

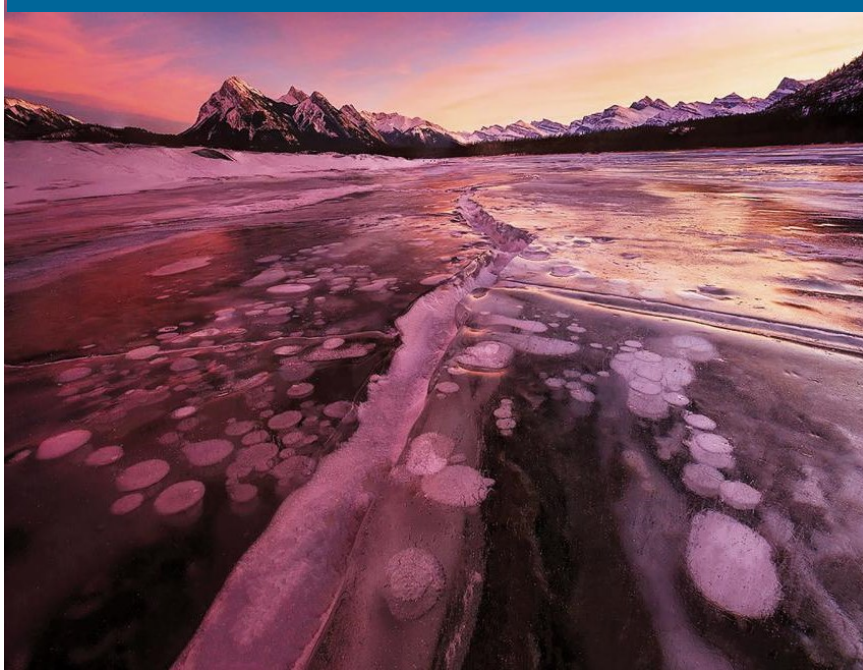
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**Rotary**  
Club of Sta. Rosa Centro



**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.**

**Club website: [www.rcstarosacentro.org](http://www.rcstarosacentro.org)**

**Club e-mail : [rcstarosacentro@outlook.com](mailto:rcstarosacentro@outlook.com)**

# 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  
January 10, 2020**

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Call to Order	ChP Cecile Gabatan
Invocation	PP Geralyn Dee
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Four-way Test	PP Evs Laranga
Object of Rotary	Rtn Larry Gonzales
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Centro Hymn	

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**Chairman of the Night  
PE Bel Barroga**

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

# Invocation

We are grateful, Our Father, for the privilege of training ourselves for service. And also for the people who spend time with us to impart their own knowledge. Give us open minds, a clear understanding and a steady purpose to make the most of our talents, to apply what we have learned and lead us into the fields of work where we can best serve . 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,

This is our first issue after Christmas and the celebration has not quiet died down. We still get Christmas presents now and then, though we got it a bit late, it still is very much appreciated.

At Christmas time , everyone is just so excited. Who cares about the traffic and endless queues at restos and malls? After all the Philippines celebrates the holidays quite differently. Christmas parties are everywhere. In fact, the District Christmas Party was held in November.

December is the time for giving so we are using this issue to inform everyone of the many chances we got to share our blessings.

The Santa Rosa Public Library, our partners at storytelling activities, chose several children from indigent families from Barangay Malusak and we shared food and gifts for them. Then, we had merienda cena for our Musikabataan kids who are from from Barangay Puting Kahoy in Silang. They also received toys from us. And lastly , we had a jolly Christmas Party with the 75 kids from School on Wheels. These are kids ages 3 to 5 years old who were on the streets and were gathered at corners and makeshift shelters and were taught how to read.

Though we have different groups of kids for each event, one cannot rank the events based on value and importance. The joy that you see from the kids' faces are almost the same. They truly enjoyed the gifts and the food. They would proudly show you the gift and talk about how nice and pretty it is endlessly. There were times that it will put you on the verge of tears.

Putting up events may not be that simple, not so cheap either. But what is more important is the joy that ot gives not only to the recipient but also to the giver.

Thank you Centronians for the effort to make these events possible. We truly made Christmas a merry occasion!!

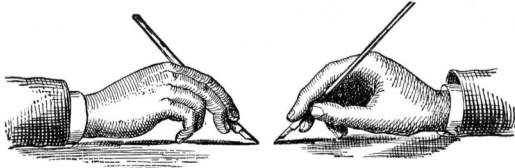
Yours in Rotary,

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

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

"If you are going to be a champion, you must be willing to pay a greater price."  
Bud Wilkinson

# Editorial



## Bonding and Food

We Filipinos like friends and family around food. This is quite natural. Foreign guests would probably not understand and think we are gluttons but really, it's a cultural thing.

