

# The CENTRO

Official Weekly Bulletin



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**Rotary**  
Club of Sta. Rosa Centro



**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro meets at :**

**El Cielito Hotel, Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Sta. Rosa, Laguna every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm.**

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# Officers & Directors, Rotary Year 2019-2020

## Officers

CP Ma. Cecilia "Cecile" Gabatan	President
PE Enrico "Rico" Robles	President Elect
PP Mary Ann "Maan" Gonzales	Vice President
PP Priscila "Precy" dela Cruz	Secretary
PP Carolina "Carol" Salvahan	Treasurer
PP Hazel "Hazel" Ramos	Auditor
PP Cheryl "Che" Lu	Sgt at Arms
PP Joel Liza "Liza" Pineda	Executive Secretary

## Club Committees

PE Enrico "Rico" Robles	Club Administration
IPP Michelle "Michelle" Baldemor	Membership

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

PP Geralyn "Jay" Dee	Economic & Community
PP Evelyn "Evs" Laranga	Peace & Conflict
PP Maya Padiernos	Water and Sanitation
Rtn Belinda Barroga	Basic Educ & Literacy
Rtn Gloria Bedienes	Disease Prev & Treatment
PP Teodora "Doray" Lucero	Maternal & Child Health
Rtn Sheila Sarmiento	Environmental Concerns
Rtn Joseph Ray "JayR" Alcala	Vocational
Rtn Heylie Lu	Youth
PP Elenita "Leny" Burke	International
PP Jacqueline "Jacqui" Victoria	The Rotary Foundation
PP Cong. Arlene Arcillas	Public Image
Rtn Mayor Dan Fernandez	
Rtn Star Piccio	
PDG Consuelo "Chit" Lijauco	Club Trainer



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**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro  
Regular Weekly Meeting  
El Cielito Inn**

**P R O G R A M  
November 8, 2019**

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Call to Order	ChP Cecile Gabatan
Invocation	Rtn Heylie Lu
National Anthem	Rtn Danilo Bendong
Four-way Test	Rtn Roselle Animo
Object of Rotary	Rtn Shiela Santillan
Acknowledgment	PP Liza Pineda
Secretary's Report	PP Precy dela Cruz
Treasurer's Report	PP Carol Salvahan
Committee Reports	Committee Chairpersons
President's Time	ChP Cecile Gabatan
Adjournment	ChP Cecile Gabatan
Centro Hymn	

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**Chairman of the Night  
PE Belinda Barroga**

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

# Invocation

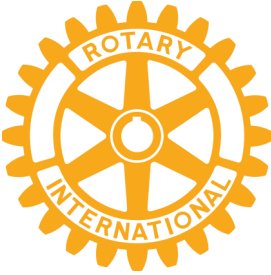
We thank you Lord for having called us to this community to live our lives and do our work for Rotary. Grant us the wisdom and the foresight to discern what is for our own betterment and the betterment of all mankind. Strengthen us in being a part of your power and influence. Prosper us in our calling, help us in our needs, guide us in our as people pursuing peace. May peace and goodwill abide among us this day and always. Amen

## OBJECT OF ROTARY



As a Rotarian, I will

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- 5) Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harass-



## The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH** ?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned ?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS** ?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

### ♪♪ \*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,

It has always been said that “Ang Kabataan ay pag-asa ng ating bayan”. True, they are our country’s hope.

When the chance came for us to make our interact club active again, we grabbed the chance. Thank you to the efforts of our Youth Director Heylie Lu. She was once a rotaractor and is now a rotarian. She knows and breaths community service. She just knows how to make things work with the school and the rotaractors.

And so, this week, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the school officials and our club. To Principal Jonah Salvan, thank you. We also thank their hyperactive adviser Ms. Inna Villanueva who have encouraged the kids and now their interact have grown to over 150 students.

To all Centronians who helped this goal become a realization, thank you.

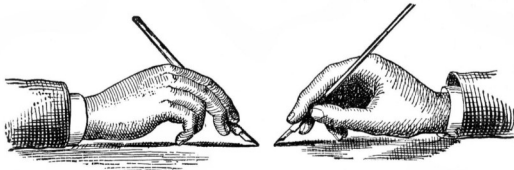
Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecile Gabatan".

**Cecile Gabatan**  
**Champion President**  
**RY 2019-2020**

“The vision of a champion is bent over, drenched in sweat, at the point of exhaustion, when nobody else is looking.” Mia Hamm

# Editorial



## Going back to Reading

One very worthy project of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Centro is the monthly storytelling sessions of the club held at the Santa Rosa Public Library.

Every month, a group of students from 3 to 4 selected schools in Santa Rosa are invited to take part in the activity. Here, storytellers from partner schools read and act out fictional stories from huge books that they have prepared themselves. The activity is truly exhilarating as the kids interact with the readers.

