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WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

OUR MISSION

To inspire, inform, and connect our community through insightful stories, thoughtful leadership, and a shared commitment to progress, cultivating a sense of unity and empowerment for all.

WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE

OUR VISION

To inform, inspire, and unite Rotarians across the district by showcasing meaningful stories, impactful projects, and shared achievements. Through purposeful communication, the Governor's Monthly Letter strengthens connections, promotes Rotary values, and drives collective action toward lasting change.



Message from

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

GINA T. SANCHEZ

ROTARY YEAR 2025-26

Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 3800,

February reminds us that peace is not merely an ideal—it is a responsibility we carry as Rotarians. As we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we reaffirm our commitment to be instruments of understanding, compassion, and unity. **In a world where uncertainty and chaos often arise from division, inequality, and misunderstanding, our role becomes even more vital. We are called to build bridges, to listen with empathy, and to serve with purpose.**

Peace begins in our homes, grows in our communities, and is sustained through our everyday actions. Even amid chaos, it is in these small, consistent acts of kindness and cooperation that harmony takes root. Guided by Rotary International's vision and our theme, **Unite for Good**, we are reminded that lasting peace is achieved through shared responsibility, continuity of mission, and meaningful partnerships.



Every project we undertake and every life we touch contributes to building a more stable, compassionate, and hopeful society for all. As Rotarians, let us continue to be People of Action who come together not only to serve communities, but to heal divisions, uplift lives, and foster understanding.

In unity, we strengthen our shared purpose and amplify our impact, creating meaningful change that extends beyond today. By working together with dedication and heart, we build peace that endures across generations. Together, let us Unite for Good—and truly Unite for Peace.

In Rotary Service,

Gina T. Sanchez

**District Governor, RY 2025–2026
Rotary International District 3800**

Editor's Letter

FROM HOMES TO THE WORLD

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month



Peacebuilding, in the Rotary sense, is never abstract. It begins in the most familiar place we know—the home—and expands outward to the community, and ultimately, to the world we aspire to serve.

In the Philippine context, families are the cornerstone of society. They are where values are first formed: respect, empathy, discipline, and a sense of responsibility for others. These values do not remain within household walls; they travel outward into barangays, schools, workplaces, and faith communities, shaping how we relate with one another in everyday life.

When homes are grounded in understanding and care, communities become stronger and more resilient. When communities are united, they become powerful spaces for cooperation, inclusion, and peace. But when families struggle, the effects are felt far beyond the household. ***This is why peacebuilding must begin where life happens daily.***

As Rotarians, we are reminded that service to humanity starts with strengthening these foundations. Through community-based initiatives, youth engagement, and family-centered programs, we help create environments where harmony can grow naturally.

“From Homes to the World” is both a reflection and a call to action: that lasting peace is built not only in meetings and declarations, but in the small, consistent choices within our homes and communities.



Capturing your goodness in GML pages,

PP Dee B. Antang
Editor-in-Chief, GML
RY 2025–2026

**"The pulse of a peaceful town
beats for the whole world."**





FAMILIES & COMMUNITY:

THE FIRST LINE OF STABILITY



The Philippines continues to make progress in reducing overall crime, yet peace and conflict at the community level remain deeply rooted in everyday social and economic conditions.

According to Philippine National Police (PNP) data, focus crimes declined by 12.4% in 2025, including theft, robbery, physical injury, and violence-related incidents. While this reflects improved law enforcement efforts and stronger community cooperation, it does not fully capture the everyday tensions experienced at the grassroots level.

