

The CENTRO



Official Weekly Bulletin



Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro RI District 3820

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro meets at :

El Cielito Hotel, Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Sta. Rosa, Laguna every Friday at 7:00pm.

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**P R O G R A M
December 7, 2018**

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**Chairman of the Night
PE Cecile Gabatan**

**If any person is unable to fulfill their positions as above please
make arrangements with another Rotarian to take your place.**



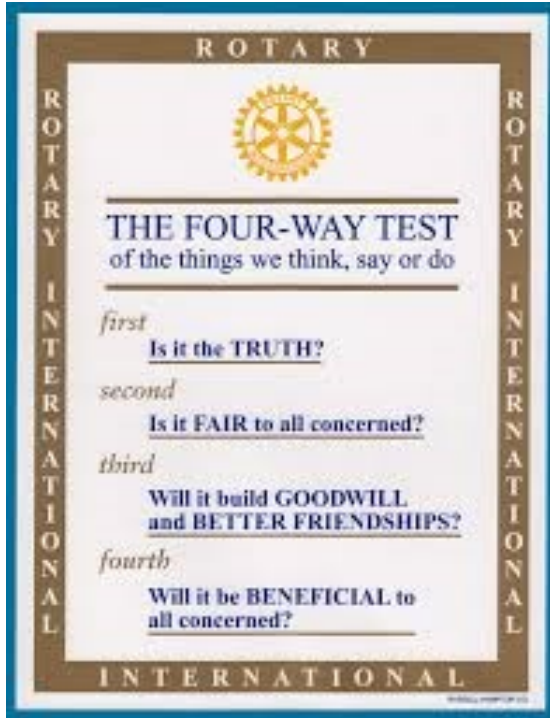
Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings. We thank you for the privilege of belonging to this organization of Rotary, for the fellowship and support from our friends here this evening, for the opportunity to share ideas, but mostly for the opportunity to serve. Amen

OBJECT OF ROTARY



The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



♪♪*Sweet Rotary♪♪
(The Centro Hymn)

When it began
I can't believe it happened
But then I know it's going strong
2001
That's when it came to being
Who'd have believed
we'll grow to be...

*Hands, touching hands
*Reaching out, touching me,
*touching you
*Sweet Rotary
*Sta. Rosa Centro's good
*I've been inclined
*To believe we're going strong
*And now, I...

Look all around
So many help is needed
C'mon, together I know we could
And when we hurt,
We can just smile and bear it
'Coz we were born
to serve and be...

Warm, touching warm
Reaching out, touching me,
touching you
*Sweet Rotary
*Sta. Rosa Centro's good
*We're going strong
*We are here for all of you
And now, I...
(Repeat *)

RC Centro's GREAT!

President's Message



Dear Centronians

A heartfelt thank you to Centronians. The Christmas Party held at PP Maya's house was truly fun and enjoyable. Thank you to our host PP Maya and her husband Eugene who prepared a delectable feast which we all enjoyed.

Advance merry Christmas to all.

Yours in rotary service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Baldemor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Michelle Baldemor
Inspiring President
RY 2018-2019

**Rotary****ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**
News & Updates

Creating a family

After fleeing conflict in their own countries, a group of young Rotaractors is healing wounds and bringing cultures together in a Ugandan refugee settlement



Paul Mushaho organized a team of volunteers and formed a Rotaract club in Nakivale, Uganda, to give refugees something constructive to do.

It's Monday morning in one of Uganda's largest refugee settlements, Nakivale, and the line at Paul Mushaho's shop is out the door.

Mushaho has lived in Nakivale since 2016, when he fled violence in his native Democratic Republic of Congo. After receiving death threats, he crossed into Uganda and joined a friend in the 184-square-kilometer settlement that serves as home to 89,000 people.

The soft-spoken 26-year-old, who has a university degree in information technology, runs a money transfer service out of a wooden storefront that doubles as his home.

Source : www.rotary.org



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Business is booming because he offers his clients – other refugees from Congo, Burundi, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda, and South Sudan – the ability to receive money via mobile phone from family and friends outside Uganda. He also exchanges currency, and his shop is so popular that he often runs out of cash. On this day, he’s waiting for a friend to return with more money from the nearest bank, two hours away in the town of Mbarara.

Sitting behind a wooden desk, armed with his transactions ledger and seven cell phones, Mushaho grows anxious. He’s not worried about missing out on commission – he’s worried about leaving his clients without any money.

“I don’t like making my customers wait,” he says, looking out onto the lively street of tin-roofed stores, women selling tomatoes and charcoal, a butcher shop displaying a leg of beef, and young men loitering on motorcycles. “There’s nobody else around who they can go to.”