I am not a foodie but I certainly would know which store specializes on which food. Or where to get the best pancit in our vicinity? Or barbecue?

When friends would advise late that they were coming to our house and I had nothing to serve, I would freak out. I would immediately rush out of the house and buy something ... or would immediately change the meeting venue to a restaurant.

Once, I was with a group of friends just wandering about when we realized that we are very near the house of a friend who was sick. We wanted to visit her but we had no food to give her which would have been fine anyway because we knew she had no appetite. But we decided to cancel the visit still because it is shameful to come empty handed.. it's the cultural thing.

A trip abroad or even locally wouldn't be complete without a detour to a local specialty food store to buy "pasalubong". On our trips abroad, we generally bring large suitcases. We use only a third of its capacity but we end up filling it up with "pasalubong", mostly food which are sometimes so bulky and you cannot squeeze them into the luggage without ruining it. We distribute it when we get home during bonding time.

Almost sure that a lot of us have our food experiences.. But one thing we know for sure, it's not gluttony... it's a cultural thing.





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



**Presidential Message January 2020**

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

People from all over the world have multiple reasons for joining Rotary. Many new Rotarians each year join for the same reason I did — because Rotary is a great way to benefit your career. When I was a new attorney starting out in Alabama, Gay and I became partners in her father's firm. He instilled in us the value of joining Rotary as a way to build relationships and demonstrate to potential clients that we were serious professionals who held firm to values even more robust than what our profession required.

Rotary's commitment to vocational service is built on the highest ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful work, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. That last point is so important. No matter our profession, we all contribute mightily to the world when we conduct our work with integrity and always adhere to The Four-Way Test.

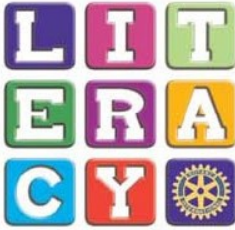
I have made balancing the demands of Rotary with professional and family commitments one of my priorities as president. No Rotarian should feel pressured to put in more time than a volunteer position should ever demand. This is true for several reasons, one of them being that the work we do in our day jobs is just as important to Rotary as the work we do in the organization. We carry our Rotary values everywhere, and our professional success helps build a case for Rotary every day we go into the office.

This is particularly important in our efforts to reach younger new members. We want to see a Rotary where no one is ever asked to choose between being a good Rotarian and being a good parent, business owner, manager, or employee. When we ask busy young people to join us, we should not be asking them to give up their time and freedom. We should be rewarding them with an experience that makes everything they already do even more inspiring.

Providing greater balance within Rotary will have another benefit as well: It will create opportunities for other Rotarians, including Rotaractors, to step up and take a leadership role on projects and committees. This will ensure that they remain engaged in our clubs and inspired to be Rotarians for life. Throughout the world, Rotary is admired for its vocational service and for the time-honored values we instill in all business relationships. As we continue our work to grow Rotary, let us remember that vocational service remains a crucial selling point to potential members.

*Rotary Connects the World*, and by making Rotary's vocational service work known to people in more professions and at different stages of their careers, we will help grow our organization and make it stronger and more diverse.

*Source : [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)*

**ROTARY CORNER****Rotary Classification**

What first

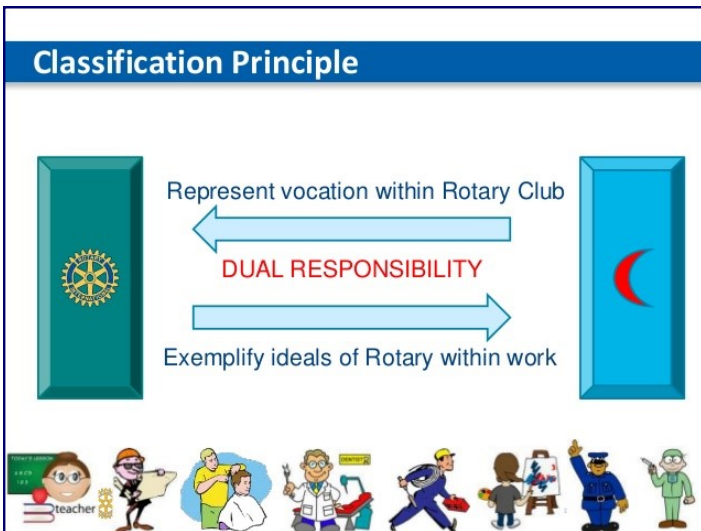
brought you to Rotary? In all likelihood, someone identified you as a prospective Rotarian because you are a respected member of your business or professional field — in Rotary parlance, your “classification.” Each Rotary club’s membership represents a cross-section of its community’s business and professional population, which ensures diversity in experiences and perspectives. Classification and vocational service go hand in hand. Just as Rotarians represent their vocations in Rotary, so do they represent Rotary in their vocations.