Left alone, would these kids read the books? I think not. We read of horror stories about kids getting sick because of too much use of gadgets and it is a pity that it happened. I pray to God that this would not happen to my grandkids who, i see are using gadgets too much.

I too , am guilty of browsing the web too much. When i was younger, i use to read books a lot. Never mind that the content are for teenage girls, you know romantic nobels and the like. But i learned a lot thru reading . What i learned may be shallow in content but i did learn how to spell and write in English.

My favorite writer of all time is John Grisham, a legal fiction writer. He seldom writes so when he does, I immediately the book. Five years ago, i finish his book a day after I purchase it. Now I have several unread books that have stayed on my shelf for over a year.

Time to make a pledge to go back to reading. Take pleasure in the simplicity of the activity. I hope this time I do what i have pledged to do.

*The Editor*





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



**Presidential Message**  
**November 2019**

**Mark Daniel Maloney**  
**President 2019-20**

Rotary Day at the United Nations, which we celebrate each November, is an important reminder of the historic relationship between our organizations. But this year's event is even more important than usual, because we are building up to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in June 2020.

You might ask, why celebrate this anniversary? For Rotary, it is entirely appropriate, because we played such a critical leadership role in the San Francisco Conference that formed the United Nations in 1945. Throughout World War II, Rotary published materials about the importance of forming such an organization to preserve world peace.

Not only did Rotary help influence the formation of the UN, but this magazine also played a leading part in communicating its ideals. Rotary educated members about plans to create the UN through numerous articles in *The Rotarian* and through a booklet titled *From Here On!* When the time came to write the UN charter, Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the current and several past presidents, and the editor of *The Rotarian*. In addition, Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of or consultants to their own nations' delegations.

We have a deep and lasting relationship with the UN that deserves to be celebrated and appreciated. To recognize this relationship, Rotary will host five special events between now and June: Rotary Day at the UN in New York on the 9th of this month; three presidential conferences next year in Santiago, Chile, in Paris, and in Rome; and a final celebration just before the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu.

The focus on the UN in the year ahead is not only about the past; it also lights a path to our future. There are so many parallels between the work we do through our areas of focus and the work of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While those goals are indeed incredibly ambitious, they provide inspiration and direction — and are similar to many Rotary goals, which have proven to create lasting, positive change in our world. The goals can be achieved, but only if undertaken with the same long-term commitment and tenacity that Rotary understands so well. Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all, we cannot eliminate hunger, we cannot eradicate polio. But together with partners like the United Nations, of course we can.

Please consider attending one of our five UN celebrations. I look forward to sharing news of these special events with you throughout the year.



## ROTARY CORNER

## 6 tips for starting a Rotaract club on your campus

### 1. Start with Rotary clubs

Huie spent her first year at Duke getting to know the campus and the city of Durham, where the university is based, before filing paperwork to charter a club. She also attended meetings of several local Rotary clubs and connected with a member of the Rotary Club of Durham who agreed to serve as the new club's adviser.

Huie says working with the local Rotary clubs gave her the foundation she needed to approach the university. "It shows you've done work behind the scenes; you already have support."

### 2. Recruit an executive board

Having talked about Rotaract extensively with friends and classmates, Huie recruited a classmate who expressed interest in being vice president. And she asked friends she knew she could trust to serve as treasurer and secretary.

"I think it would be very difficult — if not impossible — for a person to do this on their own," she says.

### 3. Prepare

During the summer between her first and second years at Duke, Huie read the Rotaract Handbook, the standard club constitution, and the recommended bylaws. She had her executive board read them as well. Huie already knew a lot about Rotary after having served as an Interact officer, but she spent time on Rotary.org adding to that knowledge and learning more about Rotaract.

"You want to present your ideas in the best light possible," she notes. "If someone has questions, you want to know how to answer them. It also shows you're invested."

### 4. Use social media

"Facebook is a really good resource for connecting people with Rotary," Huie says. She used Duke's Facebook pages for first- and second-year students to post her initial invitation to join. Her

## ROTARY CORNER

Executive board also used Google Hangouts to spur further interest and answer questions. Huie says it's important to make it clear what your club will do and how people can join.

### 5. Use time wisely

The Duke Rotaract club's meetings are working meetings, where members split into groups to discuss projects and club business.

"It's important for college students, or young adults in general, to feel like they're spending their time wisely," she says. "They want to be actively engaged in doing something to better themselves and their community."

### 6. Promote networking and mentoring

Give members opportunities to network and find mentors. These are two benefits young adults seek, Huie says. The Duke University Rotaract club is working with Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the area to plan a career fair and may even launch a mentoring program like the one Huie's mother started in St. Joseph.