As a young entrepreneur who is intent on improving the lives of others in his community, Mushaho is in many ways the quintessential member of Rotaract, the Rotary-sponsored organization for leaders ages 18 to 30.

Yet his story and that of his club are far from ordinary. Established in late 2016, and officially inaugurated last July, the Rotaract Club of Nakivale may be the first Rotaract club based inside a refugee settlement or camp.

Its founding, and the role it has played in the lives of its members and their fellow Nakivale residents, is a tale of young people who’ve refused to let conflict stifle their dreams; of a country that sees the humanity in all the refugees who cross its borders; and of a spirit of service that endures, even among those who’ve experienced unspeakable tragedy.

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If Nakivale doesn't sound like a typical refugee camp, that's because it isn't one.

Covering 184 square kilometers and three distinct market centers, Nakivale feels like anywhere else in



rural southwestern Uganda, an undulating land of banana trees, termite mounds, and herds of longhorn cattle.

Nakivale blends in with its surroundings in part because it's been here since the 1950s, when it was established to accommodate an influx of refugees from Rwanda during a flare-up of pre-independence violence there.

Over the years, its population has ebbed and flowed as it accommodated those seeking refuge from a variety of regional conflicts, including civil war in South Sudan, violent state collapse in Somalia, and rebellions and armed militias that continue to terrorize eastern Congo, the area that accounts for the majority of Nakivale's current residents.

Many have been here for a year or two, others for decades, but most consider Nakivale home.

Unlike other governments in the region, Ugandan authorities grant new arrivals plots of land for farming, as well as materials to erect a basic house, so they can move toward self-reliance. Refugees also have access to free primary education for their children and permission to work so they can contribute to the economy.

Uganda hosts more than 1.5 million refugees within its borders and allows all registered refugees to move about at will. If they can do business in cities or towns, the logic goes, there's no reason they should be trapped elsewhere.



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“They’re going about their lives just like you and me,” says Bernad Ojwang, Uganda country director for the American Refugee Committee (ARC), which works closely with the Rotaract club in Nakivale.

Although an abundance of arable land allows for the nation’s liberal refugee policy, he explains, the system also reflects a high-level belief that refugees can be assets rather than liabilities.

“Uganda has realized that the sooner a country looks at refugees not as a burden but as an opportunity, it changes a lot of things,” he says.

A change maker’s idea

This mindset — of refugees as catalysts for change — ultimately led to the Rotaract club’s founding.

Mushaho learned about Rotaract after entering a competition in 2016 organized by the American Refugee Committee (ARC) for the young people of Nakivale.



inFOCUS

Centro In-Focus

A White Christmas for Centronians

Centro held its Christmas Party at PP Maya Padierno's place in Southgrove Estates in Cavite last December 6, 2018. It was truly a fun-filled night as Centronians gather for the fun and games.



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Centro In-Focus

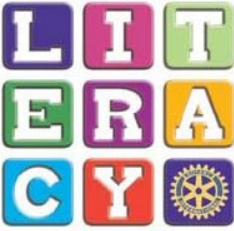


Centro and Rotaractors Meeting ,
November 29, 2018

Rotaract
District 3820

**BACK-TO-BACK DISTRICT EVENTS
DECEMBER 1-2, 2018**

<p>DISTRICT CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING DECEMBER 1, 9AM Brgy. Pindolavan, Sari Placer, Batangas</p>	<p>LEADERS' MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2PM Coconut Hills Beach Resort Brgy. Sampaguita, Oauan, Batangas</p>
<p>DRRN ELECTION DECEMBER 1, 2PM Coconut Hills Beach Resort Brgy. Sampaguita, Oauan, Batangas</p>	<p>DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 1, 7PM Coconut Hills Beach Resort Brgy. Sampaguita, Oauan, Batangas</p>
<p>END POLIO RAFFLE DRAW DECEMBER 1, 7PM Coconut Hills Beach Resort Brgy. Sampaguita, Oauan, Batangas</p>	<p>MID YEAR REVIEW DECEMBER 2, 8AM-5PM Coconut Hills Beach Resort Brgy. Sampaguita, Oauan, Batangas</p>

**ROTARY CORNER****MEMBERSHIP**
EVALUATING YOUR CLUB**Service projects**

Review your service projects. Are they inspiring and enjoyable for everyone involved? • Does your club have an exciting signature service project that all members are involved in? • Does your club invite nonmembers (friends, family, colleagues, Rotary alumni, Rotaractors, and other community members) to participate in your service projects and learn more about your club? • Do your service projects address a current need in your community, as well as suit the interests of your members? • Do your club members meet the people that benefit from their service?

