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Rotary Grace

Dear Lord, we offer this gathering to You, and ask You to bless it with Your wisdom and grace. We thank You for this opportunity to be together to grow in our love and service to You and to each other.

We ask You to enlighten our minds, to know what is true and just, and strengthen our wills to carry out faithfully what we come to see as our duty.

May all our thoughts, words, and action be directed to making Your name and Your love better known among men, for their sanctification and their happiness here and in eternity, AMEN.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



STEPHANIE A. URCHICKPresident, Rotary Year 2024-2025 Rotary International



May 2025

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn. — Stephanie Urchick

I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event.

The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is *The Magic of Rotary*, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil

ROTARY CLUB OF ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE





REYNALD "Rey" ARIÑO, MPHFPresident, Rotary Year 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West

May-June 2025

Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West "Unite for Good" – Inspiring Youth, Building Fellowship, Creating Hope

As we bring Rotary Year 2024–2025 to a close and look ahead to the promise of RY 2025–2026, we find ourselves at a powerful turning point—one that invites us to reflect on our journey, renew our fellowship, and reaffirm our collective commitment to service.

This past May, we commemorated Youth Service Month, a time dedicated to recognizing and empowering the young leaders who carry the torch of Rotary's mission. In harmony with the call of Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally to "Create Hope in the World," we stand firm in our belief that hope begins with the youth. Through our support of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs of Zamboanga City West, and through nurturing service-driven leadership, we continue to invest in the changemakers of both today and tomorrow.

Now, as we welcome **June—Rotary Fellowship Month**, our hearts turn to the enduring strength of friend-ship, unity, and shared purpose. Fellowship is more than a Rotary tradition—it is the thread that binds us, strengthens our clubs, and fuels our passion to serve.

As we come together for our **first meeting of Rotary Year 2025–2026**, we also joyfully celebrate a remarkable mile-stone—our **54th Charter Anniversary**. This occasion is made more meaningful as we honor the **past presidents of RCZC West**, whose commitment, leadership, and legacy have built the foundation we stand on today. Because of their service, our club continues to thrive and inspire.

With this spirit, we extend a heartfelt call to all members of the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West, the RCZC West Anns, the Rotaract Club of ZC West, and the Interact Club of ZC West: Let us Unite for Good.

Let us align our hearts with compassion, our hands with purpose, and our minds with vision. Let us recommit to the enduring Rotary Vision: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

To our youth: You are not only the leaders of tomorrow—you are leading today, with strength, vision, and heart. To our Rotarians and Anns: Your wisdom, fellowship, and dedication light the path forward. To our entire RCZC West family: Let us make this new Rotary Year a beacon of unity, purpose, and lasting impact. Together, let us **Unite for Good**—and keep the Rotary flame burning brightly in Zamboanga City and beyond.



PRESIDENTS' REPORT AGENDA

- 1. Treasurer's Report
- 2. Awarding of Plaque of Recognitions and honoring the Club Past Presidents.
- 3. RCZC West conducts need assessment for "Agua Es Vida" Water Project.
- 4. RCZC West donates Furniture and Industrial Fans to ZCMC.
- 5. Club Strategic Planning
- Presentation of RCZC West Vision Statement and the 3-year Action Plan
- 7. Calendar of Activities
- 8. D' Beat of Nutrition Project at Bilang-Bilang Island with Rotaract ZC West
- 9. 54th Inaugural and Induction Ceremonies



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2025

MONTH	DAY	PROJECT / ACTIVITY	VENUE							
		PRE-TERM (TRA	ANSISTION)							
	9	1st Board Meeting for RY 2025-26	Alfresco-Canelar							
MAY	13	13th Regular Club Meeting	Jade Room, Grand Astoria Hotel							
	31	Grant Management Seminar and District Learning Seminar	Emerald Hall, Badsbrotel Suites, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay							
		PRE-TERM (TRANSISTION)								
JUNE	1st Regular Club Meeting, Photoshoot of Officers and Rotary West Charter Anniversary		Jade Room, Grand Astoria Hotel							
	21-25	Rotary International Convention 2025	Calgary, Canada							
	SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN									
	1	2nd Regular Club Meeting (Celebration of the New Rotary Year)	6:30 PM; Jade Room, Grand Astoria Hotel							
	1	Regala Esparanza Year 2: Primigravida								
JULY	5	District Induction and Handover Ceremonies	Roxas City, Capiz							
	12	54th Inaugural and Induction Ceremonies-Rotary ZC West	6:00 PM; Glass House, Astoria Regency and Convention Center							
	26	16th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies-Rotaract Club of ZC West	6:00Pm; Sapphire Room, Grand Astoria Hotel							





