session in Mandarin. Past District Governor (PDG) **Pauline Leung** was resource speaker and PDG **Mei-jen Chang "Jennifer"** was moderator.

PDG Pauline Leung said that youth organizations in Rotary started in 1935. In 1960, Interact (for ages 12 to 18) was established. In 1968, Rotary organized Rotaract for the older youth (for ages 18 and above). In 1971, the first Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) was held. Today, there are 250,792 Rotaractors in 10,904 Rotaract Clubs in 184 countries.

Why are Rotaractors not joining the Rotary Clubs? She cited several reasons: no time, no money, no fun, no recognition, no sense of self-achievement.

PDG Pauling Leung said that there is a compelling need to understand the younger generation. These can be extracted from focused group discussions with them. She challenged the Rotarians if Rotary today is capable of meeting the needs of Rotarians 15 years into the future. "Can Rotary catch up with the trends in 15 years and still take the lead?" she asked.

PDG **Wen-Ta Liao "Kevin"** enumerated the needs of the new generation: fellowship, learning, acceptance, diversity, tolerance, flexibility, cost-saving ways. They do not like to be told, but rather, to be given access to information to surf and share. Can Rotary meet these needs?

PDG **Jen-Te Chen "Ortho"** said the Council of Legislation in 2016 passed a resolution to make Rotaract a partner of Rotary, and even make Rotaractors members of Rotary. Rotary Clubs should prepare for the inclusion of Rotaractors.

PDG **Huangchang Lin "Johnson"** advised that the new generation should be encouraged to charter their own club.

PDG **Su Feng Lee "Charming"** suggested that the children of Rotarians should be encouraged to join the Rotary Club of the younger generation and attract other youth of their age and interests. They should focus on youth service projects since these are within the scope of their experience, and the cost will not be heavy. Club dues must be reasonable; meetings and projects must be flexible.

Can the Rotary rituals such as having a bell and gavel and hanging the club flag, be imposed on the younger generations? It was agreed that as long as their clubs do not violate the Rotary Constitution, Bylaws and Manual of Procedures, flexibility can be allowed. At the end of the day, the core values of Rotary must prevail: leadership, integrity, fellowship, diversity and service.

In the meantime, Rotarians should be good listeners to the new generation, be their friend, be supportive, and make them feel that they are part of the Rotary family.

BREAKOUT SESSION ON DEVELOPING NEW GENERATIONS OF ROTARY LEADERS

















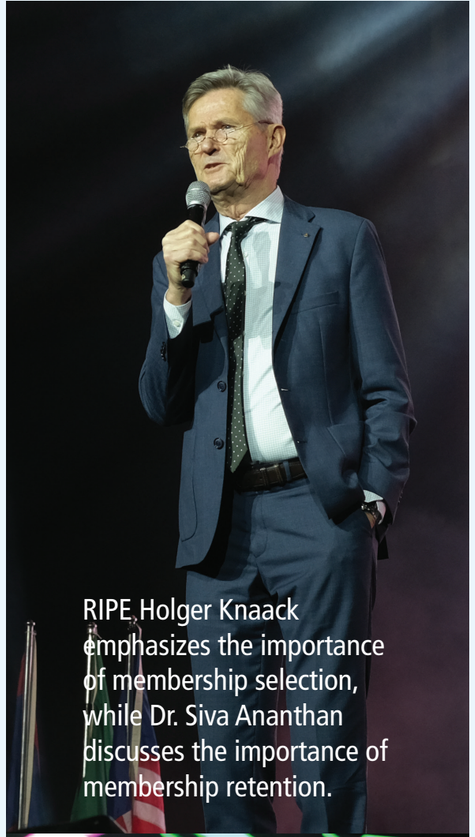


MEMBERSHIP SELECTION AND RETENTION

Sometimes membership procedures are ridiculous, too long. But taking this time is a perfect way for both sides to learn about each other.

RIPE Holger Knaack said in a plenary session, “Before you even think about becoming a Rotary club member in Germany, you have to be proposed by a Rotarian. The membership committee then checks you as a candidate to figure out if you fit with the club members. If the committee agrees, the club board will take a decision. The candidate is then invited to give a speech and to join three or four club meetings. After that, the President asks all club members if there are any objections. After another two weeks you become a member.”

He adds, “Sometimes these procedures are ridiculous, too long. But taking this time is a perfect way for both sides to learn about each other. Clubs should build a relationship before asking prospective members to join.”



RIPE Holger Knaack emphasizes the importance of membership selection, while Dr. Siva Ananthan discusses the importance of membership retention.



“Now, where are German Rotary Clubs successful? Definitely in regard to retention! And that is why our clubs select their members very carefully. The idea is quite easy: Long relations needs longer approval. I know because I took a year to ask my wife to marry me. It’s the same idea! Like a marriage, being a Rotarian is a lifetime affair.”

According to District Trainer Past President (PP) Dr. **Siva Ananthan**, who spoke in a plenary session on *Membership Retention*, 70% of the current Rotary membership is above 50 years old, which means that in 30 years, 70% of Rotarians will be gone from Rotary, an ominous situation if no steps are taken to recruit younger members. At present, only 5% of Rotarians are below 40 years of age.

District Trainer PP Siva Ananthan addressed the membership retention issue squarely by proposing three strategies: first, egos must be set aside because they destroy a club; second, conflicts within a club should be managed better; and third, members, especially new ones, must be treated like family.

MAKING ROTARY RELEVANT

We should attract Gen Y members as they are the future of Rotary.

Rotary's future is ensured if it continues to be relevant.

One of the three breakout sessions on the subject, *Making Rotary Relevant*, began with a powerful question by the resource speaker, PDG **Jason Lim Chong Chye**: "Why are we in Rotary?" Amidst the silence, PDG Jason Lim Chong Chye broke the ice by saying, "Don't be too serious! Rotary is a lot of fun!" And so, in a more relaxed mood, one brave lady answered the question by saying, "I am in Rotary to make a difference!"

PDG Jason Lim Chong Chye shared the evolution of Rotarians through the generations —from the Baby Boomers, to Gen X, to the Millennials (or Gen Y).

He then asked the delegates who among them wants to attract Gen Y members —a question answered by silence. But PDG Jason Lim Chong Chye did not buckle. He believed that the Rotary should attract Gen Y members as they are the organization's future.

The apparent cultural and behavioral differences with the new generations was identified as one of the possible reasons as to why Rotary membership has remained at 1.2 million members worldwide over the years. Rotary seems to have failed to adapt; our clubs and districts have become traditionalists. This fact is recognized now by Rotary as it tries to respond by allowing flexibility in membership types and meeting formats.

The concept of "passport clubs" elicited a lively discussion. As defined in the Rotary website, a passport club is a Rotary club that gives its members a flexible club experience. The term "passport" refers to the ability to move freely from club to club, participating in the meetings and activities of

other clubs. Any Rotarian can attend another club when traveling, but passport clubs encourage their members to do so regularly which brings fresh ideas back to their own club. A passport club's name does not need to include the descriptor "passport club," but the club's bylaws need to be updated accordingly.

Some argued that "passport membership" may end Rotary as we know it. The panelists shared their views and provided meaningful insights that challenged the age-old norms as we know it, particularly on membership types and frequency of meetings. The panelists were PRID **Hsiu Min Lin "Frederick,"** PDG **Joe Jay "Jude" Doctora**, PDG **Salim Reza**, PDG Prof Dr. **M Tayub Chowdhury,** and PDG **J. Antonio "Tony" Quila**. The session was moderated by PDG Dr. **Mir Anisuzzaman "Anis."**

In summary, Rotary recognizes the changes it has to undergo to adapt to the behavior, career, and needs of its target market – the new generations – to remain relevant.

There were two other breakout sessions on *Making Rotary Relevant*.

One of them was moderated by PDG **Jaime "Jimmy" Cura** with PDG **Herminio "Sonny" Coloma** as resource speaker. Panelists were PRID **Jackson Hsieh**, PDG **Leslie Saluheddin**, PDG **Muhhamed Faiz Kidwai "Faiz,"** PDG **Chew Ghim Nok**, and PDG **Sam Showket Hossain**.

The other breakout session was in Mandarin, with PDG **Thomas Wong "Tommy"** as moderator and PDG **I-Tson Soo "Antonio"** as resource speaker. The panelists were PDG **Kuan-Hsiung Chang "Mintong,"** PDG **Pai Chou Tu "Obs,"** PDG **Hongshue Chen "ENT,"** PDG **Jen-Hwa Hsu "Jerry,"** and PDG **Chung-tong Chen "John."**

BREAKOUT SESSION ON MAKING ROTARY RELEVANT

NETWORKING, A REASON FOR MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

We must not lose the opportunity to network and help improve communities.

A cross-section of business and professional communities from various countries around the world, Rotary provides endless networking opportunities. This has proven to be an important reason for membership retention.

The breakout session on *Networking* was made lively by its resource speaker, Past President (PP) **Tetsu Fukuda** from Nagoya, Japan. He said networking is not a philosophy; it is a call to action to serve communities through the **Global Grants** program of **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**.

In Rotary, there are many opportunities for networking – club meetings, district conferences, international conventions, zone institutes, and sisterhood agreements between clubs. There are connecting tools for us, such as Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Friendship Exchange, and social media platforms including Facebook, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat, etc.

He shared that Japanese Rotarians are not active enough because of the language barrier, a challenge that he tries to address by encouraging their young Rotarians to go outside of Japan and enjoy the true value of Rotary through international service. He says there are no “givers” nor “receivers” between Rotarians in service projects, but only “local” and “international” partners. In the process, Rotarians grow friendships, cultivate mutual trust and respect, gain new connections and form a network. These connections ultimately give power to enable better service to the communities. The wider the network, the bigger the impact, thus attracting more people to join Rotary.

PP Tetsu Fukuda shared that in Japan, the districts have more than US$8 million in unused DDF (District Designated Funds) resting in Evanston. All their Rotarians are eager to share these funds but they do not know how to find projects. Japanese Rotary Clubs await impactful service project proposals written in the Japanese Language.

PP Tetsu Fukuda challenged Rotarians to make things happen. We must not lose the opportunity to network and help improve communities.

The session's moderator was PDG **Marcos "Mac" Hermoso**. The panelists were **PDG Eva Kurniaty**, PDG **Danilo "Dan" Espinosa**, PDG **Rey David**, and PDG **Iqbal Quereshi**.

The panelists shared their insights and best practices to effectively network and obtain partners for Global Grants. The key factor is to build friendships and trust. PDG Rey David focused on the need to find a common interest between project partners. The audience applauded when he said that the most effective inspiration for networking is this year's theme, "*Rotary Connects the World*"!



Resource speaker Tetsu Fukuda shows photo of District 3780 district governors visiting District 2760 in Nagoya to raise funds for service projects (from left, DG Johnny Yu, PDG Ambo Gancayco, PDG Dulce Coyukiat, PDG Mar Reyes, PDG Dwight Ramos, IPDG Bernadette Herrera, PDG Sam Pagdilao and PDG Dan Espinosa).
About 40 to 50 Rotarians from District 3780 join the fund raising in Japan every year.













BREAKOUT SESSION ON NETWORKING







ROTARY'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Rotary's Action Plan is a call to action to work together to build a stronger future. Rotarians are People of Action.

Constantly determined to prepare for the future, Rotary has developed a new strategic plan for the next five years. It does not replace the old plan, since it is rooted in the same values.

The new strategic plan was approved by the **RI Board of Directors** and the **TRF Board of Trustees** in June 2017. According to RI Director **Stephanie Urchick**, who spoke on ***Rotary's Strategic Plan*** in a plenary session, the plan was developed with massive inputs from Rotarians, Rotaractors, and alumni.

The new plan is tagged as Rotary's ***Action Plan***, a call to action to work together to build a stronger future. Rotarians are identified as ***People of Action***. The new plan is being rolled out this Rotary year, 2019–2020.



RID Stephanie Urchick, former Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, discusses Rotary's strategic plan for the next 5 years starting with 2019.

The Action Plan intends to fortify Rotary. It ensures that every person who engages with Rotary has a meaningful and fulfilling experience by changing more lives and improving communities.

The new plan identifies four priorities:

Priority 1: Increase Our Impact. People of Action know how to mobilize networks and create impactful solutions that last. Learning from successes and setbacks in projects, clubs, and careers, Rotarians make decisions based on evidence and seek out new ways to translate their expertise into impactful changes in local communities and across the globe.

Priority 2: Expand Our Reach. People of Action activate and inspire one another. They create a bigger difference when they can get more people to unite and come together in changing the world. Rotarians draw people through their stories.

Priority 3: Enhance Participant Engagement. People of Action make project participants feel personally and professionally fulfilled as they unite with Rotarians. They choose to grow and be active in Rotary, even if they are offered other networking and volunteering opportunities.