"It's not every day you have a club that connects you to 1.2 million people in the world who are all motivated to change the world for the better," says Huie.

*Rotaract Club of Duke University secretary Ana Martinez and vice president Moses Makangila pass out information about the new club and answer questions during the University's fall activities fair.*



# Centro FOCUS



District Interact Meeting  
“Building Bridges Creating Connections”

October 26-27, 2019  
DAP



# Centro FOCUS

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Signing of MOU at Santa Rosa Science and Technology High School  
10.29.2019



RC Canlubang  
Induction  
Ayala Westgrove  
October 30, 2019



RC Nasugbu  
Induction with  
sisterclub agree-  
ment signing  
Canyon Cove,  
Batangas  
October 26, 2019

**CENTRO in Focus**

**MEETINGS**



My Fair Centro  
Committee Meeting  
Chez Deo, Binan  
October 17, 2019

Regular Meeting  
with Fellowship  
Racks Paseo  
Music Plus Paseo  
October 25, 2019



**Rotary**  
District 3820



**RI District 3820  
News & Updates**



**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE  
ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
NOMINEE, RY 2021-2022**

The Rotary Club of Sta Rosa Centro submits its vote  
thru PP Carol Salvahan.



Dear Champion Rotarians,

Based on the certification of the results of the elections coming from the members of the District Balloting Committee, a copy of which is attached in this message, and has been transmitted to Rotary international (please see the email below for the confirmation from RI). I hereby announce that the District Governor Nominee for RY 2021-22 chosen by the clubs thru ballot by mail is Past President Angelita "Angie" Sunio of the Rotary Club of Pagsanjan.

Everett Uy Olivan  
District Governor  
Rotary International, District 3820



## Reflections

“Is there anything more valuable than life? We thought of the touch of vanished hands and the sound of voices stilled and realized that there are things without which life would be so sterile that it might well end. If there were no such things as fellowship with friends and communion with loved ones, life would be darker than starless nights. Friendship can hurdle national boundary lines, religious and political differences; and with love all things are possible.”

Paul P. Harris, The Rotarian,  
December 1930



*“Rotary summons men to respond to their best impulses... their best selves...[to] lift up their heads in every land. The best things in us are not confined by national boundaries.”*

*— The Tree That Is Rotary, THE ROTARIAN, December*

*1934*





## For your Information

# 8 Amazing Facts From Philippine History You Never Learned in School

There's more to learn in Philippine history beyond Jose Rizal and Andres Bonifacio. Sadly, history is too vast a subject that it's nearly impossible to learn all things during our brief stay in high school.

Here are 8 astonishing trivia that your Philippine history teachers might have missed:

8. There were three other martyr priests aside from "Gomburza."



7. The first American hero of World War II was killed in combat in the Philippines.



*Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr. Photo Credit: Aces of World War II.*

6. Philippines' leper colony had their own "Leper Money."



*One of the earliest issues of one-peso leper coin. "Culion Leper Colony" was inscribed at the top, and "Philippine Islands" below.*

Source : <https://filipiknow.net/philippine-history-facts/>

## For your Information

5. Before martial law, there was the Colgante Bridge Tragedy.



*On September 16, 1972, a few days before the declaration of martial law, the Colgante bridge in Naga City collapsed, killing 114 Roman Catholic pilgrims who were celebrating the feast of their patroness, Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia.*

4. President Elpidio Quirino helped save the lives of almost 6,000 "White Russians."



*President Elpidio Quirino (left) and photos showing Russian children (upper right) and a Russian wedding (lower right) in the refugee camp in Tubahao, Eastern Samar.*

3. In 1942, almost 16 million pieces of silver coins were dumped near Corregidor. Some of it remains unretrieved.

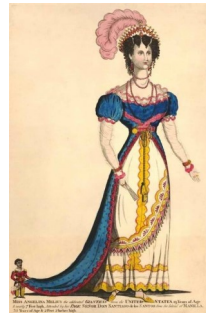


*A diver coming up after searching the bottom of Caballo Bay for treasure (1945).*

2. A Belgian king almost bought the Philippines from Spain.

1. A Filipino dwarf became a famous figure in 19th-century Britain.

*Caption: "Miss Angelina Melius the celebrated giantess from the United States. 19 years of age and nearly 7 feet high. Attended by her page Senor Don Santiago de los Santos from the island of Manila."*





## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Meeting October 25, 2019 , Racks Sta. Rosa

1. Attendance:

Chp Cecile	PP Precy	PP Che	PP Liza
PP Meann	PE Bel		PP Jacqui
IPP Michelle	Rtn Larry & spouse	Joy	PP Evs
PDG Chit	Rtn Heylie		PP Carol

