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Call to Order	<b>Pres. Reynald "REY" Ariño, MPH</b>
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**- F E L L O W S H I P -**

**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. URCHICK**  
President, Rotary Year 2024-2025  
Rotary International



## JANUARY 2025

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

# ROTARY CLUB OF ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



**REYNALD "Rey" ARIÑO, MPHF**  
President, Rotary Year 2024-2025  
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West

## JANUARY 2025

A very warm greeting to all of you as we welcome the month of January, a time for new beginnings, growth, and reflection. As we enter this new year, we also observe Vocational Service Month, a month dedicated to celebrating the values that guide our professional and business lives.

In Rotary, we recognize that our vocational endeavors are not just a means of livelihood but also an opportunity to serve and uplift others. As Rotarians, our professions, industries, and businesses offer us unique platforms to make an impact on the lives of those around us. This month, we emphasize the importance of applying the highest ethical standards and the ideals of service to our work.

Let us take the time to engage with our members, showcase the diverse skills we bring to the table, and explore how we can use our vocations for the greater good. As we go forward, I encourage each one of you to share stories of how Rotary has positively impacted your professional life and how we, as a club, can further promote the importance of vocational service in our community.

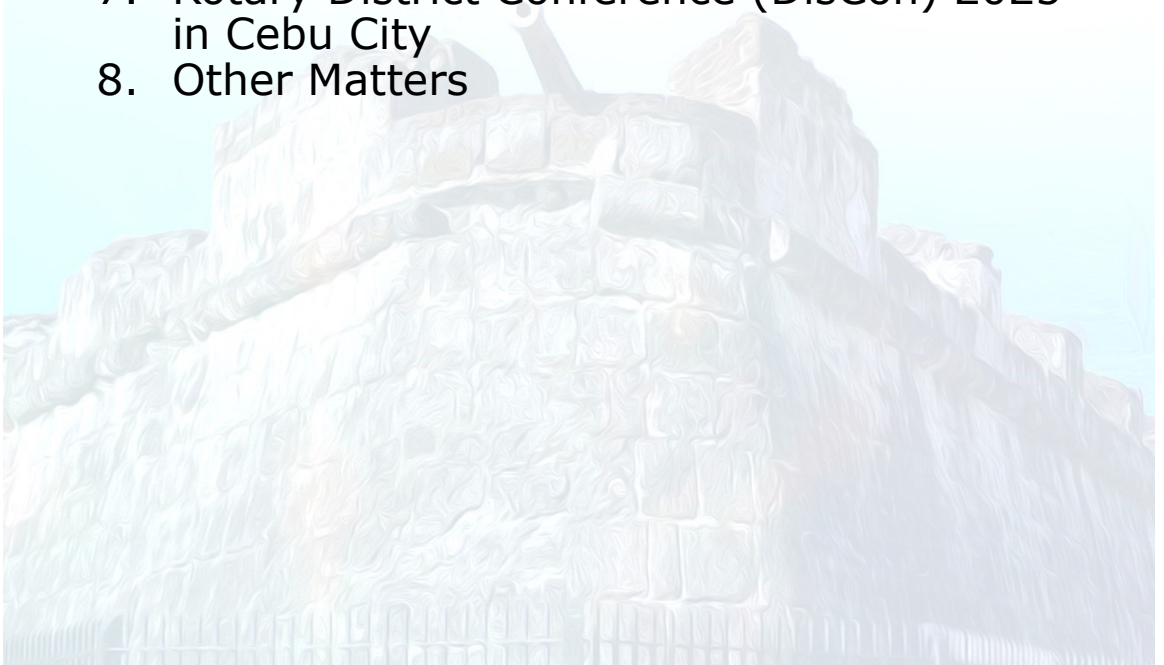
This month will also feature special activities to engage our members and highlight the vocational avenue of service. I am confident that through our collective efforts, we will continue to foster growth, inspire one another, and make a meaningful difference both professionally and personally.

Let's dedicate this month to rethinking how our professions can support and amplify the work of Rotary. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community through the power of vocational service.