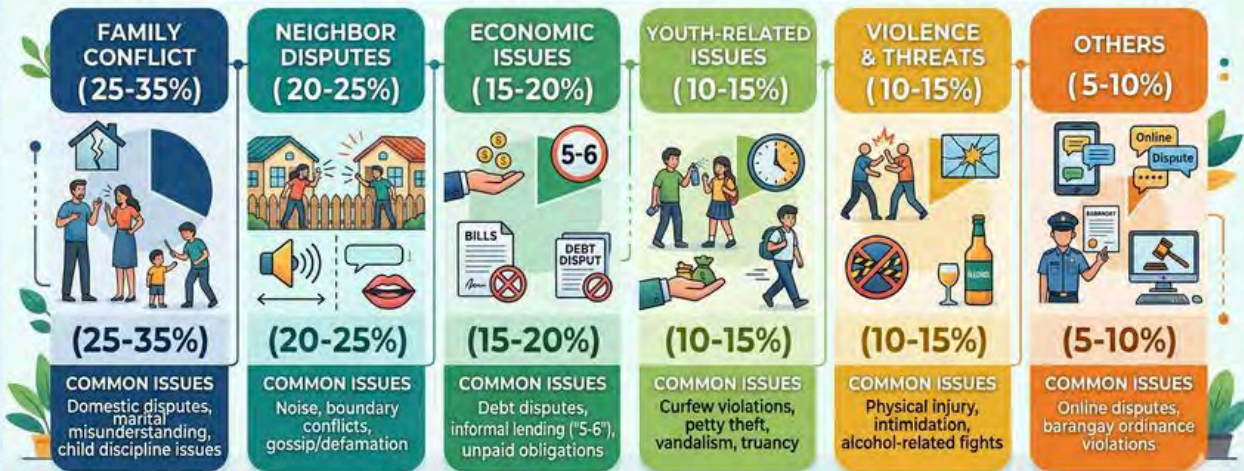


Many issues continue to surface in barangays, often involving family disputes, neighbor conflicts, and economically driven disagreements. These cases, though less severe in nature, frequently escalate when not properly addressed early. As a result, barangays remain the frontline of peacebuilding, where social harmony is continuously negotiated and maintained through mediation, dialogue, and community-based resolution mechanisms.

COMMON COMMUNITY AND FAMILY-RELATED PROBLEMS

BASED ON AGGREGATED REPORTS: BARANGAY CASE LOGS, POLICE BLOTTERS, AND PSA/PNP-ALIGNED CLASSIFICATIONS

CATEGORY | COMMON ISSUES REPORTED | ESTIMATED SHARE OF BARANGAY COMPLAINTS*



*Estimates based on common barangay justice system (Katarungang Pambarangay) case patterns and PSA/PNP crime classification frameworks

Barangay case logs, police blotters, and PSA/PNP-aligned classifications show that most community conflicts in the Philippines are rooted in everyday social and family dynamics. The largest share involves family conflict, including domestic disputes, marital misunderstandings, and child discipline issues, accounting for approximately 25–35% of reported cases. Neighbor disputes follow at 20–25%, often related to noise complaints, boundary disagreements, and defamation or gossip. Economic issues contribute 15–20%, commonly involving informal lending, unpaid debts, and financial obligations under “5–6” arrangements.

Youth-related concerns make up 10–15%, including curfew violations, truancy, petty theft, and vandalism. Violence and threats, often linked to alcohol-related incidents or personal conflicts, also account for 10–15% of cases. The remaining 5–10% includes online disputes and violations of barangay ordinances. These patterns highlight how most conflicts are non-criminal in origin but can escalate without early mediation, reinforcing the critical role of barangay-level conflict resolution systems in maintaining community peace.





USUAL COMPLAINTS IN BARANGAYS AND POLICE STATIONS

➔ Barangay Level First Line of Resolution

Most cases are resolved through mediation under the Katarungang Pambarangay system, focusing on:

- Domestic quarrels between spouses or partners
- Noise complaints and neighbor harassment
- Financial disputes (utang, lending conflicts)
- Property boundary disagreements
- Youth behavior complaints (truancy, minor disturbances)

➔ Police Stations Escalated Cases

Cases elevated to police often involve:

- Physical injuries or assault
- Theft and robbery
- Threats and intimidation
- Gender-based violence (VAWC-related complaints)
- Public disturbances involving alcohol or drugs



The Philippine Reality: Why Conflict Persists

While national crime rates show decline, community-level conflict remains persistent due to structural issues, including:

- Economic pressure and underemployment
- High household stress and financial insecurity
- Limited access to mental health and counseling services
- Weak conflict resolution skills in families
- Alcohol-related violence in low-income areas

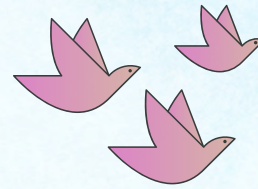


THE ROLE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY IN PEACEBUILDING

In the Philippine context, the family is more than a basic social unit—it serves as the primary foundation of governance, discipline, and values formation. It is within the home that individuals first learn responsibility, respect, and empathy, which later shape their participation in wider society. Barangays, in turn, function as the first line of formal community governance and dispute resolution, making them the frontline institutions of peacebuilding.

