



THE CENTRO

Official Bulletin of the

Rotary



Club of Sta. Rosa Centro

The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro meets virtually :
every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm.

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**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro
Regular Bi-Monthly Virtual Meeting****P R O G R A M
November 30, 2020**

Call to Order	TrP Belinda Barroga
Invocation	Rtn Cindy Aguilar
National Anthem	AVP
4-way Test	Rtn Larry Gonzales
Object of Rotary	Rtn Allan Olano
Acknowledgment	PP Jacqui Victoria
Secretary's Report	PP Mary Ann Gonzales
Treasurer's Report	PP Hazel Ramos
President's Time	TrP Belinda Barroga
Adjournment	TrP Belinda Barroga
Centro Hymn	

**Chairwoman of the Night
PP Carol Salvahan**

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



INVOCATION

God of peace, we invite You to preside over this meeting. Even if we have different opinions, give us unity of spirit. Help us to each listen politely as others share their points of view. Help us to work as a unified team in combining ideas for a great outcome. Help us to work as a whole, rather than as individuals trying to promote their own agendas. May we have a spirit of camaraderie in this room and work together on our shared mission. 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.



The 4-Way Test

of things we do and say:

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

Good day Centronians!

In times of calamities, rotarians have always been ready to extend a helping hand.

The Philippines have experienced three strong typhoons recently—Quinta, Rolly and Ulysses. The club, despite the pandemic, reached out to the people badly in need of dry clothes and food.

Kudos to PP Doray Lucero for braving the storm to deliver the goods. On November 6, 2020, residents of Barangay Malinao, Tiwi, Albay received food packs and on November 26, 2020, the club set out to San Narcisco, Quezon to distribute clothes for the victims of Typhoon Ulysses.

Though we hope that calamities never happen again, we thank the members of the club who have contributed in cash or in kind for this disaster operation. Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Belinda Clotilde M. Barroga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BELINDA CLOTILDE M. BARROGA
Transforming President
RY 2020-2021

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.

By: IPP Cecile Gabatan



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News & Updates

The Rotary Foundation approves changes to funding model, set to take effect 1 July 2021

To better support the growth of global grants, The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently approved policy changes to help balance financial resources with program demands. These changes will take effect 1 July 2021.

The global grants program has been a tremendous success since it launched in 2013-14. That first year, the Foundation awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million. By 2019-20, the number of global grants awarded increased to 1,359, worth \$95.6 million. While global grant funding increased by more than 100%, contributions to the Annual Fund, which is the primary source for global grant funding, did not keep pace. The demand for global grant funding is far greater than what is available.

Moreover, the Foundation responded to the unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19 by awarding \$32 million in disaster response grants since March 2020 to projects aimed at fighting the pandemic.

The amount available from the World Fund for global grants each year depends primarily on Annual Fund contributions. Over the last several years, the World Fund, which provides the necessary funding for our highest priority activities, has been depleted before each Rotary year ends, leaving many grant proposals unfunded. This year, the Foundation implemented several cost-saving measures in an effort to increase the funding available for global grants. The Trustees and the RI Board also transferred \$15 million from the Foundation's operating reserves and RI's budget surplus to the World Fund. In total, nearly \$20 million in additional funding is being made available this year. Unfortunately, it's still not enough to meet demand. Trustees expect a financial shortfall this year and in years to come due to the growing success of the global grant program.

Therefore, in an effort to fund more global grants, these policy changes will take effect 1 July:

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1. District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions transferred to PolioPlus will be matched at 50% instead of 100% by the World Fund before being matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation will continue matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$50 million per year.
2. The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants. For 2020-21, as long as funds remain available, DDF will continue to be matched at 100% as long as applications are submitted by 31 May and approved by 30 June. Applications that are not approved this Rotary year will need to be resubmitted with adjusted financing.
3. Five percent of the current year's Annual Fund-SHARE contributions will be taken equally from the World Fund and DDF to help fund operating expenses. Currently, a \$100 Annual Fund-SHARE contribution is divided as \$50 for DDF, \$45 for the World Fund, and \$5 for operating expenses. Starting 1 July 2021, a \$100 contribution will be divided \$47.50 to DDF, \$47.50 to the World Fund, and \$5 to operating expenses. As shown by the Foundation's reviews from several independent charity ratings, our stewardship of contributions has made The Rotary Foundation one of the most highly rated and effective nonprofits. We received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for 13 straight years.
4. The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years. Districts are encouraged to fully use their DDF to make a positive impact through our programs, but the amount of DDF rollover remains high — on 1 July 2020, \$48.8 million was carried into the current Rotary year. At the end of each Rotary year, starting 1 July 2026, DDF that has been held for more than five years will be applied at the district's discretion to PolioPlus, areas of focus Endowment funds, Rotary Peace Centers, the Endowment Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, or the World Fund.

Source : www.rotary.org

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Rotarians pledge to restore the monarch butterfly's disappearing habitat

As 2015-16 governor, Marlene Gargulak visited all 63 clubs in her district, speaking at each one about the pollinator crisis and asking them to sign on to a “pollinator pledge” to take action. She sent letters to the governors of all 74 districts across the eastern monarch’s territory asking them to do the same thing. The District 5960 conference that year included a sale of pollinator plants. In July 2015, Gargulak attended a meeting with former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, a resident of Minnesota, at which they discussed ways to increase pollinator habitat. The next month, she and Stillwater Rotarians Craig Leiser and Bev Driscoll met with U.S. Representative Betty McCollum of Minnesota to kick off Operation Pollination, a broad effort open to anyone interested in increasing pollinator habitat. The Rotarians also helped form the St. Croix Valley Pollinator Partnership, which brought together small-business owners; a baseball team; government agencies such as the National Park Service, Forest Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service; and private companies, including Andersen Corp. and Xcel Energy. In 2016, the partnership received a grant of \$200,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, allowing it to restore native habitat on nearly 1,000 acres of land and establish a 5-acre seed plot for milkweed and wildflowers at the St. Croix Correctional Center.



Centro-In-Focus



Calamity Assistance for victims of Typhoons Ulysses, Quinta and Rolly

Several typhoons hit the Philippines in October and November. The Club cannot just sit back without extending a helping hand.

On November 6, 2020, the club headed by PP Doray Lucero went to Barangay Malinao, Tiwi, Albay to distribute food packs for the victims of Typhoons Quinta and Rolly.



Centro In-Focus

Also on November 26, 2020 , the club set out to San Narcisco, Quezon to distribute clothes for the victims of Typhoon Ulysses.



Centro-In-Focus



KPAP - Katutubong Gulay: Paramihin, Anihin, Pagkain natin ito

KPAP is the club's banner project for the year.

To urge residents to produce their own food, the club launched the project "KPAP - Katutubong Gulay: Paramihin, Anihin, Pagkain natin ito", a backyard gardening contest for Barangay Langkiwa. The main objective of the program is the establishment of urban gardens or backyard farms in the barangay to promote organic food production among the marginalized sector of the population in order to achieve a degree of food security.

Update as of November 14, 2020

* 2nd virtual meeting was held by KPAP Monitoring Team to get updates on how the families are progressing especially after the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysees. Aside from teaching them how to plant, the group also taught the families how to become disaster resilient.





Presidential Citation

To be eligible for the Rotary Citation, clubs need to begin the year as active clubs in good standing – or having paid each invoice balance in full upon receipt.

Club must have an outstanding balance of \$0.00. Invoices are due when they are posted, in mid-January and mid-July.

Rotary club leaders can go into Rotary Club Central and select at least 13 out of 25 goals they wish to apply toward citation achievement. This flexibility allows clubs to choose the goals that are most relevant and achievable. In addition, many goals will be self-reported by marking “achieved” in Rotary Club Central.

Rotary Citation from the RI President

Detail Club membership. How many total members does your club want by the end of the Rotary year?

Service participation. How many members will participate in club service activities during the Rotary year?

New member sponsorship. How many members will sponsor a new club member during the Rotary year?