## **PRESIDENTS' REPORT AGENDA**

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Renewal of Sisterhood Agreement with RC Makati EDSA
4. District 3850 Friendship Games
5. PNP SAF Mental Health Training
6. Side Hustle Scholars in partnership with Rotaract Club of ZC West for a D.E.I Project
7. Rotary District Conference (DisCon) 2025 in Cebu City
8. Other Matters





## **CLUB OFFICERS** RY 2024-2025 **ROTARY CLUB OF ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Reynald "Rey" Ariño, MPH
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Eliseo "Totoh" Hablo, MPH
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Fernando "Nanding" Yu, RFMD
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>	Charliemagne "Charles" Tilos, PHF
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Jonathan "Nathan" Lim, PHF

### **DIRECTORS**

<b>EX-OFFICIO:</b>	IPP Bernardo "Bernie" Cruz, MPH
<b>CLUB LEARNING FACILITATOR:</b>	PP Erwin "Win" Bernardo, MPH
<b>CLUB MEMBERSHIP:</b>	PP Patrick "Pat" Lee, RFMD
<b>CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS CHAIR:</b>	Charlie Jose Villanueva, PHF
<b>CLUB PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR:</b>	PP Gil "Gil" Lim, RFMD
<b>THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:</b>	Ramon "Mon" Azuelo, PHF
<b>CLUB YOUNG LEADERS CHAIR:</b>	Ernan "Pao" Natividad, PHF

## **ROTARY ANNS CLUB OF ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Fairouz "Fai" Gharib-Depositario
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	PP Alicia "Alice" Dela Cruz
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	PP Ma. Theresa "Tess" Makasiar
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<b>AUDITOR:</b>	Ella Mae "Ella" Cruz-Lim
<b>PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:</b>	Eleanor "Eli" Cruz
<b>BUSINESS MANAGER</b>	Fatima Shaneen "Shan" Isnani

### **DIRECTORS**

PP Merlyn "Merlie" Hablo  
PP Mary Beth "Beth" Lee  
PP Ivy Emerald "Ivy" Blanco  
PP Maria Teresa "Tess" Camba  
PP Brendalyn "Brenda" Aquino  
PP Sheila "Sheila" Zaragoza

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR	MONTH	DAY	PROJECT / ACTIVITY	VENUE
2025	JANUARY	VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH		
		14	9th Regular Club Meeting	Liam, ATOA
		17	Renewal of Sisterhood Agreement with Rotary Club of Makati EDSA	La Gran by Mano-Mano
		18-19	District 3850 Friendship Games	The Harborage, Brgy. Talic Oroquieta City
		20-21	PNP SAF Mental Health Training	H5SAB, Zambo. EcoZone.
	FEBRUARY	PROMOTING PEACE		
		1	DEI Project (Side Hustle Scholars)	
		11	10th Regular Club Meeting	Liam, ATOA
		15	Club Fellowship	
	MARCH	PROVIDING CLEAN WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE		
		11	11th Regular Club Meeting	Liam, ATOA
		20-22	District Convention 2025 Cebu City	Cebu City Waterfront Hotel and Casino
		29	Great West Victory Party	Royce Convention Center, Grand Astoria Hotel
	APRIL	PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT		
		8	12th Regular Club Meeting	Liam, ATOA
	MAY	YOUTH SERVICE MONTH		
		13	13th Regular Club Meeting	Jade Room, Grand Astoria Hotel
	JUNE	ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH		
		2	Rotary West Charter Anniversary	Jade Room, Grand Astoria Hotel
		21-25	Rotary International Convention 2025	Calgary, Canada

*The Calendar of Activities is being updated on a monthly basis.*



### **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.**

# 8th Regular Club Meeting



## December 3, 2024 | 8th Regular Club Meeting

Last December 3, 2024, the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West held its 8th Regular Club Meeting, where we came together to discuss plans for The Greatest Gift of All Year 31. This signature project continues to bring hope and joy to those in need, and our collective dedication to service shines brighter than ever!

The evening also marked a special moment as we witnessed the induction of Rtn. Eliseo "Toto" Hablo as Vice President. The ceremony was graced by PDG Edwin To as the inducing officer, adding prestige to this significant occasion.

Pres. Rey Ariño shared updates on our upcoming activities, keeping everyone inspired and aligned with our mission of service above self. It was a night filled with camaraderie, purpose, and commitment to making a difference in our community.

Together, let us continue to create a lasting impact!