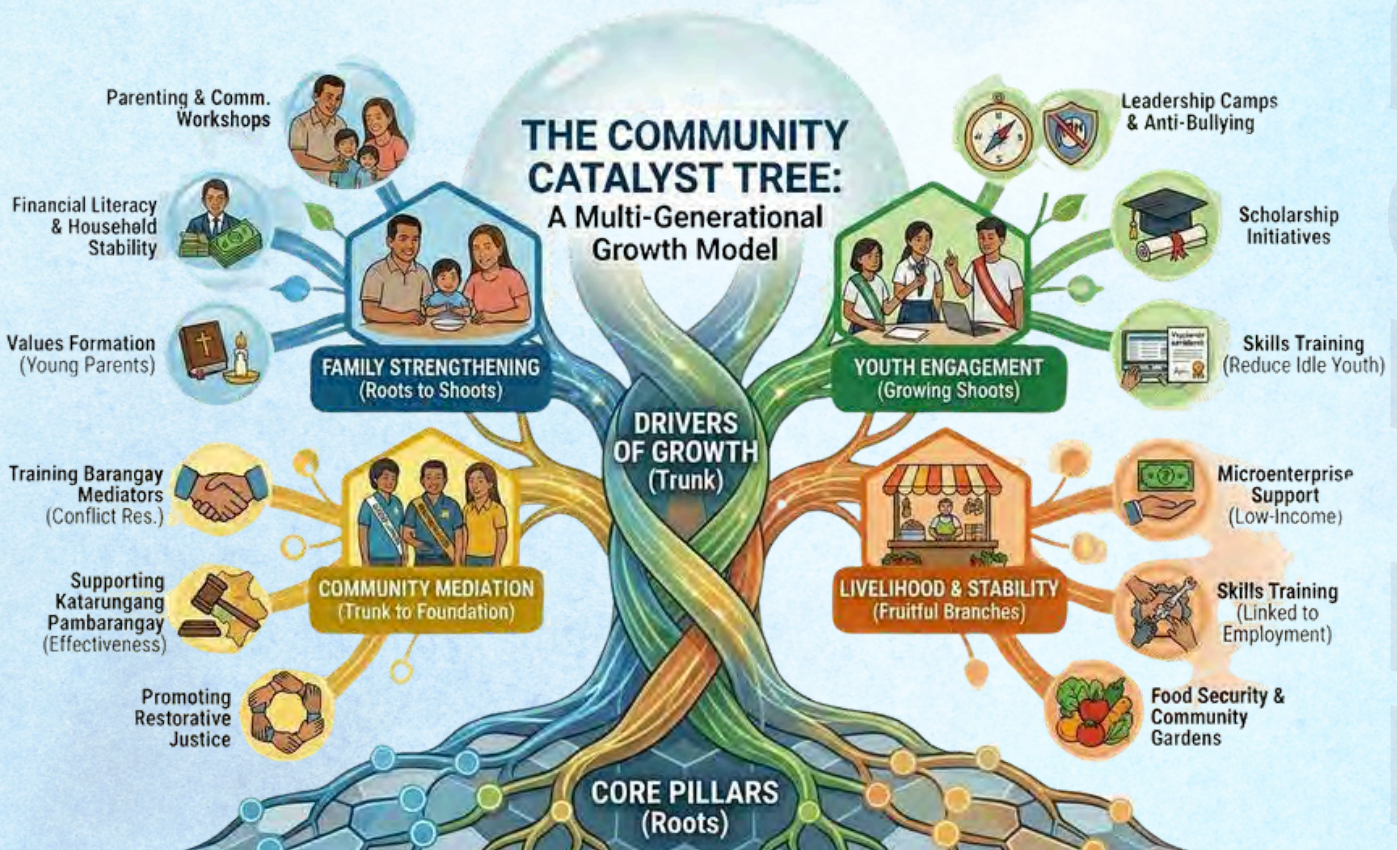
When families are stable and grounded in strong values, conflicts are less likely to escalate and more likely to be resolved at the community level. Likewise, when barangays are cohesive and responsive, they foster trust not only among residents but also in public institutions. In this way, the strength of communities becomes a direct reflection of the strength of the families within them, creating a cycle that either reinforces harmony or contributes to conflict.

HOW ROTARY CAN HELP BUILD PEACE FROM THE GROUND UP



Rotary plays a vital role in bridging families and institutions, addressing the root causes of conflict at the community level. Through service-driven initiatives, Rotary clubs help build peace where it begins—within homes and barangays.

Family strengthening programs, including parenting workshops, communication training, and financial literacy, promote stability and shared values. Youth engagement initiatives—such as leadership camps, mentorship, and skills training—guide young people toward positive paths. Rotary also supports community mediation by training barangay leaders and reinforcing local dispute resolution systems. Livelihood and food security projects further ease economic pressures, helping create stable communities where peace can take root and grow sustainably.