Priority 4: Increase Our Ability to Adapt. People of Action have proven in their own own careers that they know how to make organizations move forward. Rotarians are confident, adaptive leaders. They seek out fresh opportunities, open up to different concepts, and simplify operations.

According to RID Stephanie Urchick, these priorities must be “owned” by each Rotarian. Each Rotarian can be an *Action Plan Champion* as Rotary enters the next century.

RI President RIPE Holger Knaack welcomes the new Rotary *Action Plan*. He said, “It is all about growing Rotary. The time is now to take this *Action Plan* – and run with it.” Elevating passionate Rotaractors as equal partners of Rotarians is a great start of Rotary’s Strategic Plan.

REINFORCING ROTARY'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The districts and clubs must align with Rotary's Action Plan.

Rotary's New Strategic Plan was reinforced through two breakout group discussions. One had PDG **Pastor "Mar" Reyes Jr.** as the resource speaker. The panelists were Past RI Director **Saowalak Rattanavich**, PDG **Muhammad Saleem Rao**, PDG Dr. **Ishtiaque Zaman**, and PDG **Benigno "Boboy" Valles**. The session was moderated by PDG **Samuel "Sam" Fontanilla**.

PDG Mar Reyes described the characteristics of a good strategic plan – prospective, aspirational, the product of a process, flexible, achievable, measurable, empowering and inspirational. Rotary needs such plan to survive the next 100 years.

PRID Saowalak Rattanavich said the previous priorities of Rotary were membership, TRF and public image but the RI Board recently focused on more action with the new RI Strategic Plan. The Plan should be aligned with the district and clubs. She emphasized that Rotary should be made simple and its core values should not be forgotten.

PDG Ishtiaque Zaman stated that Rotary must be attractive in the next century, especially to young professionals and women. RI targets at least 1 million Rotaractors by 2029. PDG Boboy Valles reminded clubs to update the Rotary Club Central before submitting their plan. PDG Muhammad Saleem Rao said that clubs and districts should plan for at least three years.

The other discussion group, in Mandarin, was moderated by PDG **Chao Hsiung Lin "Set"**, with PDG **Hung-Min Chang "Tony"** as resource speaker.

Indeed, Rotary's New Strategic Plan will provide us with a continuity of vision, keeping us moving towards a stronger future.

BREAKOUT SESSION ON ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PLAN















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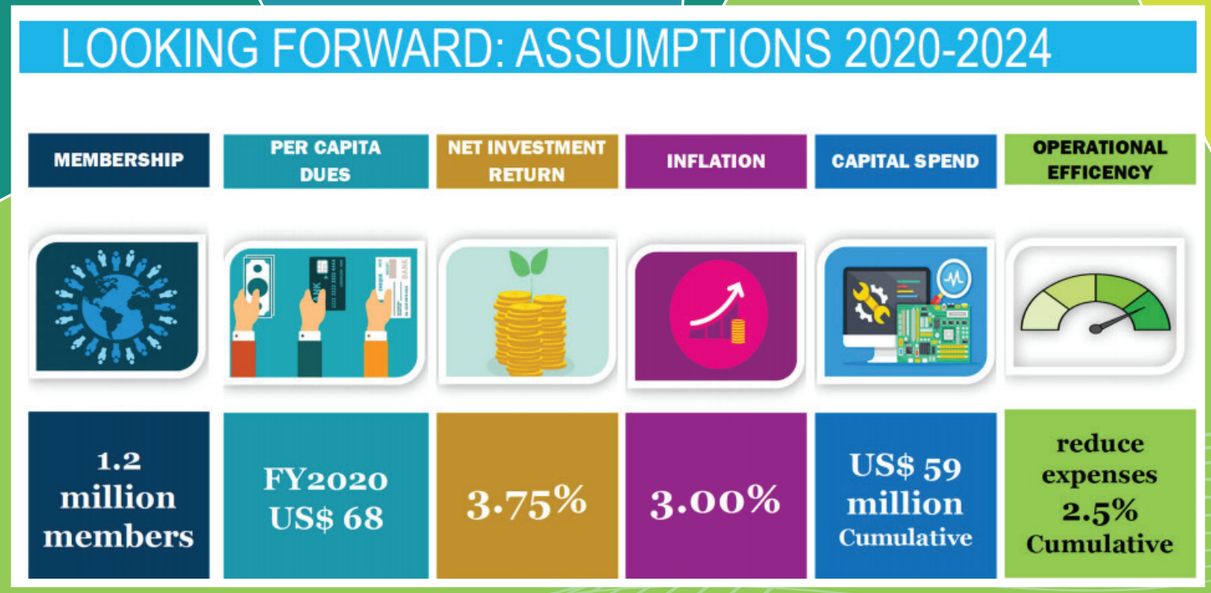
increase per year per member until 2024

RI's Five-Year Financial Forecast

Preparing for the future of Rotary is not complete without a financial forecast. During the closing plenary of the Institute, RI Treasurer **David Stovall** and RI Deputy General Manager **Michelle Berg** made a video report on the **Five-Year Financial Forecast** of Rotary International covering the years 2020 to 2024.

The report reviewed the financial performance of Rotary in 2019. The 2019 revenues of USD114 million was derived from membership dues (USD79 million or 69%), investment returns (USD3 million or 3%), and other sources of revenues (USD32 million 28%). The returns on investment were higher than budgeted.

The revenues for the years 2016 to 2019 (four years) had a cumulative increase of USD9 million (from USD 410 million in 2016 to USD 419 million in 2019), while expenses for the same years had a cumulative decrease of USD8 million (from USD418 million in 2016 to USD410 in 2019).



In response to survey results in 2015, the expenses in 2016 to 2019 consisted of the following: maintaining and updating the website (Rotary.org), Rotary Club Central, Rotary Learning Center, the “People of Action” Campaign, Virtual Reality Strategy, and the Financial Management System. The reduction in expenses for the period were realized from moving content to online delivery, implementing an Office of Investment, a reorganization of our regional focus and footprint, and off-shoring additional operations to India.

For the years 2020 to 2024 budget, these were the assumptions: *(see image above)*

For the period 2020 to 2024, the relevant assumptions used for Revenues and Expenses were presented. For Membership Dues, no member increase is projected for the next 5 years. The USD4 increase in dues per member will be implemented in 2020 plus a USD1 increase per year per member until 2024. This increase is necessary to support strategic spending for the next years.

The need to increase the Rotary dues was illustrated by comparing two assumptions: 1) *Assuming no increase in annual dues* from 2021 to 2023, there will be a deficit of USD8 million by 2024. Reserves will be reduced from USD107 million in 2019 to USD88 million in 2024. 2) However, *assuming a USD1 annual dues increase every year* in 2021 to 2023, the deficit will be USD 4 million by 2024. The reserves will be USD99 million in 2024.

With regard to other assumptions, Net Investment Return, Inflation and Capital Spend are projected at, respectively, 3.75%, 2.4%, and USD12 Million average per annum.

The expenses to support Rotary's Strategic Plan will include learning management for Rotarians, a new comprehensive financial management system, review of business processes for greater operational efficiency, focus on the increasing engagement of Rotaractors as partners, among others. The RI Board plans to close the gap between expenses and expenditures further by moving work to low cost jurisdictions and changing RI's charitable status in the US.

RI Treasurer David Stovall and RI Deputy General Manager Michelle Berg emphasized that Rotary continues to give importance to the value of stewardship, transparency and the new Strategic Plan towards a stronger and sustainable future of Rotary.

CHAPTER 5
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

RIPE Holger Knaack administers an oral polio vaccine to a child from the same neighborhood where Past RI President James Bomar administered the first polio vaccine to a Filipino child 40 years ago. Among those assisting is Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque.

The Rotary Foundation

The late Past District Governor (PDG) **Robert Fung Kuan** of the Rotary Club of Makati once said, “It is not a misery to give. It is a privilege to be able to give.”

This is the The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in a nutshell. Since its inception, the culture of giving remains alive up to today.

“Rotarians, we are here to give hope, to sow seeds of love, to inspire, in a world riddled with so much problems and conflict,” TRF Trustee Past RI Director (PRID) **Sangkoo Yun’s** voice filled the whole room.

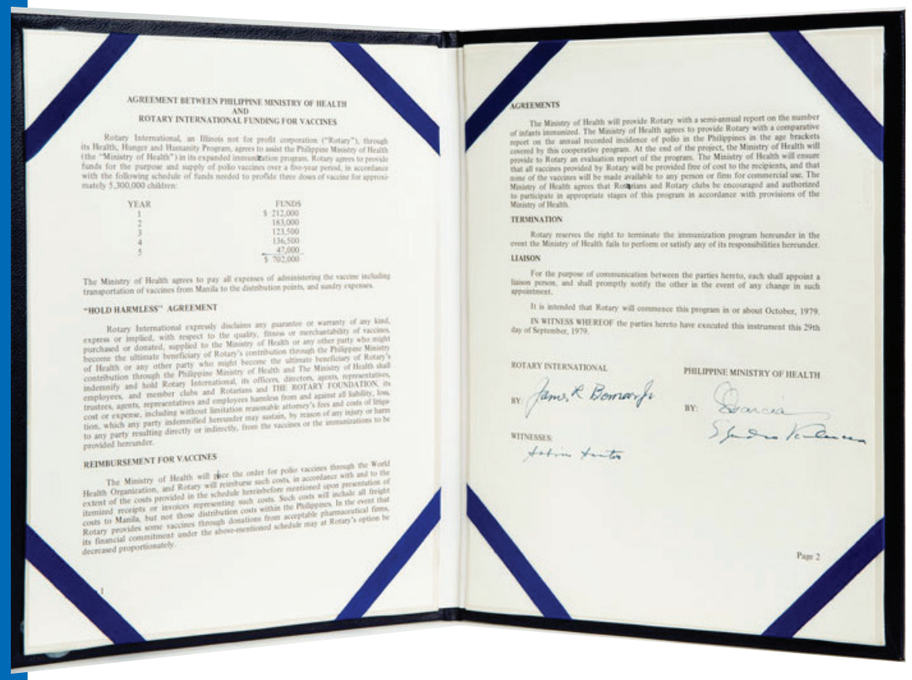
Across decades, TRF has enabled significant changes through various service projects in many countries.

In 1979, a **3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) Grant**, in partnership with the **Philippine Ministry of Health**, funded the vaccination of six million children against polio. Its success led to the launching of **Polio Plus** in 1985 and the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)** in 1988.



RF Trustee/PRID Sankoo Yun inspires the audience on TRF giving.

Working Together Knows No Limits



AGREEMENT BETWEEN PHILIPPINE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FUNDING FOR VACCINES

Rotary International, an Illinois not for profit corporation ("Rotary"), through its Health, Hunger and Humanity Program, agrees to assist the Philippine Ministry of Health (the "Ministry of Health") in its expanded immunization program. Rotary agrees to provide funds for the purpose and supply of polio vaccines over a five-year period, in accordance with the following schedule of funds needed to provide three doses of vaccine for approximately 5,300,000 children:

YEAR	FUNDS
1	$ 212,000
2	183,000
3	123,500
4	136,500
5	47,000
	$ 702,000

The Ministry of Health agrees to pay all expenses of administering the vaccine including transportation of vaccines from Manila to the distribution points, and sundry expenses.

"HOLD HARMLESS" AGREEMENT

Rotary International expressly disclaims any guarantee or warranty of any kind, express or implied, with respect to the quality, fitness or merchantability of vaccines, purchased or donated, supplied to the Ministry of Health or any other party who might become the ultimate beneficiary of Rotary's contribution through the Philippine Ministry of Health or any other party who might become the ultimate beneficiary of Rotary's contribution through the Philippine Ministry of Health and The Ministry of Health shall indemnify and hold Rotary International, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, and member clubs and Rotarians and THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, its trustees, agents, representatives and employees harmless from and against all liability, loss, cost or expense, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation, which any party indemnified hereunder may sustain, by reason of any injury or harm to any party resulting directly or indirectly, from the vaccines or the immunizations to be provided hereunder.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR VACCINES

The Ministry of Health will place the order for polio vaccines through the World Health Organization, and Rotary will reimburse such costs, in accordance with and to the extent of the costs provided in the schedule hereinbefore mentioned upon presentation of itemized receipts or invoices representing such costs. Such costs will include all freight costs to Manila, but not those distribution costs within the Philippines. In the event that Rotary provides some vaccines through donations from acceptable pharmaceutical firms, its financial commitment under the above-mentioned schedule may at Rotary's option be decreased proportionately.