Rotary Action Group participation . How many club members will be members of at least one Rotarian Action Group (RAG) during the Rotary year?

Leadership development participation. How many members will participate in leadership development programs or activities during the Rotary year?

District conference attendance . How many members will attend your district conference?

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Rotary Fellowship participation .How many club members will be members of a Rotary Fellowship during the Rotary year?

District training participation. How many of your club's committee chairs will attend the district training assembly?

Annual Fund contributions . How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?

PolioPlus Fund contributions. How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?

Major gifts. How many single outright donations of US\$10,000 or more will be made by individuals associated with your club during the Rotary year?

Bequest Society members. How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their plans to leave US\$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through their estate?

Benefactors. How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their estate plans to include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary or will make an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund?

Service projects. How many service projects will your club complete during the Rotary year? Rotaract clubs How many new and existing Rotaract clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?

Interact clubs. How many new and existing Interact clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?

Inbound Youth Exchange students. How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club host during the Rotary year? Outbound Youth Exchange students How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?

RYLA participation. How many individuals will your club sponsor to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events during the Rotary year?

Strategic plan. Does your club have an up-to-date strategic plan? Online presence Does your club's online presence accurately reflect its current activities?

Social activities. How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings during the Rotary year?

Update website and social media. During the Rotary year, how many times per month will your club's website or social media accounts be updated? Media stories about club projects How many media stories will cover your club's projects during the Rotary year?

Use of official Rotary promotional materials . Did your club use Rotary International's advertising and public service materials, such as broadcast videos, print ads, and other official materials available in the Brand Center, to promote Rotary in your community during the Rotary year?



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



ROTARY HISTORY

The start of Rotary in South America

Rotary extended its reach to South America when the Rotary Club of Montevideo, Uruguay, was chartered on 1 February 1919.

Rotarians had been interested in expanding to South America as early as 1916, and had focused on Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. But the first club was instead chartered in Uruguay, thanks to the efforts of Herbert P. Coates.

Coates, a native of England, had lived in South America for many years.

He became acquainted with Rotary while on a business trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, in 1916. He found that many businessmen in the city were busy with the Rotary Convention taking place there.

Intrigued, he arranged to visit Rotary headquarters and asked about starting a club in Uruguay.

Coates returned to Montevideo with approval to start a club, and his work led to an organizational meeting in July 1918. That December, he and 21 other charter members submitted the club's formal application to Rotary.

Coates later helped start a club in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and served as a special commissioner for expanding Rotary in South America.

Rotary founder Paul Harris described Coates as instrumental in spreading Rotary to and throughout the continent. Rotarians there agreed and referred to Coates, whom they called Don Heriberto, as the "Father of Rotary in South America."

ROTARY HISTORY



South America has been home to six presidents of Rotary International. In this photo, 1953-54 RI President Joaquin Serratoso Cibils of Montevideo, Uruguay (center), reads *The Rotarian* during a radio broadcast on WTOP in Wash-



Attendees at the first Brazilian Rotary conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 1927.



Paul and Jean Harris (third and fourth from left) in the Paul Harris Room at the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 1936.

Source : www.rotary.org

Birthdays for the month of November

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Happy Birthday!! Jackie Victoria

Friday, November 20, 2020

Happy Birthday!! Rico Robles



**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

Interesting Facts You Might Not Know About Batanes

Batanes is on every Filipino's bucket list. And did I mention it's also every photographer's dream destination? With its picturesque hills and jaw-dropping beaches, no one has to wonder why.



Batanes is actually a group of 10 volcanic islands, three of which are inhabited, namely Batan (where the provincial capital of Basco is located), Itbayat, and Sabtang.

Separation of these islands paved the way for the formation of two distinct dialects of the Ivatan language. Those who live in the islands of Batan and Sabtang mainly speak Ivatan while those in Itbayat speak the Itbayat dialect.