As Rotarians, we recognize that peace is not only upheld by policy or enforcement, but nurtured daily within homes and barangays, where strong families lay the foundation for lasting harmony. **By strengthening these roots, we create a ripple effect—building resilient communities, a stable nation, and ultimately contributing to a more peaceful world.**

Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal

BOOKS & BALLS

Pages of Hope
JAIL LIBRARY PROGRAM



In a meaningful step toward restorative service, the Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal (RCSER) brought hope to BJMP Cainta through its “Books & Balls” initiative, highlighted by the launch of the “Pages of Hope” Book Nook. With over 900 books, newly installed bookshelves, and sports equipment, the project creates a space where Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) can rediscover purpose through learning, movement, and personal growth.



More than a donation, the initiative reflects a deeper belief that rehabilitation is most effective when it nurtures the mind, body, and spirit. Access to books encourages reflection and learning, while sports promote discipline, teamwork, and well-being. Complemented by livelihood and skills training, the program provides PDLs with meaningful opportunities to prepare for reintegration into society with dignity and renewed hope.



The club extends its sincere appreciation to the officers of BJMP Cainta, whose compassionate leadership was evident from the very first engagement. From the initial discussions alone, it was clear that their programs are not merely designed for compliance, but are anchored in genuine care and thoughtful intention. There is a deep sense of responsibility in the way they serve the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), ensuring that every initiative meaningfully responds to real needs and contributes to true rehabilitation. Their approach reflects a commitment to restoring dignity and creating opportunities for transformation—an effort that deserves both recognition and continued support.



“Books & Balls” marks the beginning of what is envisioned to be a purposeful and lasting partnership between the Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal (RCSER) and BJMP Cainta. It is more than a one-time initiative; it is a shared commitment to building a pathway toward reintegration, hope, and second chances. With the continued support of Mayor Kit Nieto and the collective efforts of dedicated Rotarians, the project seeks to sustain programs that create meaningful impact, no matter how small, in the lives of the PDLs. Each step forward, however modest, contributes to a larger vision of inclusive growth and renewed purpose.





Special recognition is given to the RCSEER team whose dedication, time, and effort made this initiative possible. Their unwavering commitment to service reflects the true spirit of Rotary—service above self. Together, they demonstrate that when compassion leads, every action becomes significant. Through unity and shared purpose, they continue to restore lives, uplift communities, and help build futures beyond stigma.



In every life they touch, hope finds a way to begin again.

ROTARY CLUB OF METRO MARIKINA

REACH OUT, BULLIES OUT:

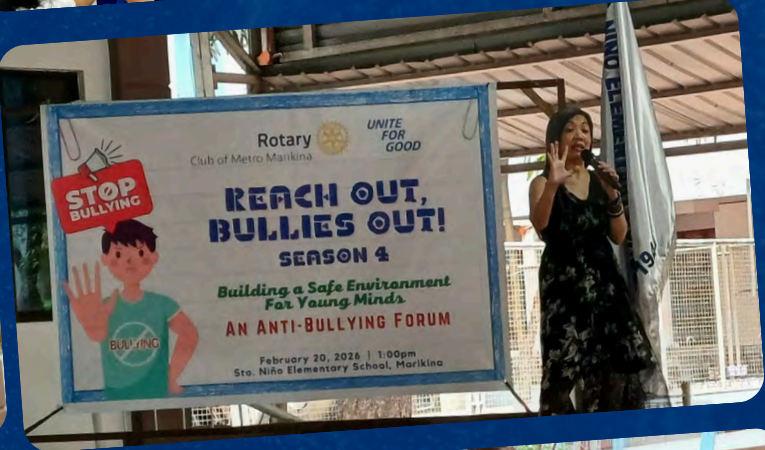
Building Kinder
School Communities



The Rotary Club of Metro Marikina, in partnership with Sto. Niño Elementary School (SNES), successfully conducted the 4th season of Reach Out, Bullies Out, a meaningful and sustained initiative aimed at addressing bullying through education, awareness, and community engagement. This school-wide program continues to grow as a proactive response to creating safer, more inclusive, and more compassionate learning environments for students.



Be a Buddy, Not a Bully



Now on its fourth season, the initiative has evolved into a comprehensive approach that goes beyond awareness campaigns. It actively involves both students and educators in shaping positive behaviors, promoting respect, and strengthening emotional intelligence among learners. Through structured discussions, interactive sessions, and guided activities, students are encouraged to better understand the impact of bullying and the importance of kindness, empathy, and responsibility in their daily interactions.