Focus groups

Every club is different, and the needs of your community are unique. Focus groups are a useful tool for meeting with non-Rotarian members of your community, introducing them to Rotary, and obtaining helpful feedback on how your club can become even better. Hiring an outside professional to conduct the focus group increases the likelihood that the results will be unbiased. Some clubs have even asked an agency to donate this service. If having an outside professional conduct a focus group is not possible, it is important to make sure that the facilitator can be openminded and objective. Here are some steps that can get you started:

STEP 1: ISSUE AN INVITATION

Compose a list of community members that you would like to invite. Aim to create a diverse group of men and women that includes varying ages

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and professions. Invite prospective members as well as Rotaractors, Rotary alumni, and others who know a little about Rotary. Tell them why you are inviting them to your focus group and make sure they know how valuable their opinions are to your efforts to shape future projects and activities.

STEP 2: CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT

Once you have invited your participants, work on creating an environment in which people feel free to speak candidly. The question-and-answer session should be relaxed, more like a discussion among friends than a formal survey. Spend a few minutes introducing yourself, recounting how you got involved in Rotary, and explaining why you've been looking forward to the focus group.

Ask the participants to introduce themselves. Encourage them to mention anything they would like in their introductions, such as their profession, how long they've lived in the community, or whether they're currently involved in any professional or service groups.

STEP 3: HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Be ready with an agenda. It may have just 10 questions you'd like to cover. The best way to prepare is to think of questions that cannot be answered with a yes or a no: • What attracted you to this community? • If you had one extra hour per day to give away, how would you spend it? • What problems do you see in our community?

STEP 4: SHARE THE RESULTS Prepare your top five findings from the focus group's discussion. You might present this information during a club meeting, conduct a brainstorming session, and provide your club with a one-page summary for reference.



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RI International Convention—Hamburg, Germany June 1 to 5, 2019

Important deadlines

27 June 2018: Last day for special promotional discount

15 December 2018: Last day for early-registration discount

31 March 2019: Last day for preregistration discount

30 April 2019: Last day to request to cancel registrations or tickets

5 June 2019: Last day for online registration

Events

Capture your moments in Hamburg. Take advantage of the many events and activities planned by Rotary, your Host Organization Committee, and Rotary members.

House of Friendship

This is where the Rotary world comes together to exchange ideas and project successes.

Breakout sessions

Breakout sessions are your opportunity to dig deeper into the topics that interest you.

Preconvention events

Our preconvention events will energize and inspire you, and prepare you for a memorable convention experience.



For your Information

GEMSTONE MEANINGS: THE SURPRISING SYMBOLISM OF YOUR JEWELS

We've all heard that diamonds symbolize true love, but what are the symbolic meanings of other popular gemstones? From ancient times to today, gems of every hue have been imbued with significance and special powers by cultures around the world. Here are the legends associated with some of the world's most treasured jewels:



SAPPHIRES

Blue has long been considered the color of fidelity, and sapphires were once the preferred gem for engagement rings (before diamonds claimed that honor in the early 20th century).



EMERALD

Legends have said that placing an emerald under your tongue gives you the ability to foresee the future (but we do not recommend that!), and that emerald protects against evil spells and can cure disease.



RUBY

Ancient Hindus believed that those who offered rubies to the god Krishna would be emperors in a future life. People in India and Burma have also believed that rubies offered safety and peace, and medieval Europeans thought that these gems guaranteed health, wealth, wisdom, and success in love.



AMETHYST

Because of its color the ancient Greeks associated amethyst with the wine god Bacchus, and believed that the gem could prevent drunkenness. Amethyst has also been thought to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted.



PERIDOT

The Egyptians thought that peridot protected against nightmares and brought the wearer confidence, good luck and health. In fact, it's believed that some of Cleopatra's famous emeralds were actually peridots.

For your Information



AQUAMARINE

Aquamarine is believed to provide courage, mental clarity and good health. Because of its association with water, aquamarine has been said to keep sailors safe at sea.



PEARL

In ancient China, pearls were believed to protect against fire, and in Europe they were associated with chastity and purity. Pearls retain that association with innocence today.



GARNET

Garnet has long been associated with clergy and nobility. In ancient Egypt the pharaohs wore red garnet necklaces, and in ancient Rome rings with carved garnets.



CITRINE

This gem is also known as "healing quartz," because legend has it that citrine promotes vitality and energy in whomever wears it. And according to the Chinese feng shui philosophy, citrine creates wealth and abundance.



OPAL

Because opals can exhibit so many different colors within a single stone, it has long been thought to possess supernatural powers. In ancient Rome, this gem symbolized love and hope.