Take ACTION

- Host a classification talk at your next club meeting. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own and can plant the seeds for professional networking opportunities. The talks also are useful for introducing guests and prospective members to your club.
- Organize tours of members’ workplaces. Members who find public speaking difficult might prefer to conduct a workplace tour rather than give a classification talk. If logistics can be worked out, schedule an occasional meeting in a member’s place of employment.

## ROTARY CORNER

- Join or form a Rotary fellowship related to your vocation. Rotary Fellowships are international associations of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and Rotaractors who share a recreational or vocational interest. There are vocational fellowships for doctors, law enforcement officers, editors, and members of other professions. Learn more at [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).
- Volunteer for a service project that uses your vocational skills. Think about the skills that make you successful in your profession: Maybe you are trained in some branch of science or medicine, are handy with tools or mechanical things, know how to start a business, have expertise managing finances, or can influence others through public speaking or writing. Use your unique set of talents to make a difference in your community.



# Centro FOCUS

## Merienda Cena with Musikabataan Kids Ming's Garden, December 7, 2019



The serenade ...

Stories at mealtime..



And finally, gift giving.

For the month of December, the kids were treated to a Merienda Cena at Ming's Garden in Silang, Cavite. Prior to our merienda, the kids serenaded Centronians with 2 songs. The violin playing was not perfect but it was enough to make us proud as they all started with zero knowledge. Then we had our merienda and gift giving at the end. The kids were also given time to run around and play at the garden while the Centronians were out looking for plants to purchase. Indeed it was a happy day and the kids gave the same feedback to their principal who have a prior commitment and was not able to join the event.

# Centro FOCUS

## Christmas Gift Giving at the Santa Rosa Public Library, December 7, 2019



Fun and games.



A little storytelling at the end of the session.

**CENTRO in Focus**

**Christmas Gift giving - Tagapo School on Wheels,  
December 10, 2019**



Gift giving for the kids.

The School-on-Wheels has no physical school. They conduct their lessons on the streets- under bridges, under trees or any shelter. Volunteers are teachers who spend their extra time with this kids. As we have been introduced to them and saw their needs, they will be potential recipients of future projects.



A JOLLY Christmas !!

**CENTRO in Focus**

**Induction of Allan Olano  
December 11, 2019**

Centro's newest member Allan Raymund Olano was inducted last December 11 during the club's Christmas party .



Allan's sponsor Larry Gonzales did the pinning of the rotary pin.

Welcome to Centro!!



**Treasurer's Report**

\*\* Due to the holidays, 1st collection will be done only on January 10. So for this issue, there is no treasurer's report.

**Rotary**  
District 3820



**RI District 3820**  
**News & Updates**

## INTERCITY FOR AREA 1

**Rotary**  
DISTRICT 3820





ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD

# Area 1 Intercity Meeting

**19th January**  
**2020**

**10am to 2pm**

**Mernel's Place**  
Maahas, Los Baños

**Unified Shirt**

Registration  
Fee  
**Php.800**

**BDO - LOS BAÑOS BRANCH**  
Acct Name: Mildred Mejino  
Acct No.: 005100263645  
Email your Deposit slip at: [rcwestbay99@gmail.com](mailto:rcwestbay99@gmail.com)

**For Inquiries:**  
AG. Jonjie Oliva 0917-110-0603  
PP. Lea Delos Reyes 0917-894-5860

### GUIDELINES FOR INTERCITY

1. All Clubs shall be given 10 minutes for presentation and discussion. We will strictly follow the allocated time for each club.
2. Presentations can be PPT or Audio-visual Format.
3. Clubs should accomplish the Intercity Form (Word File) **NO PRINT OUT REQUIRED.**
4. Please email their Intercity Report Form and Powerpoint or AVP to their respective DDG, AG, RCSO and Awards Committee Area Chair on or before the following intercity schedules: Area 1: January 19, 2020 Area 2: January 11, 2020 Area 3: January 25, 2020 Area 4: Feb 2, 2020

\*Please use the format provided and bring the soft copies.

\* Please also bring the following: Global/District Grant Application for review and approval.