Equally important is the involvement of teachers and school staff, whose role is vital in sustaining a supportive school culture. By equipping educators with tools and shared strategies, the program ensures that anti-bullying values are consistently reinforced within the classroom and across the school environment.

The success of this year's implementation is made possible through the strong partnership with SNES Principal Ana Liza Paz, Ms. Marah Vida Codon, and the dedicated faculty and staff of Sto. Niño Elementary School. Their commitment and active participation reflect a shared vision of nurturing a safe and nurturing space for every child.

As Reach Out, Bullies Out continues to grow, it stands as a reminder that lasting change begins with education, collaboration, and consistent action. Together, we move closer to schools where every learner feels safe, valued, and empowered to thrive.



BULLYING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Bullying is repeated aggressive behavior intended to hurt, humiliate, or intimidate another person.

THE SITUATION

1 IN 3
Filipino students have experienced bullying.
Source: 2021 Global School-Based Student Health Survey (GSHS)

64%
of students witnessed bullying in their schools.
Source: 2021 GSHS Philippines

77.7%
of bullying incidents happen inside the classroom.
Source: Department of Education (DepEd) - Basic Education Information System (BEIS) 2022

Bullying can lead to sadness, anxiety, low self-esteem, poor academic performance, and even thoughts of self-harm.
Source: UNICEF Philippines

TYPES OF BULLYING

VERBAL
Name-calling, teasing, insults, threats, spreading rumors

PHYSICAL
Hitting, pushing, kicking, taking or damaging belongings

SOCIAL / RELATIONAL
Excluding someone, spreading lies, breaking friendships

CYBERBULLYING
Harassment through social media, text messages, or online posts

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Be kind and respect others.

Speak up if you see someone being bullied.

Support your friend. Listen and believe them.

Report to a trusted adult or teacher.

Help make your school a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

NEED HELP? YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Talk to someone you trust or contact:

DepEd Learner Assistance and Referral Program (LARP)
(02) 8636-1663

Child Helpline Philippines
1383
(24/7)

National Center for Mental Health Crisis Hotline
(02) 7989-8727
(24/7)

♥ A safe school starts with all of us. Let's stand together against bullying.
#BeKind #StopBullying #SafeSchoolsPH



RC SAN JUAN NEOPOLITAN

Biyaya sa SARIAYA:

A Legacy of Service and Hope





For nearly a decade, *Biyaya sa Sariaya* has stood as a symbol of compassion, hope, and community service in Sariaya, Quezon. What began as a simple outreach initiative has grown into a meaningful project that touches the lives of nearly 200 families every year. From providing grocery packs and medicines to donating fire extinguishers and constructing school facilities, *Biyaya sa Sariaya* continues to uplift the community in tangible and lasting ways.

This year, the project takes a significant step forward with the launch of its 7-in-1 Project, which is guided by Rotary International’s Seven Areas of Focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, community economic development, and environmental protection. Each of these focus areas represents a crucial aspect of community development, ensuring that families in Sariaya not only survive but thrive.

The Dinner for a Cause, organized to support the 7-in-1 Project, is more than a fundraising event—it is a celebration of generosity and unity. Guests are invited to share a meal while contributing to programs that provide education, health care, livelihood assistance, and environmental care to the residents of Sariaya. Every ticket purchased and every donation given directly helps families and children in need, demonstrating the power of collective action in creating positive change.

Over the years, *Biyaya sa Sariaya* has made a lasting impact. Students at Bignay Elementary School now benefit from a handwashing area and restroom, while families have access to essential resources like groceries, medicines, and safety equipment. These efforts, though simple, reflect the core mission of *Biyaya sa Sariaya*: to improve lives and empower communities through meaningful service.

A DECADE OF COMPASSION IN ACTION

Beyond its tangible contributions, *Biyaya sa Sariaya* fosters a culture of hope and empathy. The project brings together Rotarians, Rotaractors, partners, and volunteers who are committed to service above self. The Dinner for a Cause serves as a reminder that true impact comes from shared effort and a willingness to care for others. Each person who participates becomes part of a larger story—one that transforms communities, inspires generosity, and builds a lasting legacy.

As the 7-in-1 Project continues to expand, *Biyaya sa Sariaya* remains dedicated to addressing pressing community needs while promoting long-term growth and sustainability. From health and education to peace and environmental protection, every initiative under this project is designed to make a lasting difference in the lives of residents.