## The true spirit of Christmas with Rotarians, Rotary Anns and Rotaractors



### RCZCW Prepares for the Signature Project "The Greatest Gift of All Year 31"

In anticipation of the highly awaited *The Greatest Gift of All Year 31* (GGOA 31), the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West (RCZCW) gathered on the evening of December 5, 2024, the night before the big event, to prepare gifts for the SPED learners and other beneficiaries. The members of the club, along with their Anns and Rotaractors, came together in a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie at the residence of Past Presidents Gil Lim and Ann Marilyn Lim to organize school supplies, sort school bags, and pack boxes of wheelchairs for distribution.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement, energy, and collaboration, as Rotarians and Anns worked efficiently and harmoniously. The division of labor was thoughtfully planned to ensure the smooth flow of tasks, maximizing their collective effort to ensure everything was ready for the following day's event. This annual tradition of the club, where members personally prepare packages the night before the event, ensures that all items are carefully arranged and ready for distribution, ensuring a seamless experience for the beneficiaries.

This year, the club is thrilled to announce a record-breaking 1,578 beneficiaries who will receive gifts through GGOA 31. The preparation focused on providing these special children with school supplies, wheelchairs, and other essential items, fulfilling their wishes and brightening their lives. It was a heartwarming and meaningful occasion, showcasing the true essence of Rotary—service above self.

President Rey Arino expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and commitment of the RCZCW members, stating, *"I am deeply grateful for the exemplary efforts of our Rotarians and Anns. Their hard work, patience, and attention to detail in ensuring that everything is in order for tomorrow's event are a testament to the Rotary principle of service above self. I am so proud of our club and excited to witness the impact this heartfelt occasion will have on the lives of these special children."*

Beyond the preparations, the evening also provided a valuable opportunity for bonding and fellowship among the Rotary family. Delicious food was shared, and everyone enjoyed a moment of togetherness, celebrating the spirit of service that unites the club.

As the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West looks forward to the success of GGOA 31, it is confident that the event will bring immense joy and fulfillment to the young beneficiaries, creating precious moments of happiness and lasting memories. With their passion for service, the club continues to make a significant impact on the community, touching the hearts of many and fulfilling its mission to help those in need.

The 31st Greatest Gift of All was a SUCCESS!





### **Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Celebrates "The Greatest Gift of All Year 31" with SPED Learners in Zamboanga City.**

ZAMBOANGA CITY, December 6, 2024 – The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West (RCZW) spread holiday cheer to 1,578 Special Education (SPED) learners in Zamboanga City as part of its signature project, *"The Greatest Gift of All Year 31"* (GGOA31), held at the Grand Astoria in Pasonaca. This year's theme, *"The Magic of Christmas: Special Celebration with SPED Learners of Zamboanga City,"* brought smiles, laughter, and unforgettable moments to children with special needs, making this Christmas season truly extraordinary.

The program kicked off at 8:00 AM with the registration of the SPED learners and teachers, followed by an opening doxology. District Governor Nominee-Designate (DGND) Patrick Lee delivered the welcome remarks, setting the tone for the festive celebration. RCZW's GGOA Chair, Rtn. Brandon Chiong, then shared an inspiring message, with President Keith AD Harrison of the Rotary Club of Makati expressing his support for the event. The morning continued with a warm acknowledgment of guests by Past President Nanding Yu.

A highlight of the program was the energetic dance performances, with selected Rotarians and Anns, proudly calling themselves the *SPED Movers*, taking the stage to open the festivities. SPED teachers also joined in, showcasing their talents through a lively dance presentation. The event had a joyful atmosphere, with participants enjoying food court treats such as hotdogs, ice cream, cotton candy, burgers, popcorn, and sandwiches.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Rotary Club fulfilled some of the SPED learners' wishes. The club distributed 15 wheelchairs, school bags, educational toys, and gift certificates for Noche Buena, bringing much-needed joy and support to the children and their families.

The fun didn't stop there. The SPED learners were treated to a magic show, puppet performances, and a visit from a Jollibee mascot, who delighted the children with games, dancing, and plenty of smiles. It was clear from the children's faces just how meaningful this event was, as they eagerly participated and eagerly awaited the next surprise.