Saving mothers and children

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.



Supporting education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



Growing local economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



Protecting the environment

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.



Ending polio forever

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 35 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

Help us in the final push.

District Conference 2025: "LOVE AND MAGIC ABOARD" at Waterfront Hotel and Casino, Cebu City

The much-awaited District Conference 2025, with the theme "LOVE AND MAGIC ABOARD," took place at the Waterfront Hotel and Casino in Lahug, Cebu City, from March 20 to 22, 2025. This remarkable event brought together Rotarians from across Rotary International District 3850 for a series of engaging and inspiring activities, marking the culmination of a year's worth of dedication and service.

Pre-DISCON Activity: Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors Learning Seminar

The conference officially kicked off on March 19, 2025, with a Learning Seminar held at the Caspian Room of the Waterfront Hotel. This session, aimed at providing essential insights and tools for effective leadership, was attended by Presidents Elect and Assistant Governors from District 3850.

District Governor Elect (DGE) Pip Aception called the session to order at 9:30 AM, setting the stage for a day of knowledge-sharing. The learning session concluded at 5:00 PM, empowering participants with practical skills and insights for their upcoming Rotary leadership roles.

Gov. Voting's Cup Golf Tournament

On March 20, 2025, the Gov. Voting's Cup Golf Tournament was held at the Alta Vista Golf and Country Club in Cebu City. Rotarians from various clubs participated, with the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West making a strong showing. The following members from RCZC West won in their respective categories:

- * Lowest Gross: Rtn. Angelo Marquez
- * Class A Champion: DGND Patrick Lee
- * Class A 1st Runner-up: Rtn. Robbie Lee
- * Class B 1st Runner-up: Rtn. Ej Galea
- * Longest Drive: Rtn. Robbie Lee

Additionally, **DGN Patrick Lee** won the grand raffle prize. Congratulations to all the winners, and a special shout-out to the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West for their stellar performance! The event also featured a City Tour from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, giving delegates a chance to explore the beautiful sights of Cebu.

Day 1 of DISCON 2025: "In the Navy"

The first official day of the District Conference kicked off at 5:00 PM on March 20, 2025, at Atlantic Hall. Governor Richard T. Centino formally opened the event and delivered his **State of the District Address**, highlighting the achievements and growth of District 3850 over the past year. The conference's special guest, **Past Rotary International President Jennifer E. Jones**, shared an inspiring message that set the tone for the conference's theme of "Love and Magic Aboard." Attendees embraced the theme by donning **navy attire** for the Fellowship Night, which allowed Rotarians to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere while networking and celebrating the success of the district.

Day 2 of DISCON 2025: Plenary and Gala Night

On March 21, 2025, the conference continued at Atlantic Hall, where Rotarians gathered at 9:00 AM for a plenary session focused on "Servant Leadership." Speakers shared motivational success stories and strategies for fostering leadership that prioritizes service above self. The day also featured the presentation of awards to recognize outstanding service and achievement within the district.

The plenary session concluded at 3:00 PM, followed by a **Spouses Mall Tour**, giving attendees and their spouses a chance to explore local shopping destinations. That evening, the conference moved to the **Pacific Grand Ballroom** for the highly anticipated **Gala Night**, which began at 5:00 PM. The event was marked by a **Recognition of Major Donors**, with **Past Rotary International President Jennifer E. Jones** leading the ceremony. Governor Richard T. Centino also delivered a heartfelt message, thanking all participants for their support over the past year.