## Reflections

*"Faith, hope, charity and clean business, these four and the greatest of these is clean business. Charity sometimes destroys initiative and demoralizes character; clean business never does. If business is clean, there will be much less need of charity because clean business means not only a fair deal to the buyer, but also a living wage to the employee."*

*Paul P. Harris in his message to the 1916 Convention in Cincinnati.*



***"Ethical conduct of business, emphasized and spread throughout the world, will greatly diminish the inclination and disposition on the part of the peoples of the different nations to fight one another." —  
Address to 1924 Rotary Convention,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada***



## For your Information

### The Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights

An aurora (plural: auroras or aurorae), sometimes referred to as polar lights, northern lights (aurora borealis) or southern lights (aurora australis), is a natural light display in the Earth's sky, predominantly seen in the high-latitude regions (around the Arctic and Antarctic). An **aurora** (plural: **auroras** or aurorae), sometimes referred to as polar lights, **northern lights (aurora borealis)** or southern lights (**aurora australis**), is a natural light display in the Earth's sky, predominantly seen in the high-latitude regions (around the Arctic and Antarctic).



#### *Where is the best place to go and see the northern lights?*



In **Fairbanks**, Alaska, the sky glows with the **aurora borealis**. Located just two degrees below the Arctic near international airport and close to the impressive Denali National Park, **Fairbanks** is the best place in the U.S. to take in the northern lights.

Source : [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

Secretary's Report



On December 11, 2019, a resolution was passed appointing PP Mary Ann Gonzales as the club's NOMCOM representative, below is a copy of the resolution .

**ROTARY CLUB OF STA. ROSA CENTRO**  
Name of Rotary Club

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-05

A Resolution strongly endorsing Past President **MARY ANN GONZALES**, as Official candidate for membership of the Nominating Committee for the Selection of District Governor Nominee Designate for RY: 2022-2023.

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro, desires that one of its active and qualified members extend his/her services beyond club level particularly to the District and in Rotary International;

Whereas, the aspiration can be realized if Past President **MARY ANN GONZALES** becomes an official member of Nominating Committee to the Selection of District Governor Nominee Designate for RY: 2022-2023;

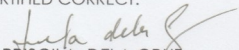
Whereas, Past President **MARY ANN GONZALES** has been an active member in good standing of our club for more than eighteen (18) years and has served as Club President for a full term in RY 2005-2006.

Now wherefore, in view of the foregoing premises, RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved that Past President **MARY ANN GONZALES** is strongly nominated for membership to the 2019-2020 R3820 Nominating Committee and that his name be included in the list of candidates for the position.

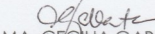
RESOLVED FINALLY, that the original copy of this resolution duly signed by the Club Secretary and attested by the Club President be forwarded to Rotary International District 3820 District Governor Everett Uy Oliván for consideration.

Done this 4th day of December, 2019 during our Board meeting at Seda Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**PRISCILA DELA CRUZ**  
Signature Over Printed Name  
Club Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

  
**MA. CECILIA GABATAN**  
Signature Over Printed Name  
Club President



## What's coming up?

### JANUARY 2020

FRI  
10

Happy Birthday!! Leni Burke

Business Meeting  
7 - 9 PM

SAT  
11

Storytelling at Sta Rosa Library

Happy Birthday Lauro Gonzales!!

Intercity

JAN 12 - 18

TUE  
14

Satellite Club Meeting  
7 - 9 PM

FRI  
17

Fellowship Meeting  
7 - 9 PM at tba

SAT  
18

Sikhayan Festival

JAN 19 - 25

TUE  
21

Happy Birthday !! Star Piccio

Satellite Club Meeting  
7 - 9 PM

SAT  
25

Buntis Wellness



**Next Meeting : Order of Business**

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**Chairwoman of the Night :  
Rtn Heylie Lu**

## 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	Daniilo 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	Daniilo 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	Allan Raymund Olano	10776168	Maritime	Feb 9
24	Jeffrey Paasa	10776166	Contracts Administrator	Jan 4
25	May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
26	Bituin Piccio	10601407	Businesswoman	Jan 21
27	Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
28	Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
29	Enrico Robles	10226768	Banker	Nov 20
30	Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	Mar 18
31	Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
32	Shiela Santillan	8574457	Restaurateur	Apr 02
33	Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



## Attendance Report

### Attendance

**Period : Dec 21, 2019  
to Jan 9, 2020**

Total Membership	31
Members Present	22
Meetings Made-up	0
Leave/Senior	7
Total Attendance	27
Attendance Percentage	68%



### 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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