Zamboanga City Mayor John Dalipe graced the event with his presence, offering an inspirational message that encouraged the children and highlighted the importance of supporting initiatives that bring joy to those in need. Dr. Vilma A. Brown, EdD, Education Program Supervisor, expressed the gratitude of the entire SPED community, thanking the Rotary Club for its unwavering commitment to improving the lives of SPED learners.

In his closing remarks, RCZW President Rey Ariño emphasized the significance of the event, noting the collective effort of the club's members and sponsors in making this special day possible. "This December, we gather to celebrate the joy and magic of the season through the 'Greatest Gift of All' event, dedicated to making the wishes of remarkable children come true. Your support is crucial in creating moments of happiness and leaving a lasting impact on their lives. Together, we can bring warmth, smiles, and joy to their hearts, making this holiday season truly special. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this meaningful cause," he said.

The event was a beautiful reminder of the true spirit of Christmas—giving, sharing, and experiencing the goodness of God. The smiles, laughter, and the warmth shared between the Rotarians and SPED learners will forever be cherished as a precious, angelic moment of joy and love.

*The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West continues to fulfill its mission of service above self, making a difference in the lives of those who need it most, especially during the holiday season.*

# GGOA continues....



## Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Brings the Greatest Gift of All to SPED Learners in Limpapa, Latap and Labuan Elementary Schools

*Zamboanga City, December 13, 2024* — The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West continued its tradition of giving back this holiday season by bringing the *Greatest Gift of All Year 31* to the distant areas of Limpapa Elementary School and Latap Elementary School at Labuan Central School. The event, held on December 13, 2024, brought joy and hope to over 100 SPED learners, along with their parents and teachers.

The program was warmly welcomed by the Labuan School Principal, Homer B Agustin, who expressed gratitude for the support extended to their community. The event kicked off at 10:00 AM with a heartwarming opening program, which featured an intermission number performed by selected SPED learners. The program not only showcased the talents of the children but also highlighted their bright futures.

Following the program, the Rotarians and their Anns distributed a variety of gifts to the children. The items included school bags, school supplies, toys, sardines, gift certificates, and a special gift—a wheelchair for a special child who was born without both arms and one leg. This gesture was deeply appreciated by the child's family and the community, symbolizing the Rotary Club's commitment to making a meaningful difference.

The children, along with their parents and teachers, also enjoyed a hearty meal together, further strengthening the sense of community and support. The program concluded around noon, and as a gesture of gratitude, the teachers invited the Rotarians and Anns for a simple but delicious meal.

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West's *Greatest Gift of All* program continues to be a shining example of service above self, bringing smiles and hope to those who need it most.

This year's event exemplified the Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to supporting the education and well-being of the community's most vulnerable, particularly children with special needs. The Rotary Club's unwavering efforts are a testament to the power of compassion, community, and kindness.

# Rotary Service....



## Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Partners with PNP SAF for Family Day 2024

*Zamboanga City, Zamboecozone*– The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West collaborated with the 5th Special Action Battalion (5th SAB), Philippine National Police – Special Action Force (PNP SAF) in a successful Family Day celebration for SAF troopers' families. The event, held on December 14, 2024 at 5SAB Headquarters, ZAMBOECONE, aimed to show appreciation for the sacrifices of SAF personnel and strengthen ties within the community.

Key highlights of the event include:

- **Food & Gift Certificates:** The Rotary Club provided meals and gift certificates for 50 beneficiaries, all family members of SAF troopers, ensuring a day of joy and gratitude.
- **Medical Services:** Free medical consultations and services were provided to the beneficiaries, promoting health and well-being within the community.
- **Minor Circumcision:** PP Jonh Hernan Anacan led the minor circumcision procedures, offering medical assistance to young members of the SAF families.
- **Event Address:** Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West President, Rey Arino, graced the event as the keynote speaker, inspiring attendees with messages of unity and service.
- **Boodlefight:** The event concluded with a fun and engaging *boodle fight*, bringing together SAF families and Rotary members in a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork.

Rtn. Ryan Quilton was also present to support the event, which ended on a high note, leaving lasting memories and a strengthened bond between the Rotary Club and the SAF families. This partnership continues the Rotary Club's tradition of serving the community, especially those who serve in defense of the nation.