DGE Pip Aception gave an inspiring address, encouraging participants to attend next year's District Conference in Roxas City, and presented his team for the Rotary Year 2024-2025. Official presentations were made for the incoming District Governor (DG), District Governor-Elect (DGE), District Governor-Nominee (DGN), and District Governor-Nominee Designate (DGND).

The night concluded with a fellowship, where Rotarians enjoyed music, dancing, and camaraderie, further strengthening the bonds of friendship and service within the district.

Day 3: Business Meeting and Nominations

March 22, 2025, marked the final day of DISCON 2025. The day began with a **Business Meeting** from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Jimei. This session was important for the official presentation of **PDG James Makasiar** as the representative of our District to the nominating committee for selecting our Zone's Rotary International Director and **PP Bemie Cruz** as the Primary Representative for the District Nominating Committee. In a historic moment, **DGN Patrick Lee** delivered his first-ever speech to the district, further solidifying his leadership role in the years to come.

Awards and Recognition for Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West (RCZC West) had an outstanding presence at DISCON 2025, receiving the following prestigious awards:

- Public Image Award
- Polio Plus Contribution
- Special Award during the District Sports Fest

A total of **46 delegates** from the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West attended the conference, contributing to its success and enjoying the enriching experience.

Conclusion

DISCON 2025 was an unforgettable event, filled with moments of learning, fellowship, and recognition. From the insightful seminars to the inspiring messages, engaging activities, and well-deserved accolades, the conference brought Rotary's theme of service to life in a truly magical way. The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West was proud to be part of this celebration and looks forward to another year of meaningful service and leadership.



Agua Es Vida for RCZC West



Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Conducts Needs Assessment for "Agua Es Vida" Water Project

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West has been actively conducting a series of needs assessments across various elementary schools in the region as part of its "Agua Es Vida" water access project. The initiative aims to identify and address the urgent water needs of schools and surrounding communities, especially in remote and Indigenous areas.

April 27, 2025:

Assessments were carried out at Datu Panguluhan Elementary School, Monte Central Indigenous People Elementary School, and Campo Uno Indigenous People Elementary School. The team braved challenging terrain and endured a "scary motorcycle ride" to reach the sites, demonstrating their commitment to improving access to safe and reliable water sources.

April 16, 2025:

Needs assessments were conducted by local authorities and project volunteers at Camp Pilar Elementary School, Bagacay Elementary School, Sapa Dulian Elementary School, Muti Elementary School, and Buenavista Integrated Elementary School. Despite the lighthearted note about "foolish policemen," the effort underscored a serious commitment to bringing clean water to underserved areas.

April 9, 2025:

The team assessed Cansilayan Elementary School, Dita Elementary School, Lubigan Elementary School, and Panubigan Elementary School, focusing particularly on identifying sustainable water sources.

Update 2 - April 1, 2025:

Rotarians visited the ongoing deepwell development at Marangan Elementary School. The project features a solar-powered water system designed to provide communal access to clean water for both the school and surrounding residents. Hydrotesting is scheduled next.

This flagship initiative is a collaboration between Rotary Club of Calgary, Canada D5360, Southern City Colleges, Sanson Benito Farm OPC, Rtn. Afdal Kunting, and PP Ding Camba.

RCZC West Donates Furniture and Industrial Fans to ZCMC



May 15, 2025, the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West formally turned over a significant donation to the Zamboanga City Medical Center (ZCMC) to support the hospital's ongoing efforts in delivering quality healthcare services to the community.

The donation included:

- 17 units of assorted chairs worth ₱88,160.00
- 1 unit table worth ₱7.950.00
- 5 units of industrial electric fans worth ₱121,215.00

The total value of the donation amounted to ₱217,325.00.

This initiative reflects the Rotary Club's commitment to supporting the Rotary International Areas of Focus, particularly:

- Disease Prevention and Treatment The donation of industrial electric fans will help improve air circulation in patient wards, aiding in infection control and enhancing patient recovery conditions.
- Maternal and Child Health The fans will also benefit maternity and pediatric units by ensuring safer and more comfortable environments for mothers and young patients.
- Supporting the Environment By utilizing energy-efficient cooling solutions, the project contributes to better environmental practices within the hospital setting.

Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West continues to uphold its mission of "Service Above Self" by providing tangible support to local institutions and uplifting the well-being of the Zamboangueño community.

Together, we serve. Together, we make a difference.

Board Meeting: Strong Vision, Clear Directions



Last May 17, 2025, The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West gathered for a dynamic and in-

spiring Board Meeting focused on aligning purpose with action.

Key Highlights:

- Adoption of our Vision & 3-Year Strategic Action Plan
- Calendar of Purpose-Driven Activities
- Exciting Partnership with Niyog-Niyog Elementary School
- Upcoming Launch of the RCZC-West Website
- Encouraging participation in Grants & District Training

From setting clear priorities to embracing innovation, RCZC-West continues to push forward together, united in service.

"A night of progress and fellowship." Rotary is not just about action—it's about connection, vision, and impact

RCZC West supports the Anns Club of ZC West







May 24, 2025 | Rotarians—Rotary Anns

The Anns of the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West held their regular meeting at Taza Coffee Shop in Canelar, where they welcomed a special guest — Club President Rey Ariño.

During the gathering, President Ariño was given the opportunity to address the Anns and present the club's comprehensive 3-Year Action Plan. His presentation aimed to align the Anns' upcoming projects with the broader goals of Rotary International, ensuring unified support and greater impact in community service efforts.

The discussion focused on the four strategic priorities of Rotary International, emphasizing how the Anns — often referred to as the "weapons of mass effectiveness" — play a vital role in driving the success of club initiatives. With their support, the club hopes to enhance its reach and sustainability in creating lasting positive change in the community.

The meeting concluded with renewed enthusiasm and a shared commitment to collaborative service, showcasing the strong partnership between the Rotary Club and its dedicated Anns.

Silently, Rotarian in Action: A Good Deed by PP Mike Muin





Among the quiet roads he so often drives, Past President Mike Muin—affectionately known as PP Amba—once again proved that true service needs no stage. A Rotarian at heart and in action, he came across a man by the roadside, walking with great difficulty. The man had only one leg; the other had been amputated below the knee. There was no crowd, no fanfare—just a moment of human need met by a heart ready to serve.

Without hesitation, PP Amba pulled over. He didn't pass by, nor did he turn a blind eye. He chose, instead, to engage. He chatted with the man, listened with compassion, and saw not just the struggle, but the strength. Then quietly, he took it upon himself to purchase a pair of crutches and returned to gift them to the man.

It was a simple act, yet profoundly powerful. No cameras, no speeches. Just one Rotarian, one man, and one moment of unexpected kindness.

PP Amba showed that being a Rotarian isn't about the title—it's about action. It's about showing up, even when no one's watching. In that single gesture, he became a blessing to someone who needed it most, and in doing so, reminded us all of the quiet power of good deeds.

Indeed, PP Amba, you rock this man's heart—and all of ours.

Dr. Afdal Kunting to Represent the Philippines at Global Telemedicine Symposium in Canada





Dr. Afdal Kunting, the esteemed Medical Center Chief II of Zamboanga City Medical Center (ZCMC) and a regional leader in telemedicine implementation in the Philippines, is set to be a featured speaker at the upcoming Global Offsite Care Presents: Telemedicine Symposium 2025 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The symposium will be held on June 21, 2025, at the Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, located at 110 9th Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 5A6.

Dr. Kunting has played a pivotal role in transforming healthcare delivery in the region through the integration of telemedicine solutions at ZCMC. Under his leadership, ZCMC has become a national model for digital health transformation, bridging gaps in access to care, especially for geographically isolated and disadvantaged communities.

Beyond his leadership in healthcare, Dr. Kunting is also a **proud Rotarian** and an active member of the **Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West**, where he continues to advocate for community service and health equity.

At the Telemedicine Symposium, Dr. Kunting will share insights on the **success of ZCMC's telemedicine project**, its impact on healthcare access, and the lessons learned from implementing digital health solutions in resource-constrained settings.