- My Fair Centro will proceed on November 22 to 24 at SOLENAD. A list of 31 merchants was submitted to Ayala for approval but they have not reverted to us yet. From the 55 slots, 3 are non paying—Organizers’ booth, End Polio and Livelihood. It is proposed that stalls with tent shall pay a higher lease.
- Deadline for payment for TRF was last October 23. The club have paid for the EREY fees in advance but members should pay their EREY fee to PP Carol.
- We have sponsored our interact club to join the Interact District Meeting. We have sent 2 interactors and 1 adviser.
- Attendees for TRF & Christmas Party— ChP Cecile, PP DORay, PE Bel, PP Precy, PN Shiela and PP Evs. We cannot send many reps as this coincides with My Fair Centro.
- Our Christmas Giftgiving is on December 10 at Barangay Tagapo– School on Wheels. PN Shiela pledged 50 toys. Food will be coming from President’s fund.
- Centro Christmas Party will be held at Chp Cecile’s residence on December 11, 2019. Food will be catered instead of pot luck.

Minutes taken by ChP Cecile



## Treasurer's Report

### Centro Collections:

- Oct. 25, 2019 Collection
- Leni.....Ph 4,777,00
  - SAR-1,917,00
  - End Polio-550,00
  - TRF- 1,560,00
  - Govs.fund-450,00
  - PRM- 300,00
  - Precy.....Ph 3,060,00 (check)
  - TRF-1,560,00
  - Induction-1,500,00
  - Eves.....Ph 2,000,00
  - TRF-1,560,00
  - Dues- 440,00
  - Carol.....Ph 3,000,00 Dues
  - Cash- Ph 9,777,00
  - Check- 3,060,00
- Total = Ph 12,837,00



## What's coming up?

### Saturday, November 9

Storytelling at Sta Rosa Library

6:30pm Induction downtown batangas city

### Tuesday, November 12

7:00pm Satellite Club Meeting

### Wednesday, November 13

8:00am Interact Orientation and Induction

### Friday, November 15

6:30pm Induction Laguna Bel Air

### Saturday, November 16

12:00pm Livelihood audit

### Tuesday, November 19

7:00pm Satellite Club Meeting

### Wednesday, November 20

Happy Birthday!! Rico Robles



### Friday, November 22

My Fair Centro

### Saturday, November 23

My Fair Centro

District TRF Recognition & Christmas Party

### Sunday, November 24

My Fair Centro

**Next Meeting : Order of Business**

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Centro Hymn	

**Chairwoman of the Night :  
PP Jacqui Victoria**

## 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 Mayor	Jul 31
4	Michelle Baldemor	8879856	Retail	May 01
5	Belinda Barroga	10422881	Retail	Jun 3
6	Gloria Bedienes	8612318	Trading	Apr 13
7	Danilo Bendong	6526107	Businessman	Apr 27
8	Priscila De la Cruz	5333454	Leasing	Aug 24
9	Ma. Geralyn Dee	8574451	Interior Design	Dec 09
10	Zenaida Dictado	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	Sep 14
11	Danilo Fernandez	9757207	City Representative	Jan 14
12	Ma. Cecilia Gabatan	8612321	Real Estate Broker	Oct 27
13	Larry Gonzales	10651089	Education—Maritime	Oct 30
14	Lauro Gonzales	10651090	Seafarer	Jan 11
15	Mary Ann Gonzales	5333525	Cooperative	Mar 20
16	Paula Maria Gregg	9641847	Education	Sep 12
17	Evelyn Laranga	8465660	Education	Jul 25
18	Consuelo Lijauco	5333445	Magazine Editing	May 15
19	Cheryl Lu	5333496	Pest Control Services	Apr 17
20	Heylie Lu	9202750	Nurse	Mar 31
21	Teodora Lucero	8045358	Midwife	Sep 18
22	Elenita Ma	6261683	Dentist	Jan 10
23	May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
24	Bituin Piccio	10601407	Businesswoman	Jan 21
25	Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
26	Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
27	Enrico Robles	10226768	Banker	Nov 20
28	Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	Mar 18
29	Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
30	Shiela Santillan	8574457	Restaurateur	Apr 02
31	Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



## Attendance Report

### Attendance

**Period : Oct 25 to Nov  
7, 2019**

Total Membership	31
Members Present	23
Meetings Made-up	2
Leave/Senior	7
Total Attendance	25
Attendance Percentage	80%



### 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 Priscila dela Cruz

## Special Observances

July 2019

Start of Rotary Year 2019-2020

August 2019

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2019

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2019

Economic and Community Development Month

November 2019

The Rotary Foundation Month

December 2019

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2020

Vocational Service Month

February 2020

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March 2020

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

April 2020

Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health

May 2020

Youth Services Month

June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

# Rotary

Club of  
Sta. Rosa Centro

## 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.

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

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



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