The Great West Shoot Fest: A Successful Shoot for a Cause in Zamboanga City





**ZAMBOANGA CITY** – The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West (RCZCW) successfully hosted *The Great West Shoot Fest* at the ZAPSA Firing Range in Barangay Lumbangan on December 7-8, 2024. This two-day shooting event, which combined competitive shooting with community service, aimed to raise funds for the benefit of 1,578 SPED (Special Education) learners in Zamboanga City.

The event kicked off on the morning of December 7 with a ceremonial shoot at 8:00 AM. The first shots were fired by a select group of RCZCW members, including President Rey Ariño, Rtn Mitch Miranda, Rtn Ryan Quilaton, and Rtn Baltazar Lazandares. They were joined by Rtn Seanar Sy, Chairman of the event, who facilitated the ceremonial shoot alongside the Range Officer.

Following the opening ceremony, the formal shooting competition began. The event featured a PPSA (Philippine Practical Shooting Association) Level II Sanctioned Match, which included eight challenging stages and required participants to complete a minimum of 184 rounds. The match tested the skill and precision of shooters as they competed in hand-gun and PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine) categories.

Rtn Nathan Lim and Rtn Mark Anthony Sta Elena were instrumental in overseeing the registration and smooth flow of the competition, ensuring that everything ran efficiently. A steady stream of shooters from various backgrounds participated, making the event both a thrilling competition and a successful fundraising activity for the community.

The second day of the event, December 8, saw clear skies and favorable weather, ensuring a smooth continuation of the competition. In the afternoon, Rotarians and their families gathered for a special treat. Rtn Seanar Sy designed an exclusive shooting course, where the members of the RCZCW were divided into two teams for a friendly relay competition. The event was not only a chance for Rotarians to show their shooting skills, but also a fun and memorable bonding experience for families and friends.

"The Great West Shoot Fest is more than just a shooting competition," said Rtn Seanar Sy. "It's about bringing the community together, having fun, and most importantly, helping those in need. The funds raised will go directly to supporting SPED learners in Zamboanga City, which is a cause close to our hearts."

The event proved to be a great success, both in terms of participation and in raising awareness for the Rotary Club's philanthropic projects. The RCZCW continues to demonstrate its commitment to both community service and camaraderie, as the shootfest highlighted the club's dedication to improving the lives of others while enjoying fellowship among its members.

Proceeds from *The Great West Shoot Fest* will contribute to future Rotary projects, in line with the areas of focus of Rotary International, including education, health, and community development.

As the competition came to a close, organizers and participants alike were filled with a sense of accomplishment. The event not only raised vital funds for the SPED learners of Zamboanga City but also showcased the RCZCW's unique approach to giving back to the community through creative and engaging activities. The success of the shootfest ensures that the club will continue its mission to serve and uplift the lives of those in need in Zamboanga City.

# Let there be MAGIC!



## Curuan-Latuan Water Project by The Rotary Foundation

The 500 cubic meter concrete reservoir for the Curuan-Latuan Water Project is now ready! The installation of pipes is now 100% complete.

This humanitarian initiative is hosted by Rotary Clubs from Zamboanga City West, Zamboanga City Central, Central Stockton, and Calgary.

Access to safe water and sanitation is a fundamental human right. By ensuring equitable access to water resources, we can foster a healthier and more peaceful world for all.

# The Board convened...



## Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Holds Successful Board Meeting on January 11, 2025

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West held its Board Meeting on January 11, 2025, at Alfresco Restaurant at 6:00 PM. The meeting was attended by a majority of the club's board members and served as a productive platform to discuss and strategize the club's upcoming activities for the year.

The meeting covered several important agenda items, including the financial update, membership progress, and the renewal of the Sisterhood Agreement with the Rotary Club of Makati EDSA. The board also discussed the upcoming District Friendship Games, a wellness project in collaboration with the Philippine National Police Special Action Force (PNP SAF), and the club's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Program. In addition, the Philippine Rotaract Convention (PROCON) and other matters were brought to the table.

A positive outcome from the meeting was the financial update, with the club reporting favorable results from its previous projects. This success reflects the effective and strategic management of club activities, paving the way for continued growth and contributions to the community.