This international platform will bring together leaders, innovators, and practitioners in telehealth to exchange knowledge and drive forward the future of global remote care—making Dr. Kunting's contribution both timely and vital

RCZC West Strategic Planning







April 12, 2025 | RCZC West Strategic Planning Session

The club successfully conducted its Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Jade Room of Astoria Hotel. The session was attended by 23 club members, including the President-Elect, President-Nominee, current officers, past and present club leaders, and Rotaractors.

Modeled after a regular club meeting, the session was formally called to order, setting a structured and purposeful tone for the afternoon. Serving as the guest facilitator, Dr. Christine V. Yambao, Ph.D., opened the session by presenting the results of the Club Member Satisfaction Survey. The discussion emphasized how the member experience influences engagement and retention, and highlighted the importance of gathering feedback to ensure all members find value in their Rotary journey.

An engaging and interactive dialogue followed, allowing members to express their insights and suggest actionable steps to improve the overall club experience. Dr. Yambao led a series of activities aimed at identifying the club's strengths and weaknesses, as well as guiding the group through the first two phases of the Rotary Strategic Planning Process:

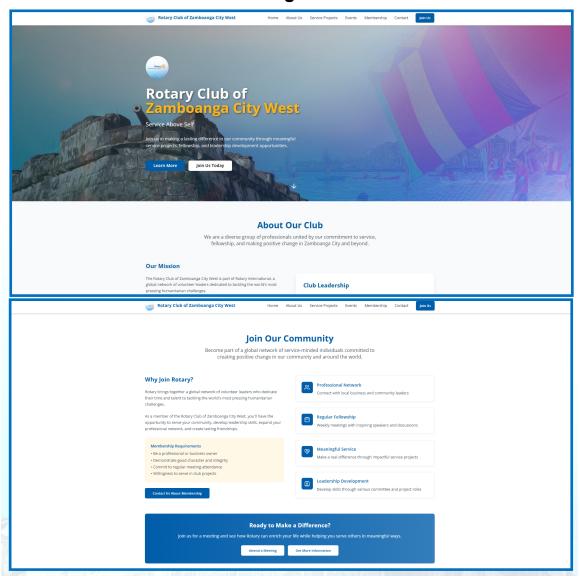
- Phase 1: How is your club doing?
- Phase 2: What do you want your club to be like?

Through these activities, members shared diverse perspectives and worked collaboratively to define a collective vision for the club's future. The session successfully fostered inclusivity, encouraged reflection, and empowered members to take part in shaping the direction of the club.

As a result of the data and insights gathered, the club will now begin formulating a Three-Year Action Plan, anchored on a vision statement that aligns with Rotary International's Strategic Plan.

The planning session concluded around 7:00 PM, marked by a sense of accomplishment and unity. Members then enjoyed a time of fellowship, strengthening bonds that are essential to the club's continued success.

Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West WEBSITE Launching Soon.....



The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West is set to launch its official website—a new digital home for club updates, service projects, and community initiatives. Stay tuned as we go live to connect, serve, and inspire more than ever before.

RCZC West's incoming Club officers attends the Grants Management and District Learning Seminar 2025





Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay – May 31, 2025 The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West actively participated in the Grant Management and District Learning Seminar held at Emerald Hall, Badsbrotel Suites, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay. The event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ipil Sibugay and gathered Rotarians across the district for a day of learning, collaboration, and fellowship.

A delegation of 10 officers from RCZC West attended the seminar, which was facilitated by distinguished Rotary leaders:

- Governor Victor Frederico Acepcion, District Governor 2025– 2026
- Past District Governor Mark Anthony Ortiz
- Past District Governor Michael Lirio

RCZC West warmly welcomed the arrival of the facilitators, reflecting the club's commitment to Rotary's ideals of service and partnership.

The seminar tackled several core topics to equip clubs with knowledge and tools for effective project planning and execution, including:

- Understanding The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)
- Increasing Our Impact Through the Grant Center
- Sustainability and Stewardship
 - Rotary International Strategic Plans and Priorities
- Effective Club Meetings and Strengthening Member Engagement

Following a productive day of discussions and workshops, the event transitioned into a joyful fellowship night. Participants enjoyed an evening filled with singing, dancing, and camaraderie, celebrating the spirit of unity that defines Rotary.