In accordance with legislation passed on November 28, 1988, the following are the approved provincial symbols of Batanes:

Provincial Tree: Aryus

Provincial Flower: Rahakut (native white orchid)

Provincial Bird: Aradiwangan, Voyit (Ivatan dove)

Provincial Fish: Mayasang

Provincial Air Plant: Humahum (fern)

Next Meeting : Order of Business

**The Rotary Club of Sta. Rosa Centro
Regular Meeting
PROGRAM
November 27, 2020**

Call to Order	TrP Belinda Barroga
Invocation	Rtn Star Piccio
National Anthem	AVP
4-way Test	PP Michelle Baldemor
Object of Rotary	Rtn Lauro Gonzales
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Adjournment	TrP Belinda Barroga
Centro Hymn	

**Master of Ceremonies
Rtn Allan Olano**

Roster of Members

	Name	RotaryID	Classification	Birthdate
1	Cindy Aguilar	10979396	Food Service	Oct 1
2	Joseph Rey Alcala	10080295	Events Management	Jun 7
3	Maria Isabel Arias	5333449	Businesswoman	May 6
4	Roselle Animo	9418286	IT Professional/Web Developer	Jun 11
5	Arlene Arcillas	8275828	City Mayor	Jul 31
6	Michelle Baldemor	8879856	Retail	May 01
7	Belinda Barroga	10422881	Retail	Jun 3
8	Gloria Bedienes	8612318	Trading	Apr 13
9	Danilo Bendong	6526107	Businessman	Apr 27
10	Delphi Penelope Cuya	8275831	Cardiology Nurse	Feb 12
11	Priscila De la Cruz	5333454	Leasing	Aug 24
12	Ma. Geralyn Dee	8574451	Interior Design	Dec 09
13	Zenaida Dictado	6416676	Pallet Manufacturing	Sep 14
14	Danilo Fernandez	9757207	City Representative	Jan 14
15	Ma. Cecilia Gabatan	8612321	Real Estate Broker	Oct 27
16	Larry Gonzales	10651089	Education—Maritime	Oct 30
17	Lauro Gonzales	10651090	Seafarer	Jan 11
18	Mary Ann Gonzales	5333525	Cooperative	Mar 20
19	Paula Maria Gregg	9641847	Education	Sep 12
20	Evelyn Laranga	8465660	Education	Jul 25
21	Consuelo Lijauco	5333445	Magazine Editing	May 15
22	Cheryl Lu	5333496	Pest Control Services	Apr 17
23	Heylie Lu	9202750	Nurse	Mar 31
24	Teodora Lucero	8045358	Midwife	Sep 18
25	Elenita Ma	6261683	Dentist	Jan 10
26	Allan Raymund Olano	10776168	Maritime	Feb 9
27	May Grace Padiernos	5984127	Furniture Retail	May 06
28	Bituin Piccio	10601407	Businesswoman	Jan 21
29	Joel Liza Pineda	7019336	Human Resource Provider	Mar 30
30	Hazel Ramos	6165816	Money Lending	Jul 01
31	Enrico Robles	10226768	Banker	Nov 20
32	Aurelyn Salandanan	8773229	Obstetrics-Gynecologist	Mar 18
33	Carolina Salvahan	5333457	Window Fashion Contractor	Jul 04
34	Jacqueline Victoria	6556182	Watch Services	Nov 07



Attendance Report

	30 October 2020
No. of Active Members	22
No. of Members Present	21
No. of Members under rule 85	1
Make-up Attendance Credit	
On leave	8
Attendance % (Percentage of attendance per meeting / total no. of meetings)	95.45

Meeting: FRIDAY

No. of Meetings per Bylaws: 2

No. of Members as of Sep 1, 2020: (34 members)

No. of Members under rule 85: 0

*Rule of 85: If your age and membership of at least 20 years = 85, you can be excused from attendance policy.



Special Observances

July 2020

Start of Rotary Year 2020-2021

August 2020

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2020

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2020

Economic and Community Development Month

November 2020

The Rotary Foundation Month

December 2020

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2021

Vocational Service Month

February 2021

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March 2021

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

April 2021

Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health

May 2021

Youth Services Month

June 2021

Rotary Fellowships Month

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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.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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