AGREEMENTS

The Ministry of Health will provide Rotary with a semi-annual report on the number of infants immunized. The Ministry of Health agrees to provide Rotary with a comparative report on the annual recorded incidence of polio in the Philippines in the age brackets covered by this cooperative program. At the end of the project, the Ministry of Health will provide to Rotary an evaluation report of the program. The Ministry of Health will ensure that all vaccines provided by Rotary will be provided free of cost to the recipients, and that none of the vaccines will be made available to any person or firm for commercial use. The Ministry of Health agrees that Rotarians and Rotary clubs be encouraged and authorized to participate in appropriate stages of this program in accordance with provisions of the Ministry of Health.

TERMINATION

Rotary reserves the right to terminate the immunization program hereunder in the event the Ministry of Health fails to perform or satisfy any of its responsibilities hereunder.

LIAISON

For the purpose of communication between the parties hereto, each shall appoint a liaison person, and shall promptly notify the other in the event of any change in such appointment.

It is intended that Rotary will commence this program in or about October, 1979.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this instrument this 29th day of September, 1979.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

BY: James R. Berrara Jr

PHILIPPINE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Agreement between Rotary International and the Philippine Ministry of Health, 29 September 1979. With this project, Rotary begins what will become one of its best-known and proudest efforts — working to eliminate this devastating disease from the earth.

The latter is remarkably noted as a public-private partnership of Rotary with national governments, the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, and **Gavi**, the Vaccine Alliance, to eradicate polio worldwide.

Big organizations and government institutions with the same mission have helped TRF grow through the years. In 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has given a total of approximately US$3.7 billion to TRF for its end polio program. It has partnered with the UNICEF to support the introduction of three vaccines targeting three killer diseases: diarrhea, pneumonia and cervical cancer. TRF has also helped Taiwan to become the world's first Hepatitis C-free country and fight cervical cancer in Sri Lanka and Thailand. It treats patients with cleft lip and palate disorder in the Philippines. For five years, it built a US$20-million program to feed malnourished children in Africa and opened the new **Rotary Peace Center** at Makerere University in Uganda. Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in over 115 countries as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the **United Nations** and the **World Bank**.

According to PRID Sangkoo Yun, TRF has awarded an immense amount of money to fund **Global Grants**—case in point was the US$86,677,399-funding for 1,306 grants during the 2018 fiscal year. TRF funds service projects in Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

In Rotary Year 2018-2019 alone, a total of US$395.5 million was raised in Annual Giving, exceeding the target amount of US$380 million.

The Fight Against Polio: How It All Began

Past RI Director **Rafael "Paing" Hechanova**, with his firsthand experience, enthusiastically narrated the history of Rotary's PolioPlus program.

Armed with a vision for Rotary to lead polio immunization, late RI President **Jack Davis** (1977-1978) laid the groundwork for the campaign. Succeeding RI President **Clem Renouf** (1978-1979) used it as basis for the first immunization project that RI President **James Bomar** (1979-1980) would carry out on September 29, 1979. He administered Rotary's first oral polio vaccine to a child at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati in the Philippines. The vaccination campaign was implemented in coordination with the Philippine Ministry of Health, headed by Minister **Enrique Garcia**. The project immunized six million Filipino children against polio, at a cost of about US$760,000 (US$2.39 million



TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun administers an oral polio vaccine to a Filipino child during the commemoration of the 40th year of the campaign against polio in the Philippines, as International PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike McGovern and Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque look on.



PDG Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia maps out the PolioPlus timeline.

in today's value) funded by Rotary's 3-H grant. The **PolioPlus** was launched in 1985 followed by Rotary's inclusion in the GPEI in 1988.

PDG **Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia** *(photo on the left)* further mapped out the program's timeline. The 3-H Grant in 1979 worth US$702,000 was used to vaccinate six million Filipino children for a five-year period. Its pilot took place in Mabalacat and Angeles City of Pampanga where PDG **Ruben Henson** developed an immunization plan. The UN then launched the **Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)** of which Rotary eventually became a partner of. The **National PolioPlus Immunization Committee** was created with PDG **Antonio "Jun" Tambunting Jr.** and PDG **Mariano Ilano** appointed as heads. Rotary raised US$247 million for PolioPlus in 1988. In 1992, the Department of Health (DOH) assigned PDG Oskie de Venecia as the chairman of the **National Immunization Days (NID) Social Mobilization and Information, Education and Communication Committee**. The **First National Immunization Day** happened in the Philippines in 1993.

On October 29, 2000, WHO finally certified the Western Pacific Region as polio-free. Sadly, on September 1, 2019, DOH announced eight new cases of polio in Mindanao and Metro Manila. A Memorandum of Agreement for polio eradication was immediately signed last September 20, 2019 between DOH Secretary **Francisco Duque III** and the District Governors of the 10 Philippine Rotary Districts.

The Challenges of the Fight Against Polio

Incoming TRF Trustee **Aziz Memon** spoke on the challenges of eradicating polio, including security, media, administrative gaps, refusals, and children in transit. He also emphasized that Rotary must step up its system of providing clean water to promote good hygiene. His support strategy highlighted the importance of spreading the advocacy, building Rotary Polio Resource Centers, establishing permanent immunization centers, setting up permanent transit posts and organizing health camps.

He and Dr. **Huang Thi Giang Tran**, Director of Programmes for Disease Control of WHO, stressed that in war-torn countries, there is a need for peace and order to allow unimpeded delivery and administration of polio vaccines. Dr. Huang Thi Giang Tran mentioned the importance of continuous political commitment to the global polio eradication efforts of Rotary and WHO.



Incoming RF Trustee Aziz Memon speaks on the challenges of eradicating polio.



Dr. Huang Thi Giang Tran, Director of Programmes for Disease Control of WHO, stresses difficulties in delivering polio vaccines in war-torn countries.



The Polio Endgame

PRIVP **Mike McGovern**, International PolioPlus Committee Chair, named the following as serious challenges in the fight against polio: poliovirus incidence in Afghanistan and Pakistan; children being in conflict situations and remote areas; maintaining political commitment; gaining financial support; sustaining progress; and circulating vaccine-derived virus.

Increased funding efforts has enabled TRF in Rotary Year 2018-2019 to provide vaccines in Afghanistan, Democratic Republics of Congo, and Kenya; secure over 85,000 mobile vaccinators in Pakistan; and conduct disease detection

“The polio endgame strategy sees a world where no child will ever again be paralyzed by any poliovirus anywhere. Rotarians have to continue to support the program.

activities in the African and Mediterranean regions. 52% of the funds were used to get the vaccines to children while the remaining 48% were divided for vaccines, research, hiring of experts, detecting the disease, and raising awareness.

“Today we are celebrating the 40th anniversary and hope that by the 45th anniversary, we will celebrate the end of polio.

– International PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern

PRIVP Mike McGovern, International PolioPlus Committee Chair, discusses the polio endgame and challenges Rotarians to make sure it happens.

There are still over 450 million children to be immunized in 40 countries; 150,000 polio workers to be compensated in 70 countries; and disease surveillance activities to fund in more than 70 countries. The world has been brought to the threshold of being polio-free and TRF seeks to cross the finish line.

The **Polio Endgame Strategy 2019-2023** has three goals: (1) eradication, (2) integration—meaning, an alliance with other public health players beyond the GPEI,—and (3) certification and containment—meaning, proof that the transmission of the poliovirus has been interrupted and the virus has been destroyed or at least, appropriately contained.

The strategy was developed in 2018 and early 2019 in broad consultation with GPEI stakeholders: national health authorities, global health initiatives, scientific experts, donors and more from around the world. It is important to accomplish (1) detection and interruption of all poliovirus transmission; (2) stronger immunization systems and withdrawal of oral polio vaccine; and (3) poliovirus containment and certified interruption of transmission.

Rotarians must continue supporting the program in order to donate a total of US$50 million every year for the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation under an extended agreement. Rotarians will also have to advocate with their governments and other groups for their support so that immunization and surveillance won't be halted.

The PolioPlus Pioneer Awards

The plenary wrapped up with the recognition of three PolioPlus Pioneer Awardees by TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun, RIPE Holger Knaack, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Zone 7A **Jess Nicdao**, TRF Trustee Chair **Gary Huang**, and Institute Convenor **Raffy Garcia**. The awardees were the late PDG **Antonio "Jun" Tambunting, Jr.** (represented by his son, Jay), PDG **Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia**, and PDG **Ruben Henson** (not in photo).

The award honors Rotarians who provided extraordinary service to TRF, such service having a substantial impact to polio eradication prior to November 1, 1992.

Fourth and fifth from right are PDS Jay Tambunting (representing his father, the late PDG Antonio "Jun" Tambunting, Jr.) and PDG Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia. Tambunting and de Venecia are PolioPlus Pioneer awardees. Not in photo is another awardee, PDG Ruben Henson.



Commemorating the 40th Year of the Anti-Polio Program

The Institute commemorated the 40th anniversary of Rotary's campaign against polio in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati. The health center where the first Rotary-funded polio vaccine was administered now stands as the clubhouse of the **Rotary Club of Makati (RCM)**.

Present were RI President-Elect (RIPE) **Holger Knaack**, Institute Convenor RI Director **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III**, Institute Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** (who, coincidentally, is a relative of 1979 Health Minister **Enrique Garcia**), TRF Chair and Past RI President **Gary Huang**, TRF Trustee PRID **Sangkoo Yun**, International PolioPlus Committee Chair and PRIVP **Mike McGovern**, RID **Stephanie Urchick**, RID-Elect **Matti Honkala**, and incoming TRF Trustee **Aziz Memon**.

Event Chair Past President **Reggie Nolido** of RCM emphasized the decades-long hard work of Rotary and its partners that made the polio vaccination of 2.5 billion children possible. "Great things start with small beginnings," he said. It was received with great applause.

The delegates participated in a re-enactment of the events 40 years ago. Incumbent Secretary of Health **Francisco T. Duque III**, M.D., himself a past president of the **Rotary Club of Dagupan East**, RIPE **Holger Knaack**, other RI officers, PRID **Rafael "Paing" Hechanova**, and RCM President **Vicente "Bimbo" Mills, Jr.** all signed a Commemoration Certificate to mark the occasion. Thereafter, they participated in the immunization of 25 Filipino children from the same Guadalupe Viejo community.

RCM President Bimbo Mills stressed that fighting polio necessitates continuing effort. PRID Paing Hechanova agreed with a hope that what was started in the Philippines will be finished once and for all in the whole world. RIPE Holger Knaack noted that the active work of Filipino and international Rotarians for polio eradication is something all Rotarians can be proud of. International Polio Plus Committee Chair PRIVP Michael McGovern stays optimistic that the end of polio will be celebrated on the 45th anniversary of Rotary's polio program.



TRF Trustee Chair Gary Huang administers an oral polio vaccine to one of 25 Filipino children as Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque watches

Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque recognized Rotary's unfaltering support for the country's health projects. He commended Rotary's commitment in global polio eradication that has helped reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent in the Philippines.

Since being declared polio-free in 2000, the Philippine Department of Health sadly traced eight cases of polio in Mindanao and Manila this year. The Philippines has not lost its polio-free status, but the efforts to inform Filipinos on the value of immunization must be increased.

In response, TRF Chair PRIP Gary Huang lauded the efforts of Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque for his support in eradicating polio.

In his closing remarks, Institute Convenor RID Raffy Garcia called for an increase in polio immunization to get back to being polio-free.





Dignitaries re-enact the signing of an agreement 40 years ago between Rotary International and the Philippines' Ministry (now the Department) of Health on a joint campaign to provide polio vaccines for 6,000 Filipino children, the first of 2.5 billion children around the world who have been vaccinated against polio which has led to a 99.9 percent eradication of the disease in the world. Below, the Rotary dignitaries present were (from left) PP Reggie Nolido (chair of the event), Incoming RF Trustee Aziz Memon, RF Trustee PRID Sangkoo Yun, RID Stephanie Urchick, RIDE Virpi Holanka, RF Trustee Chair PRIP Gary Huang, RIPE Holger Knaack, PRIVP/International PoilioPlus Chair Mike McGovern, and President Bimbo Mills of the host club, Rotary Club of Makati.

It Is In Giving That We Receive:
The Arch Klumph Society Induction

A solemn induction ceremony, the largest regional AKS induction to date, was held to welcome a new batch of Rotary's highest givers into the **Arch Klumph Society (AKS)**, TRF's premium tier of donors.

> **"To be part of the Arch Klumph Society, there are only two requirements that need to be fulfilled: first, they have to be asked; and second, they have to have a willing heart.**
>
> – PDG Robert F. Kuan†

The involvement of AKS members has helped in the efforts of TRF to eradicate polio, build infrastructure, support Rotary Peace Fellows, and forward other causes towards a more humane and peaceful world.

The newly inducted members of the Arch Klumph Society are acknowledged onstage by the RI dignitaries.