***Biyaya sa Sariaya* proves that service is not about grand gestures but about consistent acts of kindness, care, and dedication. Through the support of the community, every donation and every effort becomes a step toward a brighter future for Sariaya.**





The Dinner for a Cause reminds everyone that when people come together with a shared vision, hope multiplies, lives are changed, and a legacy of service continues to thrive. With *Biyaya sa Sariaya*, every family touched, every student supported, and every life improved stands as a testament to the power of giving and the enduring impact of compassion.

7-IN-1 PROJECT: *IMPACT THAT MULTIPLIES*

Sustaining Hope Through

cleanwater

Community service carries with it a responsibility that goes far beyond project implementation. It requires commitment, follow-through, and the willingness to return and ensure that the help extended continues to create meaningful impact. This was clearly demonstrated in the recent monitoring visit to Payangan, where the potable water project for the Aeta Ambala families was revisited—not merely to inspect infrastructure, but to witness how access to clean water is improving everyday life in the community.

While the success of a water project may often be measured by technical functionality, its true impact is seen in the health, safety, and sustainability it brings to families. Seeing the Aeta community actively benefiting from the potable water system was a powerful reminder that service is not only about providing resources but also about ensuring that those resources remain accessible and beneficial over time.

The monitoring visit also reinforced the importance of listening to the community, identifying maintenance needs, and working alongside local leaders and stakeholders to secure the project’s long-term viability. Such efforts demonstrate that genuine service is built on accountability and sustained engagement.

This meaningful initiative was made possible through the generous support of the District Grant led by District Governor Gina Sanchez, whose commitment helped bring the project to life. Sincere appreciation is also extended to the Rotary Club of Pasig, led by GP Roy Quejada, and the Rotary Club of Pasig South, led by GP Atty. Arnel Victor C. Valeña, for their sponsorship and continued support.

Through partnerships like these, clean water becomes more than a necessity—it becomes a source of hope, dignity, and a healthier future for the community.





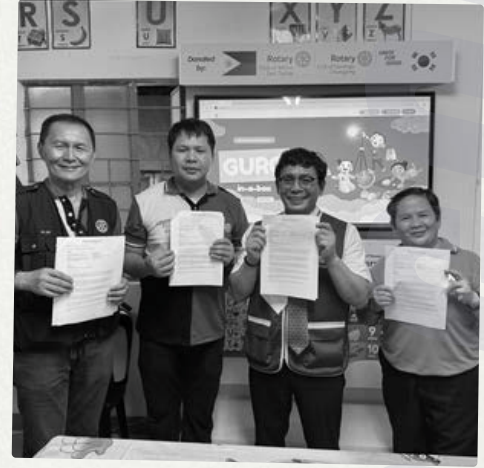
A LEGACY ROOTED IN EARLY EDUCATION

Guro-In-a-Box delivers technology-enabled early learning to underserved children, empowering young minds and unboxing hope through education.

ROTARY CLUB OF METRO EAST TAYTAY



Guro in-a-Box



There are moments in Rotary service when success is not measured by numbers, certificates, or photographs—but by the quiet transformation that happens in a single classroom, in the eyes of a child encountering possibility for the first time.

Such was the moment on January 16, 2026, when the Rotary Club of Metro East Taytay (RCMET) turned over and installed its Guro-In-a-Box project at the Balon Daycare Center in Barangay San Isidro, Taytay, Rizal.

More than 80 young children—many from families facing daily economic challenges—were welcomed into a learning environment designed to inspire curiosity and confidence. For some, it was their first experience with technology built for education. For all, it was a doorway to hope.

A Vision That Became a Legacy

Guro-In-a-Box was conceived as the legacy project of RCMET President GP Donato G. Santiago, anchored on the belief that the fight for educational inequality must begin at the earliest stage of learning.

Guided by this vision, the club designed an initiative that strengthens foundational education through thoughtfully integrated technology—supporting teachers while nurturing young minds at the very start of their educational journey.



Innovation With Purpose

The development of the educational platform and AI capabilities of Guro-In-a-Box was led by Globaltech Assessment and Training Center Inc., headed by its Vice President, Sheryl U. Santos. This collaboration ensured that innovation remained learner-centered, curriculum-aligned, and accessible—enhancing classroom instruction while respecting the realities of early childhood education.