The GM & DLS proved to be a fruitful and enriching experience, strengthening both the knowledge and bonds among Rotarians across the district.



End Polio Walk Highlights DisCon 2025 in Zamboanga City Supported by Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West









Rotaract and Interact Clubs of District 3850 gathered over 150 delegates from across Panay, Negros, and Mindanao for DisCon 2025, held May 3–4 at Astoria Regency, Zamboanga City. Co-hosted by the Rotaract Club of Zamboanga City West, the event celebrated a year of leadership, collaboration, and impact under DRR Remo Japus Varquez from our very own Rotaract Club of Zamboanga City West.

A key highlight of the conference was the End Polio Walk on May 4, uniting Rotaractors and Interactors from across the district in a symbolic march from Grand Astoria Hotel to Paseo del Mar. The walk underscored the enduring commitment to Rotary International's mission to end polio worldwide.

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West played a vital role as a sponsor, reinforcing its support not only to the DisCon but also to this life-saving campaign. Their backing helped turn this event into a powerful call for unity and global service.

Through their support, the message was clear: no distance, island, or challenge is too great when Rotarians and Rotaractors walk together for a cause.

Adoption of Club's Vision Statement



Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West's Vision Statement

"Together, we empower communities through collaboration and service—uniting people for positive change, guided by integrity, leadership, and a shared commitment to inspire transformation within ourselves and beyond."

TAKING ACTION FOR CHANGE

We are at a defining moment in Rotary's history. We're implementing our Action Plan, a strategic road map that will help us better connect with each other, grow as an organization, and more effectively share our stories of how we are making a difference in communities. At every level of Rotary, we have embraced opportunities to work together to achieve our goals. Over the coming four issues, you'll hear from Rotary members around the world who will offer their inspiration, encouragement, and guidance as we carry out the four priorities of the Artin Plan.



IMPACT

We want to put our resources behind programs that will have the greatest impact and that align with our areas of focus.

We're creating tools and guidelines for tracking and sharing our efforts. We're also developing an evaluation process that will help us make objective recommendations about what is working and what we should continue, start, or stop doing.

REACH

We're committed to exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything we do.

We're testing new products and alternative models that will allow more people to connect and take action with us in ways that work best for them.

ENGAGE

We're tearing down the walls between "us" and "them" and focusing on participants.

We're asking people how they want to participate, finding ways to meet them where they are, and making sure they know we value them.

ADAPT

We're streamlining operations so we can be more agile and responsive.

We're simplifying the way we do things and helping members manage change so that our clubs, districts, and zones can more effectively communicate and work together.

Learn what your club can do at rotary.org/actionplan



The Rotary International's Strategic Priorities The RCZC West prepares the 3-year Action Plan



Strategic Priority 1: INCREASE OUR IMPACT





RI STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: INCREASE OUR IMPACT

RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	KPI	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy	Contribution to the Polio Plus Fund of the Rotary Foundation	Amount contributed by Rotary Club Of Zamboanga City West to the Polio Plus Fund	1,000 USD	1,000 USD	1,000 USD	- Conduct an orientation on TRF and End Polio Program - Hands on Tutorial on how to access the Online Contribution Portal in Rotary.Org and also Manual Contribution Form	Club Foundation Committee, Club treasurer and auditor and Club Public Image Committee, Club learning
		Number of Club members who contribute to PolioPlus Fund	10	10	10	Offer small tokens or certificates to maintain engagement and appreciation.	facilitator





RI STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: INCREASE OUR IMPACT

RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	KPI	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy	Conduct a total of at least 6 polio-related awareness, fundraising, or advocacy events — averaging 2 significant polio-related events per Rotary year — to sustain public support and engagement for polio eradication efforts.	Number of Polio- related events conducted	2	2	2	Organize community events, fun runs, charity dinners, or benefit concerts. Use social media and local media to promote the cause. Annual Fundraising Campaigns Launch "End Polio Now" donation drives during Rotary events.	Club Foundation Committee, Club treasurer and auditor and Club Public Image Committee