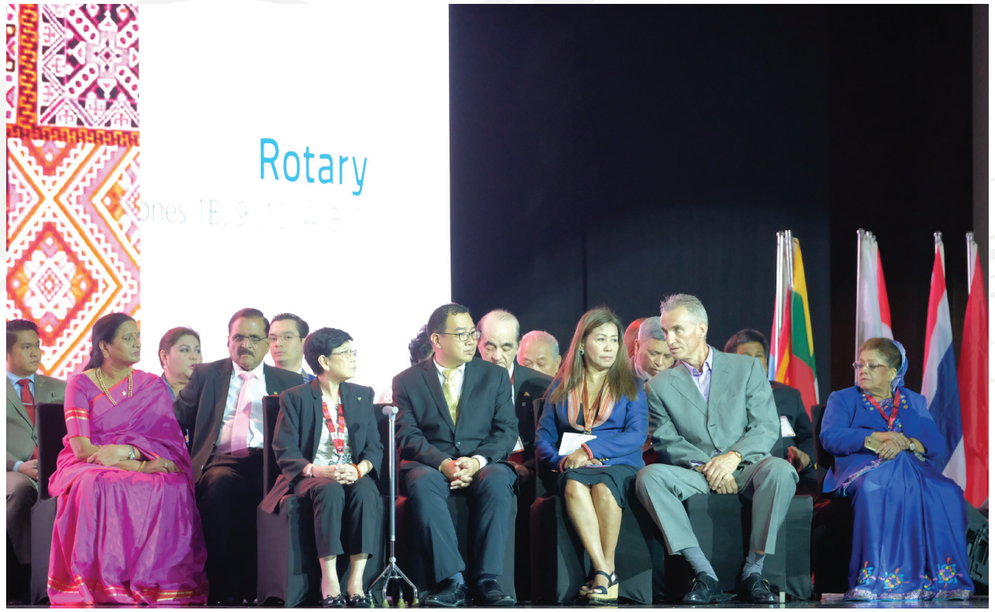


Arch Klumph

TRF's Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser PDG **Jess Nicdao**, an AKS member himself, inducted PP **Ulfat Jahan Moon** and Spouse **Moazzem Hossain**, PP **Nasser Shahrear Zahedee** and Rotarian **Nahida Akter**, PP **Raushan Ara Akhta**, PDG **Ashok Gupta** and Spouse **Vijaya**, DGE **Johnny Yu** and PP **Veronica Ho**, Pres. **Arnel Mateo** and PP **Sarah Deloraya**, PP **Rafael Garcia IV** and Spouse **Djhoanna**, PDG **Benny Ricafort** and Spouse **Nona**, Pres. **Joaquin Rodriguez**, and PP **David Ackerman** and Spouse Charter President **Mache Torres** into the **AKS Trustees' Circle**, those whose donations amount to US$250,000 to US$499,999.

Afterwards, he inducted PDG **Edna Reotutar-Sutter** and Spouse **Martin**, and **Yvonne Kuan**, spouse of the late PDG Robert Fung Kuan into the **AKS Chairman's Circle**, those whose donations total to at least US$500,000.

The late PDG **Robert Fung Kuan**, who used to be TRF's Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser, has always said that to be part of the Arch Klumph Society, there are only two requirements that need to be fulfilled: first, they have to be asked; and second, they have to have a willing heart.







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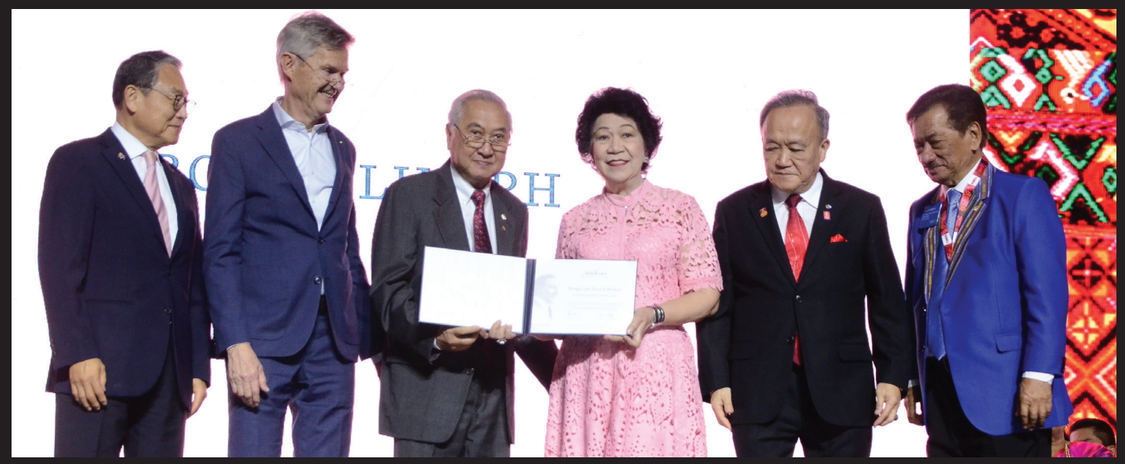

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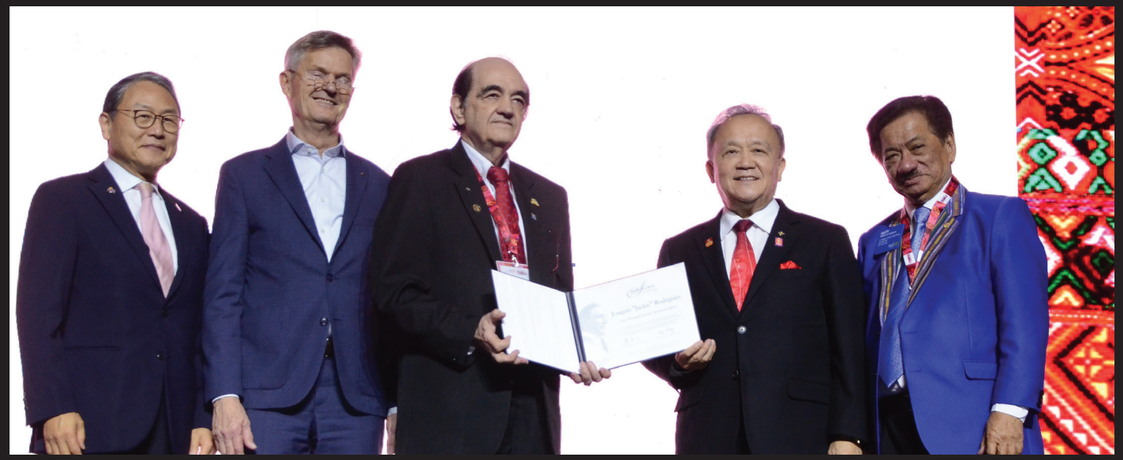

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CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE: PDG EDNA REOTUTAR-SUTTER AND SPOUSE MARTIN

TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP NASHER SHAHREAR ZAHEDEE AND SPOUSE RTN NAHIDA AKTER



CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE: YVONNE KUAN

The Gift of Giving: The Major Donors' Luncheon



The Institute treated the newly-inducted AKS members to a bountiful lunch attended by RI dignitaries, past and present Major Donors, and the MARI officers. Institute Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** welcomed the guests.

PRIVP **Mike McGovern** said in his inspirational address that the greatest honor he has had in his lifetime was when he was invited to be a Rotarian, and that the second greatest honor was when he was invited to be a Rotary Foundation donor. PRIVP Mike McGovern has seen how TRF-funded projects change and transform lives.







He cited his favorite '60s song *"Sweet Caroline"* which goes, *"Who would have known that they would come along,"* that for him describes the TRF donors in the eyes of those whose lives were transformed by its projects.

As he ended his speech, PRIVP Mike recited some of the most memorable lines of *"Sweet Caroline,"* which say, *"Hands reaching out... touching me... touching you."*

He then left with a question: "Isn't this what Rotary is all about?" The donors met this with a resounding applause of affirmation.

Before the lunch was adjourned, the Institute recognized the districts which surpassed their TRF goals in the last Rotary Year, 2018-2019.

The Institute's Host Organizing Committee host the RI dignitaries and the Arch Klumph Society Members to a luncheon, together with the Major Donors.

CHAPTER 6
BUILDING A BETTER WORLD



ROTARY INSTITUTE 2019
MANILA

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International Peace and Understanding

Since its inception 115 years ago, Rotary has been known for building a better world through its areas of focus and avenues of service, providing Rotarians with a strong common purpose and direction.

“US President Franklin Roosevelt and UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill had their eyes on Rotary when they were planning the establishment of the UN. They recognized that Rotary was already living their vision of the UN.

Past District Governor **Douglas “Doug” Vincent**, Zone 24’s Representative to the United Nations, made an interesting presentation on the depth of the involvement of Rotary in the peace efforts of the UN.

He shared how, in 1930, a Rotarian from Nashville, Tennessee, came up with a brilliant idea of developing “International Institutes of Understanding” that would promote international understanding and world peace. It spread in Texas until the idea reached different parts of the globe.

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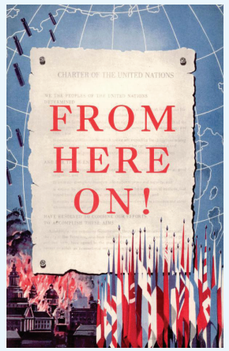
Institute Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia and Vice Chair PDG Edna Sutter recognize plenary speaker PDG Douglas "Doug" Vincent, Zone 24 Representative to the United Nations

PDG Douglas "Doug" Vincent emphasizes the need for a stronger membership to promote the shared vision of UN and Rotary, international peace.

Senior world leaders embraced the concept and included Rotary's leaders in discussions on creating the UN as we know it today.

Even before the UN was formed in 1945, Rotary already held a significant role in other exploratory meetings on international peace, such as the publishing of "Respect for Human Rights" which was discussed in the 1940 RI Convention in Havana, Cuba. The document significantly served as a blueprint of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Discussions of the creation of an organization like UNESCO started as early as 1942 – in the RI Convention in London, UK.

US President **Franklin Roosevelt** and UK Prime Minister **Winston Churchill** had their eyes on Rotary when they were planning the establishment of the UN. Rotary did not even have to win their stamp of approval; the two leaders basically had the knowledge



Rotary's presentation of the United Nations charter, "From Here On!"

of Rotary's normal proceedings such as successful international institutes and other Rotary events. Roosevelt and Churchill recognized that Rotary was already living their vision of the UN.

A total of 49 Rotarians took part in the meetings leading to the formation of the UN. The second president of the UN General Assembly was a Rotarian, Gen. **Carlos P. Romulo**, a member of the **Rotary Club of Manila**. The Rotary booklet "From Here On" helped encourage people to use the UN Charter document as a map for service and peace.

UN and Rotary truly enjoy a long history of partnership and a shared vision of promoting world peace.

Economic and Community Development

Rotarians, being professionals, businessmen, entrepreneurs and government leaders, carry out vocations and service projects that enhance economic and community development.

The 2019 Manila Rotary Institute demonstrated the Rotarians' deep interest in the economy of the Philippines by inviting among its esteemed row of guests the Philippines' Department of Finance Secretary **Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III** who reaffirmed the importance of Rotary in nation-building during his speech at the first night of the institute.



Philippine Secretary of Finance Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III speaks on the economic successes of the Philippine government

"In the spirit of building a better world, Rotarians are deeply interested in the economy of the Philippines."

Secretary Sonny Dominguez, a member of the **Rotary Club of Manila**, commended Rotary International for its deep commitment to social service. He is looking forward to more future partnerships between Rotary and the Philippine government.

He reported the economic accomplishments over the past three years of the Philippine government under the Duterte administration, including the strong annual GDP growth of 6-7%, a reduction in poverty, and the sustainable high growth rate achieved over the past three years. He is counting on Rotarians to help spread the word on the country's impressive economic growth.

His speech was returned with a loud applause, proof of a strong support of Rotary for the strengthening of the economic growth already achieved by the Philippine government.

Mediation and Arbitration: Conflict Prevention and Resolution



No organization is perfect and Rotary is no exception. At times, internal conflicts come up in the districts.

The **Rotary International Manual of Procedures** (RI MOP) is the Bible of every Rotarian when it comes to dealing with internal affairs. Article 24 of the RI MOP provides a general guide on how to resolve internal conflicts and has been the rule of thumb in Rotary districts and clubs around the world.