Service Beyond Borders

This milestone marks RCMET's first joint project with its international sister club, the Rotary Club of Gwangju Chungjang, District 3710, Korea—a meaningful testament to Rotary's enduring commitment to global understanding and shared service. RCMET extends heartfelt gratitude to GP Kim Seongcheol and the members of the Rotary Club of Gwangju Chungjang for their invaluable partnership in advancing early childhood education across borders. Their collaboration reflects the true spirit of Rotary, where unity transcends distance to create lasting impact for communities in need.

The Community Behind the Mission

The project's success is the result of dedicated RCMET members and Rotaractors, together with Dynamic Global Soft Inc., the Guro-In-a-Box Team, and Ms. Heidi Manabat, whose collective efforts transformed vision into a functional learning tool. More than a project, Guro-In-a-Box affirms that every child deserves a strong start, where education opens doors and hope is unboxed.

**TOGETHER, WE SERVE.
TOGETHER, WE INSPIRE.
UNITE FOR GOOD.**

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PRIVACY TIP OF THE MONTH

THE RIGHT WAY,
MADE SIMPLE.

A PRIVACY-CONSCIOUS RI DISTRICT 3800

Because Every Rotarian's Privacy Matters.

CLEAN UP ACCESS

Ensure “right people, right access” by promptly removing former officers from all shared drives. Access should be restricted exclusively to authorized and currently active personnel to maintain data security and control.



**AUDIT DRIVE AND FACEBOOK PAGE
ADMINISTRATOR ACCESS LISTS.**



**A Tiny Tip,
Big Impact – from**



PP ANTHONY JAKE V. DURAN

RI District 3800 Data Protection Officer
RY 2025 - 2026



A quick, candid pulse check from across Rotary District 3800!

Each month, the GML tosses out one playful question and gathers real, insightful—and sometimes unexpected—answers on how the “Unite for Good” journey is unfolding.

In this February issue, we feature three of the many distinguished lawyers in D3800 as they share their Rotary journey, the connection between law and service, and their most meaningful Rotary experiences.

How has your Rotary journey as a lawyer strengthened your service, connected your profession to Rotary, and shaped your most meaningful experiences?



Atty. Nikki is a multi-awarded lawyer, broadcaster, and law professor at the FEU Institute of Law, best known for hosting Ang Buhay at Batas. She was named Woman Lawyer of the Year and Civil & Political Lawyer of the Year in 2021. She is also a devoted wife and proud mother of three daughters.

Past President
Atty. Norieva
“Nikki” D. de Vega

Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Uptown

Shared
meals,
shared
hope,
shared
humanity.



Atty. Nikki’s Rotary journey began in 2007, when her legal career was already gaining momentum, yet she felt a quiet void and a deep desire to give back. In search of meaning beyond professional success, she found Rotary. What started as a simple step into service became a transformative path, where she discovered not only a welcoming community but also a deeper sense of purpose that would shape both her personal and professional life.



*Anchored in purpose,
rising strong, leaving
echoes of change.*



Atty. Nikki De Vega stands at the meaningful crossroads of law and service, where justice is not only defined in courtrooms but also lived through compassion. As a lawyer, she serves as an instrument of the law; as a Rotarian, she becomes an instrument of humanity. For her, true justice goes beyond winning cases—it is about uplifting those with the least and ensuring that dignity and hope are not privileges, but shared realities. Through Rotary, she extends her advocacy beyond legal boundaries, transforming small acts of service into powerful expressions of justice that touch lives and restore faith in possibility.

One of her most cherished experiences is the “Boat for Lives” initiative in 2015 through the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Uptown, where a fishing boat was donated to a family in Panitugan Island. What began as a simple act of giving evolved into a story of restored dignity and sustainable livelihood. This impact was deepened through “Christmas in September,” which brought solar lamps, school supplies, medicine, and a waiting shed for the community. Yet beyond the material support, what remained most profound was the human connection—shared meals, genuine smiles, and the quiet realization that service is most powerful when it builds not just lives, but lasting bonds of humanity.

Justice, for Atty. Nikki, is most complete when it is lived in kindness—and most powerful when it is shared in love.



Atty. Irene is a UP Law graduate, seasoned lawyer, and former GOCC President and CEO. She is currently senior corporate counsel and corporate secretary, specializing in corporate law, litigation, governance, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic legal advisory across various industries.

Past President
**Atty. Irene
Besido Garcia**

Rotary Club of ManPaSan

*Real
service,
real
impact,
real lives
changed.*



Atty. Irene's Rotary journey began through the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program, where she was selected to represent District 3800 in Brazil as a young lawyer. Immersed in cultural and professional exchanges, she built meaningful connections with Rotarians from Rio Grande do Sul. The experience left a lasting impact, inspiring her to give back. Upon returning, she became one of the 31 charter members of the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong-Pasig-San Juan.