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ab ar	nprove our ility to achieve ad measure npact	Ensure that 100% of its major service projects are supported by formal baseline data and needs assessments, demonstrating commitment to sustainable, community-driven development.	Percentage of service projects with documented baseline and needs assesments	50%	75%	100%	• Use the standard needs assessment template from Rotary International • Include community surveys, stakeholder interviews, and demographic data collection. • Require submission of needs assessment and baseline data before projects are approved or funded • At the end of each year, audit all major projects to ensure 100% compliance with the policy.	Club Service Project Chair, Club secretaries





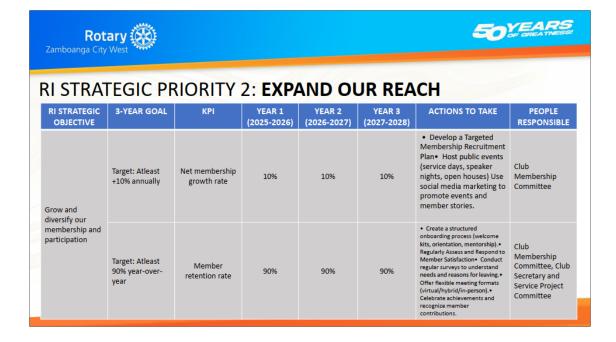
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Focus our programs and offerings	Contribution to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation	Amount contributed by Rotary Club Of Zamboanga City West to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund (Club total and per capita average)	10,000 USD	10,000 USD	10,000 USD	Conduct an orientation on Rotary Foundation and End Polio Program Hands on Tutorial on how to access the Online Contribution Portal in Rotary.Org and also Manual Contribution Form	Club Service Project Chair, Club secretaries
		Number of Members achieving Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) donor status	50	70	90		Club Rotary Foundation committee, Club secretary, Club treasurer and Club learning facilitator

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Strategic Priority 2: EXPAND OUR REACH



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RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	КРІ	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Grow and diversify our	Target: Minimum 70% activity participation	Number of members participating in club activities	63	63	63	Pair new members with experienced mentors.* Ensure early involvement in meaningful service projects.* Increase Visibility through Community Outreach	Club Membership Committee, Club Secretary and Service Project Committee
membership and participation	Increase transition of Rotaract to Rotary (Atleast 1 Rotaractor every year)	No. of rotaractors inducted as Rotarian annually	1	1	1	Invite atleast 2-3 Rotaractors during regular club meetings and club fellowships	Club Membership Committee and Club Administrator





RI STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: EXPAND OUR REACH

RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	КРІ	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Build awareness of our impact and brand	Increase the brand awareness of the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West by using the People of Action Campaign materials of Rotary International	Number of social media posts per month promoting club projects using People of Action messaging	4	4	4	Inclusion of the People of Action campaign details in the Social Media pages: Regular communication to clubs about the need to post People of Action campaign material once a month. Recognition of clubs with correct and high frequency usage of People of Action campaign material	Club Public Image Committee

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Build awareness of our impact and brand	Engage local media (radio, TV, newspapers) and leverage online platforms to tell Rotary's story.	Number of Rotary-branded press releases or media stories published monthly	2	2	2	Strengthen the public image team* Attend Public image seminars/trainings* Maintain a media contact list and send quarterly updates or success stories from your club.* Designate a club photographer or social media team to take high-quality photos/videos of projects and events.	Club Public Image Committee

Strategic Priority 3: ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT





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RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	KPI	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Support Clubs to better engage their members	Achieve and maintain at least 70% member engagement in meetings and service projects by creating a vibrant club experience, offering flexible attendance options, and promoting meaningful participation opportunities for all members.	Percentage of members attending meetings and projects regularly	70%	75%	80%	Assess current engagement levels Track attendance and participation monthly Survey members annually for feedback Offer a mix of formal, social, and interactive meetings Invite engaging guest speakers	Club Secretary and Membership