The **Philippine College of Rotary Governors** (PCRG), however, saw the need to come up with more specific procedures. On February 25, 2019, a model was adopted by the PCRG following one of Sun Tzu's famous doctrines: *"The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting."*

The important but sensitive topic of "Mediation and Arbitration – A Model for Conflict Resolution Within Rotary" was taken up in a breakout group facilitated by PCRG Chair, PDG **Raul Peralta**, with past PCRG Chair, PDG **Samuel "Sammy" Pagdilao**, as resource person. PDG Sammy Pagdilao presented the PCRG model with three levels of jurisdiction for resolving disputes: the club, the district and the PCRG (or in other countries, a similar organization).

Rotary was founded in 1905 on the friendship between the first Rotarians, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey. Tolerance and friendship must always prevail.

The model proposed these steps: The complaining party files a written request for mediation with the District Governor (DG) who, upon assessment that the request is proper for mediation, refers the dispute to a mediator. The mediator communicates with the counter-party and asks for a reply in not more than ten days after receipt of the complaint. The mediator calls for conciliation within ten days from submission of reply towards reaching an amicable settlement, at the end of which he terminates the conciliation. The mediator submits a written report to the DG within ten

days from termination of the conciliation. If in case the conciliation fails at the district level, the DG may seek the intervention of the PCRG.

The implementation of the mechanism prevents the districts from immediately submitting a complaint directly to the RI Board of Directors.

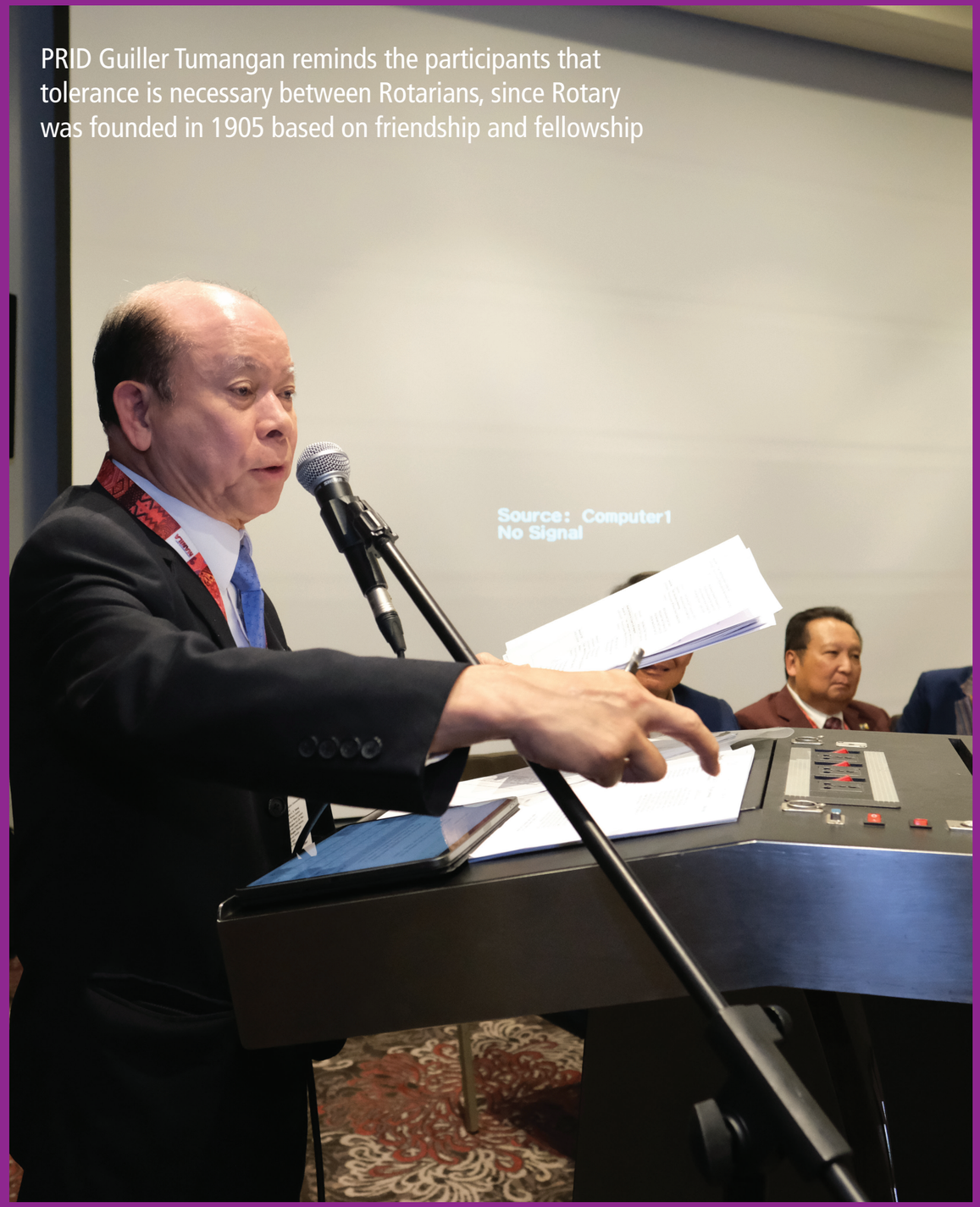
Recommendations were brought to the fore. One is to require the mediator to undergo training to acquire the requisite skills and ensure consistency in handling complaints. Another is to add a confidentiality clause to all documents. A third is to make use of the internet between parties separated by physical distance, especially in districts that cover a wide area. A fourth is to specify a time frame for all of the steps, since Rotarians usually have busy schedules. And finally, it was recommended to fine-tune the model to adapt to cultural differences.

The session ended with Past RI Director **Guiller Tumangan** reminding everyone that tolerance is necessary between Rotarians. He said that Rotary was founded in 1905 on the friendship between the first Rotarians, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey. Tolerance and friendship must always prevail.

As a final note, a motion was raised for the model to be submitted to the plenary of the Institute for its adoption subject to modification upon due consideration of the respective cultures.

The motion was approved in a plenary session.





PRID Guiller Tumangan reminds the participants that tolerance is necessary between Rotarians, since Rotary was founded in 1905 based on friendship and fellowship





Dengue Control: Disease Prevention and Treatment



Moderator PDG **Datuk Hj Zainie Aucasa** said that amidst the myriad of health issues in the world, dengue remains to be a top concern.

Resource speaker PDG **Ir John "John" Cheah Kam Loong** urged Rotarians to be the catalyst of the disease's widespread prevention, through three ways: 1) *Environmental management* is correcting breeding places where stagnant water gathers. He also advised mindful landscaping, such as eliminating the use of water-collecting plants (like the popular *bromeliads*), replacing these with mosquito repellant plants, and ensuring proper drainage. People should be mindful in selecting their wardrobe, by wearing a long-sleeved top and pants. Families can use mosquito nets. 2) *Chemical control* can be as simple as using anti-dengue paints and the appropriate insecticides. And, 3) *Biological control* includes introducing animals that eat the mosquito vectors, such as guppy fish and copepods.

He said that a recently developed measure is to breed mosquitoes that carry *wolbachia pipientis*, a bacterium that blocks the insects' ability to spread the fearsome virus; it is injected into the eggs of *aedes aegypti* mosquitoes which spread this to their offspring. This technology reduced dengue cases by 40% in Kuala Lumpur.

At the end of the day, the best cure for dengue is still prevention. Rotarians are the catallysts through environmental management, chemical control and biological control.

PDG **Virachai Jamroendarasame** discussed the four serotypes of the dengue virus.

Infection by one serotype usually provides immunity against itself. A subsequent infection of the other three serotypes may lead to hospitalization, even death.

Dengvaxia—a vaccine to prevent all four dengue serotypes—is the first anti-dengue vaccine approved by

the US Food and Drug Administration to cater to patients ages 9 to 16. Dengue vaccine development still faces a lot of challenges.

This is primarily why he suggested an integrated model to address the dengue war: vaccination, a well-executed vector control environment, and evidence-based clinical care. There are no permanent treatments for dengue, just yet; hence, the strategy is to implement prevention and early treatment.

PDG **Michael Yee Yik Fa** said human beings are the natural host of the main vector *aedes aegypti* and *aedes albopictus*. The infective female breeds in clear water whose biting activity is reduced by low temperatures around 14 degrees centigrade.

Dengue has 3 classifications: Dengue fever, Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and Dengue shock syndrome (DSS).

With dengue fever, children will appear asymptomatic 1 to 5 days before fever, rhinitis, mild cough, and/or pharyngeal inflammation kick in. After incubation of 2 to 7 days, rapid onset of fever will materialize. Treatment is through antipyretic drug or cold sponging or use of fluids and electrolytes. Aspirin is contraindicated.



Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) is characterized by hemorrhage, leakage from capillaries, and shock in severe cases. In addition to these, Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) presents bleeding into the tissues, bruising, and slow blood clotting. There are no antiviral medicines given, only supportive measures such as antipyretic to avoid convulsion, fluid intake, and observation of signs of shock in children. In cases of shock, there is a need for hospital admission.

Re-infection should be prevented because if the patient survived the first time, the second could be fatal.

It was made clear that vaccine should only be given to those who have had dengue. There is ongoing research on organic sources, such as plants, to replace chemical vaccines. There are studies on oil extracts from lemongrass; oil extracts are now being used as insect repellants in the Philippines.

At the end of the day, the best cure is still prevention.





Protecting the Environment



Protecting the environment is a primordial concern for everyone. Because of its importance, there were three breakout groups on this subject.

In one breakout group, PDG **Pervez Ahsan Khan** was the resource speaker. PDG **Jose A.R. "Pepito" Bengzon III** was the moderator.

Five top issues that need priority consideration were identified: 1) climate change and global warming, 2) deforestation, 3) air pollution, 4) water quality and scarcity, and 5) ocean water pollution.

In Bangladesh, PDG **K.M. Zainul Abedin "Zainul"** said that 2/3 of the country is most affected. There is a need to work with government agencies to educate the communities, create awareness and encourage their involvement to improve the environment.

PDG **Iftihar Ahmed** said that according to the 2018 Global Climate Risk Index released by the public policy group Germanwatch, Pakistan is smong ten countries most affectd by climate change, where average temperatures are predicted to rise faster.

The efforts of Rotarians to carry out environmental projects are largely reactive. There must be a global strategic plan and a strong political will in every country to contain environmental damages.

PDG **Pacifico "Boy" Aniag** emphasized that there has to be a global effort to plant billions of trees; it is one of the cheapest ways to tackle environmental problems. Perhaps Rotary could take the lead.

PDG **Joseph Michael "Yumi" P Espina** stressed that further climate change is now the "new normal," as manifested in earthquakes and typhoons. The efforts of Rotarians to carry out environmental projects are largely reactive. There must be a global strategic plan and a strong political will in every country to contain environmental damages.

















The recommendations were: 1) Rotary should create another area of focus on environment, and allow Global Grants to support this; 2) There must be a collaborative effort of government and the private sector to protect the environment, where Rotary should take an active role; 3) In low income countries, communities should be encouraged to engage in economically viable environmental projects; and 4) *Preserve Planet Earth* must be continued to address the enviornmental crisis.

A second breakout group had PDG **Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan** as resource speaker. The discussion started rolling with a list of alarming climate change symptoms: massive forest fires, plastic in our oceans, rising global temperatures, powerful storms, melting of the polar ice caps, rising of the water levels, and rising emissions of carbon dioxide. He cited efforts made by his club, the **Rotary Club of Manila**, to plant and nurture trees that help the livelihood of farmers.

Expounding the issues further were panelists PDG **Shohid Ahmed Chowdhury**, PDG **Syed Ebrahim Shah**, PDG **Mohammed Abdul Awwal**, and DGE **Tazeen Ahmad Kamboh**. They explained that the proposal for a seventh area of focus on the environment was not approved because the **Council on Legislation** believes that environmental protection is already integrated in the six other areas of focus of Rotary.

Moderator PDG **Vicente "Tito" Enriquez** said that Rotary can attract and retain millennials by addressing causes valuable to them – environment, among them.

The third breakout group had PDG **Yau Fang Chen "Gary"** as resource speaker. The panelists were PDG **Chun-Liang Kuo "DK,"** PDG **Jenn-Pam Horng "JP,"** PDG **Wen-Chao Shen "Allen,"** PDG **TienMu Chiu "Polish,"** and PDG **Ching-Polou Chwang**. Moderator was PDG **Lian-Fong Lin "ARC Noemi."**













CHAPTER 7
THE EVENING EVENTS



As soon as the sun rose, the Rotarians were up for the morning sessions of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute; and as soon as it had set, the Rotarians were dressed for the evening events.

The morning discussions were invigorating and made the MARI delegates all the more excited for the evening programs that guaranteed good food, great company, world-class entertainment and nonstop dancing.

The Cultural Night: A Cultural Awakening and A Celebration of the Philippines' Economic Strides

The Cultural Night commenced right after the Opening Ceremonies on the first day.