The board members not only focused on how to efficiently implement the plans and programs discussed but also took the opportunity to strengthen their camaraderie. After the meeting, members enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled evening, jamming with an acoustic band and enjoying good music, making it a joyful and fruitful night for all.

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West continues to work toward its mission of service and community-building, with a dedicated and united leadership team.

# Rota-Kid achiever!



## **Bulletin News: Congratulations to Engineer Lance Howell Dela Cruz Blanco!**

We are thrilled to announce and extend our heartfelt congratulations to Engineer Lance Howell Dela Cruz Blanco, the eldest son of PP Butch and PP Ann Ivy Blanco. Engr. Lance, a former Rotakid, successfully passed the Civil Engineering Licensure Examination held in November 2024, a remarkable achievement that reflects his hard work and dedication.

Born on December 7, 1999, Engr. Lance completed his college education at Ateneo de Davao University, graduating as part of the Class of 2024. Out of 18,436 examinees nationwide, only 6,835 passed, achieving a national passing rate of 37.07%. Engr. Lance's accomplishment stands as a testament to his perseverance and commitment to excellence.

This achievement is a proud moment not only for Engr. Lance but also for his proud parents, PP Butch and PP Ann Ivy Blanco. Their unwavering support and guidance have played an integral part in his success.

Cheers to Engineer Lance and his family! May this milestone be the first of many in his bright future as a professional engineer. Congratulations once again!

# Proud moments for our Rotary Ann..



## Lady Ann Maria Teresa S. Makasiar Receives Prestigious Awards

In a moment of immense pride and gratitude, I am truly honored to have received the Outstanding Jubilarian Award during the 40th Jubilee Celebration of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. This recognition holds a special place in my heart, marking a significant milestone in my journey of service and leadership.

Adding to the joy, I was also awarded as the Outstanding Chapter President, and the Zambasulta Chapter (comprising Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi) was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter at the 2024 Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Annual National Convention, held at the SMX Convention Center in Davao City. These accolades celebrate the accomplishments during my term as Chapter President in 2023-2024.

It has been an incredible privilege to lead and serve, and I am deeply grateful to all those who have been part of this journey.

# 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

**+ \$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](http://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

**Donate now at [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org)**



**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

# DISCON 2025

# CELEBRATION



**RICHARD T. CENTINO**  
District 3850 Governor, RY 2024-2025



**JENNIFER JONES**  
Rotary International President, RY 2022-2023

**Rotary**  
District 3850



## *Love & Magic Aboard*

**Waterfront Hotels & Casino, Lahug, Cebu City | March 20-22, 2025**

For more info about DISCON 2025, please visit **Rotary District 3850 DisCon 2025** on Facebook



## Register Now....



# ROOMS & SUITES

## NIGHTLY RATE

ROOMS	SINGLE (1 pax)	DOUBLE (2 pax)
• Standard Room	Php 3,800	Php 4,000
• Superior Room	Php 4,000	Php 4,200
• Deluxe Room	Php 4,200	Php 4,400
• V Junior Suite	Php 7,100	
• Executive Suite	Php 9,800	
• Family Suite (4 guests)	Php 13,000	
• Extra Bed (Suite Room)	Php 2,000 to 3,000	

**Event Date: March 20 - 22, 2025**  
**With breakfast buffet.**  
**Payment in full. No cancellation. Non-refundable.**  
**Sc discount only applies to regular rates.**

# Sunshine Announcements...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

## ROTARIAN'S

January 4—Rtn. Michael John Wee

January 7—PN Charles Tilos

January 11—Rtn. Bebot Dela Cruz

January 16—Rtn. Iman Diu

January 21— Rtn. Andre Lim

January 31— Rtn. Ronald Wee

## **JANUARY 2025 HOLIDAYS**

Jan. 01 (Wed) Regular Holiday - **New Year's Day**

Jan. 27 (Mon) Muslim Legal Holiday in Zamboanga City - **Isra' Wal Mi'raj**  
(Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) night journey and Ascension)

Jan. 29 (Wed) Special (Non-Working) Day - **Chinese New Year**

## **JANUARY 2025 FUN HOLIDAYS**

January 15 - Strawberry Ice Cream Day

January 19 - Popcorn Day

January 26 - Spouse's Day

January 27 - Chocolate Cake Day