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Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection	Ensure that at least 50% of its active members have completed training through the Rotary Learning Center or the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), strengthening leadership capacity, engagement, and club sustainability.	Number of members attending Rotary Learning Center or Rotary Learning Institute	12	15	20	Promote Rotary Learning Center and RLI benefits in meetings* Create a training incentive or recognition program* Provide easy access to training links and schedules* Encourage new members to complete training within 6 months* Participate in RLI Trainings	Club Learning Facilitator





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RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	KPI	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Provide leadership development and skills training	Deliver a total of at least 18 professional or vocational talks during regular meetings, promoting learning, cross- industry knowledge, and leadership development among members and guests.	Number of professional or vocational talks conducted during meetings	6	6	6	Determine Relevance of Topics for Professional Development and Skills Enrichment Screen and Invite Reputable Resource Person and/or Organization	Club Learning Facilitator

Strategic Priority 4: INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT





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RI STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	3-YEAR GOAL	KPI	YEAR 1 (2025-2026)	YEAR 2 (2026-2027)	YEAR 3 (2027-2028)	ACTIONS TO TAKE	PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
Streamline governance, structure, and processes	The Rotary Club of Zamboanga West will institutionalize modern governance practices by updating dub bylaws and policies, digitting core operations, achieving 100% leadership succession readiness, and maintaining a sustainable operational structure that ensures continuity and growth.	Number of governance documents reviewed/update d (Club CBL, Club leadership Plan)	1	2	3	Review and update club bylaws and policies annually • Form a governance and policy review committee • Conduct leadership training and mentorship programs • Identify and groom future leaders early each year • Create standard operating procedures for key functions • Align club structure with Rotary's best practices for sustainability	Club Governance Committee, Club Secretaries, Club Administrator





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Streamline governance, structure, and processes	The Rotary Club of Zamboanga West will institutionalize modern governance practices by updating dub bylaws and policies, digitizing core operations, achieving 100% leadership succession readiness, and maintaining a sustainable operational structure that ensures continuity and growth.	Percentage of record archiving (board resolutions, club policies, sisterclub agreements))	100%	100%	100%	Digitize membership records, finances, and communications.	Club Secretaries





ROTARY DISCON 2026

MAY 7 - 9, 2026

₱ 5,500

EARLY BIRD MAR 20-31, 2025

₱6,500 APR. 1 TO JUL. 31, 2025

₱ 7,500

AUG. 1, 2025 TO MAR. 31, 2026

₱8,000 WALK-IN/ONSITE

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TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1, up to \$50 million per year.

Your donation

\$25

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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\$50

Total contribution to fight polio

\$75

THAT CAN PURCHASE:

150

high-visibility vests to help identify health workers so they can safely administer vaccines

75

vaccine carriers to keep the polio vaccine cool and effective

600

purple markers to mark children's pinkies to show they've been immunized



"Rotary was the first organization to push for a polio-free world, and so many Rotarians have been part of fundraising, vaccination, and advocacy efforts. The final steps to a polio-free world are the hardest—and we'll need the help of every Rotarian to get there. But I'm confident that we will end polio together."

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Clubs are encouraged to give \$1,500 or more annually to support polio eradication, and districts are encouraged to allocate 20 percent or more of their District Designated Funds each Rotary year. Clubs and districts that meet these criteria will receive a certificate of appreciation.

HOW TO HELP

LEARN. SHARE. DONATE.

endpolio.org





5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.

Today, 20 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.

Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9%. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

IMMUNIZE

more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE

disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE

more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

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MAY

09 Rtn. Robert Lee
12 DGN Patrick Lee
16 PP Butch Blanco
20 PP Oca Zaragoza

JUNE

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Rtn. Jason Lim

JUNE 2025 HOLIDAYS

June 06 (Fri): Regular Holiday - Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice); according to Presidential proclamation no. 911 series of 2025.

June 12 (Thu) Regular Holiday - Independence Day 2025

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 31— Grants Management and District Learning Seminar for Club Officers at Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay

June 7—Bilang-Bilang Island project

June 11—Turnover of Niyog-Niyog Elementary School and Communal Water Project with Rotary Club of Makati