The Philippines opened with a breathtaking performance of *Ragragsakan* of the Kalinga and the *Singkil* of the *Maranaos* from Mindanao. The Rotarians from **District 3820** may not be professional cultural dancers but they beautifully showcased the vibrant and diverse culture of the Philippines.

Chair of the Cultural Night Institute Vice Chairman, Past District Governor (PDG) **Edna Sutter** was then called to deliver the welcome remarks. She recognized the hospitality of the Filipino Rotarians and acknowledged the presence of international Rotarians. She wished everyone would derive a sense of community from the event.

She then called DG **Bernadette "BH" Herrera** of D3780 to introduce the event's guest of honor and keynote speaker, Department of Finance Secretary **Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III**. DG BH Herrera commended the secretary for his commitment, perseverance, passion, and service to the country.




DG Bernadette Herrera


PDG Edna Sutter


Finance Secretary Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III


Convenor RID Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III, Finance Secretary Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III, Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia, RIPE Holger Knaack TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun

Secretary Sonny Dominguez, who is a member of the **Rotary Club of Manila** won the applause of the crowd with his opening line, "I find that my most important speeches always begin with the phrase, 'My fellow Rotarians.' He commended Rotary International for its deep commitment to social service.

As Finance Secretary, he reported the economic accomplishments of the Duterte administration including the strong annual GDP growth of 6-7%, poverty reduction and a sustained high growth rate. Secretary Sonny is counting on Rotarians to help spread the word on the country's impressive economic growth.

Convenor RI Director (RID) **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III** with Spouse **Minda** and Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** and spouse **Teresita** handed the secretary a token of appreciation. RID Raffy Garcia and Chair PDG Sid Garcia then led the celebratory toast. RI President-Elect (RIPE) **Holger Knaack** and TRF Trustee **Sangkoo Yoon** joined them onstage to mark the start of the cultural performance competition.

The groups would be judged according to cultural authenticity of performance and costume, audience interaction and impact, concept, and connection to the *"Connect. Collaborate. Create"* theme of the institute. The winner, picked by

TRF Trustee **Sangkoo Yun**'s spouse **Eunson Yun**, RIPE **Holger Knaack**'s spouse **Susanne Knaack**, and RID **Stephanie Urchick**, would take home US$2,000.

With almost each performance, RI President-Elect (RIPE) Holger Knaack was pulled to the stage to perform with the Rotarians. A real trouper, the spritely president-elect hopped on to the stage with a big smile.

Bangladesh was up first, followed by Pakistan's first group, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan's second group, Taiwan District 3502, Taiwan District 3481, and lastly, Thailand. Bangladesh had a sparkly dance performance while Pakistan wowed the audience with a mime.





Hong Kong filled up the stage with a beautiful Chinese song while Indonesia prepared a Bali dance. Malaysia performed a cheery song then Pakistan's second group amazed the crowd with four different cultural dances.





Taiwan District 3502 showcased an all-female folk dance for welcoming spring while Taiwan District 3481 took the entire audience to a concert with beautiful harmonies. The Filipinos in the audience were awed that they sang a Filipino song, *Dahil Sa Iyo*, with a perfect accent.

Thailand was last with a dance performance that displayed the colorful Thai festivals, temples and other beautiful landmarks.







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All the performing groups were acknowledged and returned to the stage one by one. With much applause and no surprise, the singing **Taiwan District 3481** took home the bacon.

It was finally time for everyone to take the dance floor and dance to the live band music.



“With much applause and no surprise, the singing District 3481 Rotarians from Taiwan took home the bacon.













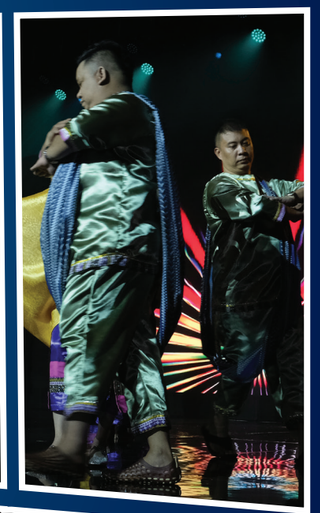







GALA NIGHT

CAPTURING THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR OF THE GATSBY PERIOD AND REMEMBERING THE FIRST POLIO VACCINE IN THE PHILIPPINES 40 YEARS AGO

“The Philippines is the first country to have a Polio immunization grant from Rotary.

The Manila Rotary Institute’s Gala Night was a celebration that capped the Institute’s second day.

Delegates wore their best Gatsby-inspired outfits, while onstage, dancers and singers captured the flamboyant Gatsby parties accompanied with breathtaking pyrotechnic and smoke effects. The evening offered free Dalmore, Jura, and Whyte & Mackay whiskey, and wine.













Everyone sang in chorus for the birthday of Spouse **Minda Garcia**, the lovely wife of Convenor RID **Raffy Garcia**. Past President **Reggie Nolido** of Rotary Club of Makati gave a brief recap of the Polio Commemorative Program held earlier on the same day at his club's clubhouse in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, where 40 years ago, then RI president **James L. Bomar Jr.** put the first drops of vaccine into a child's mouth, and ceremonially launched the Philippine poliomyelitis immunization effort funded by Rotary's first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant at a cost of

about US$760,000 (USD 2.39 million in today's value). Incumbent Health Secretary **Francisco Duque III** together with RIPE **Holger Knaack** and other dignitaries reenacted the historical distribution of polio vaccines to Filipino children who were invited to the event and re-signed the landmark document.

As the Rotarians were finishing their dinner, PDG **Ursula "Chit" Lijauco**, chair of the Gala Night, took to the podium and announced that five precious paintings with a value of P480,000 (about US$9,500) will be raffled off, thanks to the donation of Gallery Genesis owner PDG **Ernesto "Ernie" Salas**. PDG **Aziz Memon** from Pakistan also made a generous donation of 1,000 copies of the Directory of Rotary Governors in the zones represented in the institute.



"Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and our partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine."







"For 33 years TRF has accumulated has accumulated experience, knowledge, and established accountability, transparency and credibility in its operations."





DG **Nelson Aspe** introduced the next speaker, Past RID and TRF Trustee **Sangkoo Yun**, who said that for 33 years, **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** has accumulated experience, knowledge, and established accountability, transparency and credibility in its operations. Rotarians can still add to this legacy: add to the good of humanity, add to assure a peaceful world, add to the initiative to deliver Rotary's promise to the children

of the world to eradicate polio, and add to the effort to increase membership, diversify Rotary, understand differences, increase tolerance, and work towards a common goal of peace in the world. “We all have our own personal life purposes,” said TRF Trustee Sankoo Yoon, but what Rotarians can do is to “add onto our personal life purposes—a greater purpose for doing good to our community.”

When the program was over, the Institute delegates danced the night away to the lively music of the “Route 70” band.






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CHAPTER 8
PRE-INSTITUTE TRAINING SEMINARS

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The activities of the pre-Institute training seminars were coordinated by the 2019 MARI Vice Chair and General Trainer, Past District Governor (PDG) **Ernesto "Ernie" Choa**. He was the conscientious overseer of the respective targeted training sessions, meticulously monitoring the development of the training modules and the availability of the equipment needed by the Training Leaders.

Refresher courses for some of the Training Leaders, covering course and program overviews and a row of practice sessions, were conducted at different schedules at the Executive West Room 5 of the Marriott Grand Ballroom, as follows:

1. The **GETS (or Governors-Elect Training Seminar) Refresher Course**, conducted on November 26, 3pm to 5pm, by Head Team Leader PDG **Pauline Leung** of D3521;

2. The **GNTS (or Governors-Nominee Training Seminar) Refresher Course**, conducted on November 27, 3pm to 5pm, by Head Team Leader PDG Pauline Leung; and

3. The **District Training Team Seminar (or DTTS)**, conducted on November 27 at 1pm to 3pm, by PDG **Rajindar Singh** of D3300.



THE GETS (GOVERNORS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR): **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP**

MARI Convener, RI Director (RID) **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III**, called the proceedings to order and gave an inspiring message. This was followed by the highly awaited message of Rotary International (RI) President-Elect (RIPE) **Holger Knaack** to the 35 attendees who will be District Governors and serve with him when he takes over as RI president in RY 2020-2021, eight months into the future.

PDG **Pauline Leung** officiated the GETS that ran for two days.

On the first day, PDG Pauline gave a general discussion on the advantages of strategic planning for a District Governor. PDG **Ernie Choa** presented the importance of district strategic planning. PDG **Arasu Rajaratnam** of D3300 then gave pointers on selecting the district's leadership team.

In the afternoon, membership development and growth were discussed by PDG **Eva Kurniaty** of D3420. The subject of planning district events was facilitated by PDG **Salim Reza** of D3280.

On the second day, November 28, the trainers were obviously energized from the training sessions of the previous day. Regional Rotary Foundation Chair (RRFC), PDG **Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon, Jr.** of D3800 started with a presentation on supporting The Rotary Foundation (TRF). He detailed the roles of the RRFC in the zone, and the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC), an important district committee.

At this point, RIPE Holger Knaack, RID Raffy Garcia and MARI Chairman PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** complemented one another's messages on supporting End Polio Now, TRF giving, and membership growth.

Another RRFC, PDG **William Tseng**, presented the status and goals of his zone in TRF giving and grant projects. Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser (EMGA) PDG **Jess Nicdao** of D3790 emphasized the importance of communicating with the clubs through the many options available – e.g., websites, social media, newsletters, and the like. PDG **May Lu** of D3481 spelled out expectations for the International Assembly in January 2020.

The staff of RI South Pacific and Philippines Office (RISPPO) based in Parramatta, Australia led by Senior Officer **Ting-Fen Hillinger** presented their support services for the districts and the clubs, as did **Andrew Best**, Supervisor for Club & District Support, and **Mary Jayne Desmond**, Coordinator.

At 5pm, PDG Pauline adjourned the 2019 GETS. Now relaxed, the Governors-Elect prepared for the graduation dinner at 6pm.
























EVA
Eva Kurniaty
Country Chair, Host Organizing Committee
Zone Coordinator
0341b, Indonesia









GETS GRADUATION















THE GETS' **PARTNERS' TRAINING SEMINAR**



Led by Spouses' Program Convener **Minda Garcia**, the 71 spouses and partners of the DGsE and District Governors-Nominee (DGsN) had their own training seminar, too.

Spouses Program Chairperson **Teresita "Tesha" Garcia** had an interesting line-up of sessions to make the attendees effective partners to their spouses who will soon be District Governors. The sessions included an explanation by PDG **Surendra Kaur** of D3300 on the roles and responsibilities of the District Governor (the better for them to understand their spouses' role). Rotary in your district was discussed by **Kamala Rajaratnam** of D3300. Planning for the official visit (referring to the mandated Governor's Visit in each club) was facilitated by Shereen Anis. Service projects was presented by **Celene Choa**. For TRF and giving, the resource person was Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Chairman's Circle Member, Spouse **Yvonne Kuan**. As a final but important note, Convener **Minda Garcia** briefed the partners on preparing for the International Assembly.



Minda Garcia, Convenor of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute Spouses' Program, prepares the spouses and partners to ensure their effective support for the future governors, and invites them for a field trip to the family farm.

The second day was an educational field trip to Ramgen Farms in Laguna owned by **RID Raffy and Spouse Minda Garcia**. The ladies met at the Manila Mariott Hotel at 8:30am and proceeded to Laguna in an airconditioned bus. At Ramgen, the ladies were treated to a tour of the animal and plant farms, a demonstration of the proper care of orchids, a discussion on the use and benefits of citronella oil – and a sumptuous Filipino lunch. The ladies had become close friends when the field trip ended.

After the day's activity, the ladies joined the GETS Graduation Dinner at Manila Marriott Hotel at 6pm.

Minda Garcia, Convenor of the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute Spouses' Program, exchanges pleasantries with Susanne Knaack.


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THE GOVERNORS' NOMINEE TRAINING SEMINAR (GNTS): FUN, A MAJOR SUCCESS DRIVER

"In Rotary, failure is not an option, which is the main reason why we hold training programs for Rotary's future district leaders."

This was the opening salvo of MARI Chairman, PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia**, when he delivered his welcome remarks to an eager bunch of District Governors-Nominee (DGsN).

With just 19 months to go to their RY 2021-2022 term, the DGsN gathered to hear from eight veteran Rotarians and representatives from RISPPO's Club and Support Team.

The eight-hour-marathon session was run by Training Team Leader **Ada Cheng** of D3450.

RIPE **Holger Knaack** thanked the DGsN for taking on the responsibility as District Governor in two years' time, despite the demands of the position. Reminding everybody to have fun, RIPE Holger Knaack explained that fun is a major driver for success.