ZIRCON

Folk wisdom says that zircon has the power to relieve pain, protect travelers and prevent nightmares. In the Middle Ages, this gem was thought to induce sound sleep, drive away evil spirits, and promote riches, honor, and wisdom.



TOPAZ

Topaz symbolizes love and fidelity, and is said to bestow strength and intelligence on the person who wears it, according to the Old Farmer's Almanac.



Reflections

“The motive power of Rotary is friendship. This is true today; the same statement could have been made in equal truth yesterday and let us hope that it may be truthfully made throughout all time. “

Twelfth International
Convention at Edinburgh, June
13 , 1921, Paul P. Harris



“Friendship...the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization.” — Address to 1920 Rotary Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA



What's coming up?

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Happy Birthday PN Rico Robles !!

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Happy Birthday!!! - PP Jay Dee

Thursday, January 10

Happy Birthday!! PP Leni Burke

Monday, January 14

Happy Birthday!! Rtn Mayor Dan Fernandez

Tuesday, February 12

Happy Birthday!! - PP Pen Cuya

Wednesday, March 20

Happy Birthday!! PP Mary Ann Gonzales

Happy Birthday!!! - Rtn Jen Dee

Saturday, March 30

Happy Birthday!! PP Liza Pineda

Tuesday, April 2

Happy Birthday!! - Rtn Shiela Santillan

Saturday, April 13

Happy Birthday!! - Rtn Gloria Bedienes

Wednesday, April 17

Happy Birthday!! PP Che Lu

Next Week's Order of Business

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**Chairman of the Night :
Rtn Joseph Alcalá**

Roster of Members

	Name	RotaryID	Classification	Birthdate
1	Joseph Rey Alcala	10080295	Events Management	Jun 7
2	Roselle Animo	9418286	IT Professional/Web Developer	Jun 11
3	Arlene Arcillas	8275828	City Representative	Jul 31
4	Michelle Baldemor	8879856	Retail	May 01
5	Belinda Barroga		Retail	Jun 3
6	Gloria Bedienes	8612318	Trading	Apr 13
7	Priscila De la Cruz	5333454	Leasing	Aug 24
8	Ma. Geralyn Dee	8574451	Interior Design	Dec 09
9	Zenaida Dictado	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	Sep 14
10	Danilo Fernandez	9757207	City Mayor	Jan 14
11	Ma. Cecilia Gabatan	8612321	Real Estate Broker	Oct 27
12	Mary Ann Gonzales	5333525	Cooperative	Mar 20
13	Paula Maria Gregg	9641847	Education	Sep 12
14	Jennifer Hermoso	8773225	Pediatrician	Mar 20
15	Evelyn Laranga	8465660	Education	Jul 25
16	Consuelo Lijauco	5333445	Magazine Editing	May 15
17	Heylie Lu		Pest Control Services	Mar 31
18	Cheryl Lu	5333496	Pest Control Services	Apr 17
19	Teodora Lucero	8045358	Midwife	Sep 18
20	Elenita Ma	6261683	Dentist	Jan 10
21	Jhanrik Pabalan		Web Developer	Jan 8
22	May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
23	Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
24	Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
25	Enrico Robles	10226768	Banker	Nov 20
26	Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	
27	Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
28	Shiela Santillan	8574457	Restaurateur	Apr 02
29	Francis Sunga		Fashion Designer	Oct 15
30	Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



Attendance Report

Attendance

Period : Nov 23 to Dec
7, 2018

Total Membership	30
Members Present	21
Meetings Made-up	0
Leave	2
Senior	3
Total Attendance	27
Attendance Percentage	87%



Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro

RID 3820 Club ID No. 55177
Make Up Card

We had the pleasure of having you as
our guest/visiting Rotarian

Name

Rotary Club

During our club meeting today

Date

Secretary Mary Ann Gonzales

Special Observances

July 2018

Start of Rotary Year 2018-2019

August 2018

Membership & Extension Month

September 2018

Area of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy
Area of Focus: Economic and Community

October 2018

Development

November 2018

The Rotary Foundation Month

December 2018

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

January 2019

Vocational Service Month

February 2019

Area of Focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/
Resolution

March 2019

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

April 2019

Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health

May 2019

Youth Services Month

June 2019

Rotary Fellowships Month

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VISION

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro is the place to be for **professionals** to nourish a culture of **service** while fostering lasting **friendships** and causing their own **development, growth, and empowerment.**

MISSION

The **Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro** is committed to:

The care of **WOMEN and CHILDREN**, pioneering in programs that address their needs

The care and preservation of the **ENVIRONMENT**, providing clean and healthy surroundings for children to grow up in.



BE THE INSPIRATION

The spread of **LITERACY**, specifically for women and children.

Providing **LIVELIHOOD** training, specifically for the women members of the community.

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