The sessions proved enriching and enlightening to the DGsN, who learned, through well-facilitated sessions, of best practices and useful information on the responsibilities of a district governor, getting to know the district, membership development, financial management, communication, the District Conference, creating a calendar, and support from Rotary.

As a fitting conclusion to the long day, all 32 DGsN trooped excitedly to the Tao Yuan Restaurant in Resorts World for a fellowship dinner hosted by the DGsN from the ten Philippine districts for their visiting classmates.


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Mutasim Billah Faruqui


AUGIE
EDWIN
WILLIE
ANNA
JOJI
JOHN MARK


JOJI




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Training Leader PDG Dr. Rajindar Singh of D3300 facilitated the DTTS.



PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** emphasized the role of the District Governor (DG) in making final decisions and the DG's role as the district's peacemaker, stressing the value of district training in assisting the DG. RID **Raffy Garcia** pushed for the recruitment of more women, while RIPE **Holger Knaack** stressed the district trainers' job to help the DG, especially in training the incoming club presidents in the PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar). He also strongly conveyed that greater things can be achieved by working together than working alone.

DISTRICT TRAINERS-TRAINING SEMINAR (DTTS): **TRAINING THE TRAINER**



















PDG **Marcos Hermoso** of D3800 touched on understanding the District Trainer's role in the district. PDG **Jason Lim Chong Chye** of D3350 discussed the must-do's in planning the district training curriculum. PDG **Sajid Pervaiz** of D3272 guided the participants in understanding the types of Rotary training events. PDG **Leslie Salehudin** of D3300 elaborated on the timeline of planning training events. PDG **Muhammad Faiz Kidwal** of D3271 listed the key factors that make a good facilitator.

The session was filled with helpful advice, personal anecdotes and a handful of practical lessons for District Trainers. PDG Singh added more words of wisdom including the importance of facial expressions and gestures, eye contact, visual aids, gender sensitivity, clear use of language, vocal quality and more. He reminded the District Trainers that there may be problematic and unengaged participants but no hurdle is too difficult for a Trainer who prepares well.



















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THE REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR (RRFS): **SPREADING THE ROTARY MAGIC**

The RRFS officially started when Convenor RID **Raffy Garcia** and TRF Trustee **Sangkoo Yun** delivering their opening and keynote messages. PDG **Jun Farcon**, RRFC and Training Leader, was the Training Leader.

Intended to increase awareness on Foundation giving, the seminar geared the discussion towards maximizing Rotary's ability to give out global and district grants for sustainable service programs.



The spotlight was focused on TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun who shared why he is a proud Rotarian. If Rotarians are proud of their badge, he said that they can do a lot in contributing to the Foundation and putting good stories on Foundation grants out there for the world to hear. There are many good stories to share, he said, such as the 1,403 global grants and 494 district grants that were given by the Foundation in a span of 11 months. And since new modes of giving are being introduced, such as online transactions, peer-to-peer invites, and Facebook promotions, it has become easier than ever to give to enable Rotary to address its current priorities: end polio, utilize District Designated Funds (DDF) fully for projects, and achieve the RY 2019-2020 TRF Goal of US$ 400 million.

RID and former Foundation Trustee and Strategic Planning Committee Chair **Stephanie Urchick** then outlined the board's recent moves to increase the impact of Rotary and strengthen the sustainability of the Foundation's projects. The focus will be not just on doing good but also on measuring impact, increasing ability to adapt by being innovative, building a culture of adoption, and reviewing the process of global grants with the objective of simplification and more effective grant availments.

Fund Development Specialist Gretchen Laurel reported on the current status of the Foundation. She happily announced that the Foundation was given the highest rating (4-star) by global independent charity evaluator Charity Navigator. The total giving for this year amounted to US$ 395.2 million, exceeding expectations and almost achieving the yearend target of US$ 400 million.

Congratulations were in order to the region for having nine countries among the top 30 countries worldwide in giving, namely **Taiwan (5), Philippines (12), Thailand (15), Hongkong (18), Nepal (22), Bangladesh (24), Singapore (26), and Malaysia (26)**.

The various Zone RRFCs also made their respective reports, followed by breakout sessions that focused on Rotary's 40 years of ending polio, achieving TRF goals, and expanding the organization's reach through DDF.

Ultimately, the goal is to develop more good practices in order to achieve sustainability of the Foundation and gain greater impact for the generations to come.





MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMS LIVES: INNOVATIVE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENTS

Every 40 seconds, one human suicide happens in the world. Almost a third of the global population is suffering from depression. The figures alarmingly increase by the year, yet the stigma against mental health remains.



This is why Dr. **Imran Yusof Muhammad** of RC Karachi of D3271, facilitator of this session, believes in the importance of addressing mental health issues. His club's project, called "Mental Health Transformation," is in partnership with RC Makati, D3830 in the Philippines and the Transformation International Society. Together, all three organizations are targeting to provide the best innovative and multidisciplinary mental health treatments that will cater to pediatric and





geriatric neurological and psychiatric diseases such as depression and substance abuse, especially of underprivileged people.

The project was able to collate US$85,000 which will make use of a revolutionary FDA-approved Neuro Navigation, repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) treatment, a service that usually costs US$15,000 per patient but will be given for free to 160 deserving beneficiaries.

Online counseling and awareness sessions will be organized in the Philippines through the support of districts and clubs. The project focuses on mental health disease prevention and treatment with a 90% success rate.

RIPE **Holger Knaack**, Convenor RID **Raffy Garcia** and Chair PDG **Sid Garcia** attended the seminar. They were witness to the signing of the Twin Club Friendship Agreement between RC Makati and RC Karachi. As RIPE Holger Knaack said, Rotary is about relationships that can produce projects epitomizing Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," and transforming lives.

CHAPTER 9
FUN ACTIVITIES



More than just training and exchanging ideas, it was important for the **2019 Manila Rotary Institute (MARI)** to provide an unforgettable experience.

Pre-institute activities were planned for Rotarians to bond with one another while discovering more about the Philippines.







The House of Friendship Experience

The **2019 MARI House of Friendship**, chaired by PDG **Samuel "Sam" Pagdilao**, kicked off with a grand opening.

RI President-Elect (RIPE) **Holger Knaack**, TRF Trustee Past RI Director (Past RID) **Sangkoo Yun**, Institute Convenor RID **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III**, and Institute Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** led the ceremonial ribbon cutting. A dance troupe rendered Philippine folk dances and the area was later used for karaoke.

RIPE Holger Knaack and TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun dubbed the House of Friendship as the biggest they have seen so far in a zone convention, even comparable to Rotary International Convention standards.

44 vendors from the Philippines, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan occupied the lobby of the Marriott Grand Ballroom, offering a wide array of local food and delicacies, clothing, handcrafted bags and accessories, jewelries, innovative toilet implements, agricultural produce, wine and spirits, cheese and preserved olives, indigenous fabrics, handicrafts and Rotary merchandise. Delegates enjoyed unrestricted shopping with onsite credit card facilities.

A **Projects Fair** from 33 participating Rotary districts, clubs, partners and upcoming institutes and conventions put into the spotlight the global grants projects from Rotary Clubs of the Philippines, Singapore and Pakistan. Also included was a **Holiday Bazaar** that featured Christmas decorations and gifts.





















Living Traditions through Golf

The 2019 MARI wouldn't be complete without the traditional **Pre-Institute Golf Fellowship** organized this time by the **Philippine Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation (PRFGF)** chaired by PDG **Angelito "Lito" Colona**.

77 players converged at the Villamor Air Base Golf Club, a prestigious championship course conveniently located near the Manila Marriott Hotel.

The tournament ended with a hearty serving of Filipino roasted pig lechon courtesy of Past District Governor (PDG) **Rafael "Butch" Francisco**, the Institute's Vice Chair for Ways and Means. Special prizes were raffled off including a 43" Samsung LED television set from District Governor Nominee Designate **Mildred Vitangcol**, a microwave oven

from Champion President **Flore Gatpayat**, 30 gift certificates from Charter President **Prescy Yulo**, 100 pieces of golf umbrellas from ISolutions International, Inc., and P20,000 cash from Past President **Buddy Madrigal**.

The event's major sponsors included **Eagle Express Lines**, **Isolutions International, Inc.**, **Kolonwel Trading**, and **IT Depot, Inc.** The hole-in-one sponsor was the **Travellers Insurance and Surety Corporation** and the hole sponsors were the **Philippine College of Rotary Governors (PCRG)** Board in Rotary Year (RY) 2019-2020, and the PRFGF Board in RY 2019-2020.

Three winners were awarded per category except for the ladies' division, the low net champion, and low gross champion.



A Glimpse of the Philippines

The organizers led by Chair **Conrado "Junjun" Dayrit** were pleasantly surprised when 45 people showed up on the morning of the **Manila City Tour**. The participants hailed from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Taiwan, Singapore, United States, and the Philippines.

At exactly 8:30 A.M., the tour bus was on its way to visit Rizal Park, simply known as *Luneta*. The 58-hectare park is considered one of the largest in Asia with the monument of Philippine national hero, Jose Rizal, as its central attraction. The group did not leave without taking photos and selfies in front of the national hero's statue.

Not far away is the old walled city of Manila, *Intramuros* (Within Walls), where the historic Manila Cathedral is located. Built in 1571, the cathedral is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The group then walked to nearby Fort Santiago, named after Saint James, the patron saint of Spain, which colonized the Philippines for 333 years. Fort Santiago served as the premier defense fortress of the Spanish government. The group enjoyed an interactive history lesson on the Philippines from pre-Spanish times to the Spanish and American conquests, followed by the brief Japanese occupation during World War II that led to Manila's liberation.

The half-day tour ended with a lunch buffet and a stroll at the Mall of Asia complex.






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END POLIO NOW

A Trek to the Mount Pinatubo Volcanic Crater

After being dormant for over four centuries, everyone was left in shock when the Pinatubo Volcano began emitting steam and sulfur in 1991. Close monitoring of the volcano saved many lives but around 900 lives were not spared and thousands of Filipino families were displaced. Rotarians all over the world promptly pitched in and offered aid to its victims.

28 years after, Mt. Pinatubo and its crater is now a site of natural beauty. Led by President **Eduardo "Ed" Jarcia** and Past President **Ralph Lim** of the **Rotary Club of Makati Magilas**, the nature-loving Rotarians blazed the breathtaking trail of Mt. Pinatubo dotted with rivers and valleys leading to the most beautiful crater lake ever created by a catastrophic volcanic eruption.

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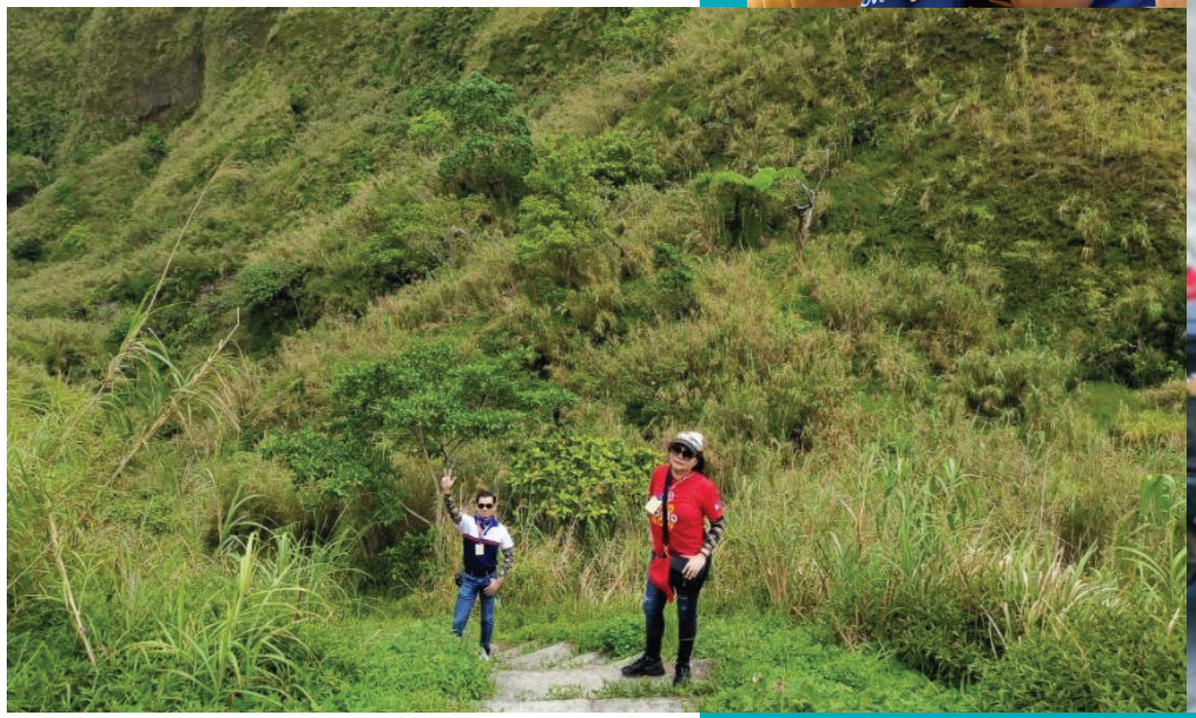
Everyone including 70-year-old Past President **Mark Wang** of the **Rotary Club of Singapore** made it to the summit.

A highlight of the trek was the visit to the **Rotary Monument** built by the **Rotary Club of Makati Magilas** on the slope of the volcano. The Rotary Monument has since become a tourist destination for trekkers, campers, and mountaineers.









CHAPTER 10
UPCOMING R.I. ACTIVITIES

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The Rotarians of Singapore acknowledge that they will host the 2020 Zone Institute

In the tradition of all Zone Institutes and in the interest of continuity, representatives of the upcoming Rotary International events were given ample time to reiterate the value of each event, activities that participants can look forward to, amenities to expect, and important details such as venue and dates inclusive.

3-6 SEP 2020

2020 Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference

The **2020 Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference (APRRC)** will be held in Malaysia on September 3-6, 2020. The last time Malaysia hosted the conference was in 2007 so it is expected that the Malaysian Rotaractors will be pulling all stops for this annual gathering. The venue of choice is the sleek The Wembley by St Giles Hotel in Georgetown, Penang. The target is to exceed the average 800 to 1,000 participants from ages 23 to 30 and also invite Rotarians to show their solidarity and support for the Rotaractors.

The APRRC was presented by Past District Rotaract Representative (PDRR) **Calvin Khoo** and Rotaractor **Lan Jie Fel** of District 2200, Malaysia.



4-6 DEC 2020

2020 Zone Institute in Singapore

Just before the official Christmas festivities roll over, the **2020 Singapore Zone Institute** will be held on December 4 to 6, 2020. An annual event, the institute will once again be a good opportunity for the local and international delegates to learn from one another, turn strangers into friends, and deepen existing relationships.

The theme is “Inspire. Connect. Empower”— inspire one another through old and new connections that will empower every participant to contribute to definitive change in the world.

RIDE **Surgeon Liu Chi Tien**, incoming Convenor of 2020 Singapore Rotary Institute, and PDG **Chew Gim Bok JP**, incoming Chair, received the Institute flag from RID **Rafael “Raffy“ Garcia III**, Convenor of 2019 Manila Rotary Institute, and PDG **Isidro “Sid“ Garcia**, Chair.



The Institute Flag is turned over by 2019 Manila Rotary Institute Convenor RID Rafael “Raffy” Garcia III and Chair PDG Isidro “Sid” Garcia to incoming 2020 Singapore Rotary Institute Convenor RI Director-Elect Surgeon Liu Chi Tien and incoming Chair PDG Chew Gim Bok JP.

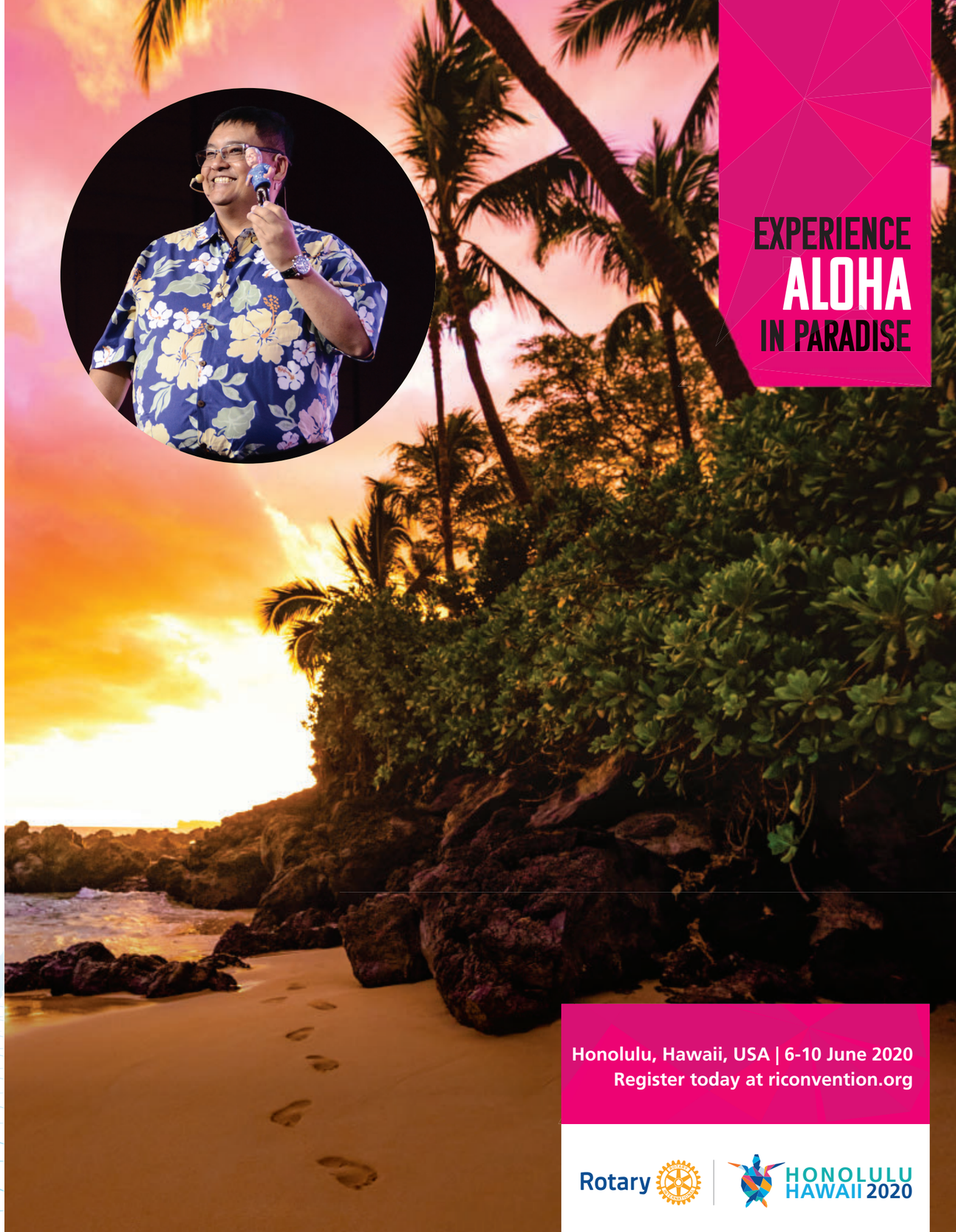
6-10 JUN 2020

2020 Honolulu International Convention

Next on every Rotarian's calendar is the **Honolulu International Convention**, amidst the wondrous work of nature in sunny Hawaii. The 2020 Honolulu International Convention is set on June 4 to 6, 2020. The convention will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center.

The inspiring roster of speakers include athletic gold medalist Cam Calkoen, sustainability expert Ludovic Grosjean, public health professional Dr. Elaine Hernandez, cancert expert Dr. Edward Partridge, successful businessman Past RI President K.R. Ravi Ravindran, and independent business consultant Nirmali Samaratunga.

Past District Governor **Roland "Oyan" Villanueva** of District 3790 Philippines spoke on the 2020 Hawaii International Convention.



12-16 JUN 2021

2021 Taipei International Convention

A closer option for Asian Rotarians is the **Taipei Rotary International Convention** which will happen on June 12-16, 2021. The organizers promise the incoming delegates that they will get a feel of the energy that is unique to Taipei. The capital of Taiwan, Taipei, boasts of Chinese culture with a blend of Japanese, Southeast Asian, and American influences. Taoist temples, Japanese-era mansions, themed restaurants and museums, green parks and quaint shops fill the heart of the city. There is so much to do within the capital and during the convention itself with a stellar line-up of speakers ready to enrich Rotarians with useful information, adaptable practices, inspiring stories, and more food for thought.

Presentor for the 2021 Taipei International Convention was Past RI Director **Jackson Hsieh** of District 3520 Taiwan.



CHAPTER 11
THE CURTAIN CLOSES; NEW STORIES BEGIN

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THE CURTAIN CLOSES

After the adjournment of the **2019 Manila Rotary Institute (MARI)**, the **Marriott Grand Ballroom** closed its doors. The glaring lights were turned off. The accoutrements that marked the just-concluded institute were put away – the big screen, the technical equipment, the lights, the sound system. The ballroom that had just witnessed the cheering and applause of two thousand Rotarians was hushed, save for the clanking of the chairs and tables that were being re-arranged for the next event. The waiters were no longer in sight, delegated back to their former assignments.

Appreciation for the Marriott Executives & Staff

The Host Organizing Committee is effusive in its gratitude to the management and staff of the **Marriott Hotel Manila** and the **Marriott Grand Ballroom** – **Bruce Winton**, Cluster General Manager, **Cecil Quidric**, Sales Manager for the Event Booking Center, and **Anna Tayoto**, Event Manager. They outdid themselves in providing even better services during the event than the good service they gave throughout the one-year-series of meetings and ocular visits.

The Marriott staff would rush to assist as early as 5:30 AM when the Rotarians of the Host Organizing Committee geared up for the day, and well past midnight as the Publications and Proceedings Committees put the daily newsletter to rest for online release before the next session.

To them, our deepest appreciation.



Bruce Winton
Cluster General Manager

Cecil Quidric, Sales Manager
for the Event Booking Center

Chair PDG Isidro "Sid" Garcia with
Anna Tayoto, Event Manager

A Grateful Chief of Staff

The person who was with the **2019 MARI Chair Isidro "Sid" Garcia** since its inception until its adjournment was **Ronnel "Ron" Dotaro**, his Chief of Staff.

Ron flew with Institute Chair Sid to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to observe the 2018 Yogayakarta Zone Institute. He was by Chair Sid's side in almost all of the meetings for one full year prior to the event.

His fond comments on Institute Chair Sid give an insight on how this huge event was skillfully managed:

Chair Sid demands action — Chair Sid gives the tasks with clear timelines and definite deadlines. But he helps. He offers suggestions. He hears you out when you need to clarify the tasks. The only problem is, he sends reminders almost every day through all the communications portals available – SMS, Viber, email, through calls from his office secretary – and if I am unable to reply, he calls himself and asks for an update on everything, and I mean, everything!

He is compassionate – Chair Sid knows when I am overwhelmed with the tasks. He takes off some of the load to enable me to function efficiently. During the final leg of the preparations, when all the committees were polishing their plans, he told me not to assist the committees that he felt could already work on their own. He identified the few committees that needed my help. The lighter load was a bonus – I was able to add 30 minutes to my usual four hours of sleep!



PDG Oyan Villanueva, Vice Chair for Marketing, makes a point as Ron Dotaro (in red) and Chair PDG Sid (in checked shirt) listen.



Ron Dotaro helps man the registration tables



Ron Dotaro with Chair PDG Sid Garcia in a MARI organizational meeting

He values time — Having been appointed to chair this huge Rotary event, and with his own business to run, time management was obviously important. Chair Sid created 23 committees for the Institute and set pocket meetings to focus on the tasks of each. In a day, we usually held 3 to 5 meetings, from early morning to late afternoon. Sometimes he'd call a meeting at 7:30 AM! I'd have to rush straight out of bed. One time, I was late for 15 minutes. It was well within the grace period of some companies. When I was seated, he said, "You're late. Order your food later." I knew he was upset, so I decided not to order any food. But when he cooled off, I ended up eating the best breakfast I had that week!

He is a great motivator – This is his best character trait. He acknowledges my work, calls me to tell me I did a good job, and gives me credit during committee meetings. He inspired me to do my work better. He would tell me his thousand-and-one instructions, and at the end, he would say, "Ron, I have signed the check for your allowance. Go ahead and claim it."

It was an honor and privilege to have been part of the biggest Rotary Zone Institute ever! I had over a year of learning and working with the best minds in Rotary Philippines. To my "Tatay Sid" (Father Sid), thank you! I will always be here to support you!

THE NEW STORIES BEGIN

And so the 2019 Manila Rotary Institute ended, with deep feelings of gratitude from all sides.

The delegates returned to their countries, their homes, their districts, their clubs. They met new friends, gained new knowledge and broadened their insights.

There were new questions to ponder on, new action plans to pursue. What's in the future for Rotary International? What is my participation in its sustenance and growth? How can we effect a greater impact on the world?

In Rotary, after the last message has been said, when the curtains close to end an event, is when the new stories begin.

A successful 2019 Manila Rotary Institute ends to give way to new Rotary stories.

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