Serve with courage, lead with heart, empower lives through action.



Atty. Irene's journey as both a lawyer and a Rotarian is grounded in a shared foundation of ethical responsibility and service. For her, the legal profession and Rotary are not separate paths but parallel expressions of the same moral language—truth, fairness, accountability, and justice. She sees strong alignment between the Code of Professional Responsibility and Accountability and Rotary's Four-Way Test, where principles such as truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and social benefit guide both roles. Lawyering becomes the discipline of justice, while Rotary becomes its practice through service.

Over her 24 years in Rotary, Atty. Irene has witnessed how service transforms lives in very real ways. Through RC ManPaSan, she has taken part in medical missions and free hearing screenings for patients who otherwise had no access to care. She has seen mental health programs provide safe spaces for teenagers, and supported initiatives like Mommy-Go-Bag, RYLA, school partnerships, SPED support, and community infrastructure projects.

Across all these experiences, one truth remains constant for her. Rotary is a continuous reminder of why she chose to serve.



Atty. Imelda is a trial lawyer focused on litigation and legal advocacy. She also performs notarial services, ensuring proper execution of documents, guided by integrity, professionalism, and commitment to justice and public service.

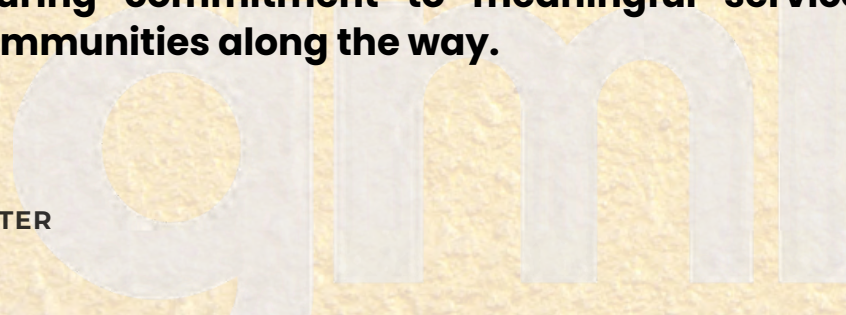
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**Atty. Imelda
E. Aquino**

Rotary Club of Pasig Central

*Advocacy
inspires
service,
education
builds
justice.*



Atty. Imelda was invited by her friend Franz Haboc to join the Rotary Club of Pasig Central and was inducted on July 2, 2012. Nearly 14 years on, her Rotary journey stands as a testament to purpose, growth, and an enduring commitment to meaningful service—impacting lives and communities along the way.



She transforms service into inspiration that uplifts everyone around her



Atty. Imelda is a trial lawyer whose practice is deeply rooted in courtroom advocacy, but whose influence extends beyond litigation. Grounded in discipline and precision, she views her legal work and Rotary involvement as complementary avenues of public service. Through her club's outreach, she regularly participates in legal missions in jails and schools, engaging students, teachers, and parents in conversations that demystify the law. For her, legal education is a form of protection—an essential tool that empowers communities to make informed choices and stand on equal footing within society. In both her profession and her Rotary work, she is driven by a belief that access to knowledge is a foundation of justice.

As club president, she led a meaningful outreach to Aeta communities in Zambales, where they provided computers and internet access to children in remote areas. This initiative opened pathways to learning and expanded their view beyond geographical limits. For Atty. Imelda, the experience reaffirmed that service is most powerful when it creates opportunity and awakens aspiration.

True service does not end in giving—it begins in inspiring others to rise beyond what they once believed possible, unlocking courage, hope, and boundless dreams for the future.



BE PART OF THE STORY **THAT INSPIRES**

An Invitation to Rotarians and Project Partners

The Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) is more than a publication—it's a celebration of service, leadership, and impact. This Rotary Year, we invite YOU to help us bring its pages to life.

Whether you're a passionate Rotarian or a proud Project Partner, your story matters—and the district wants to hear it.

SHARE YOUR ROTARY JOURNEY

Tell us what moved you to serve. What project changed your perspective? What keeps your Rotary heart beating?

GET FEATURED IN THE GML

This is your platform. Showcase your business, organization, or advocacy—especially if it aligns with Rotary's causes and values. Let others know how you're making a difference in your own way.

BUILD NEW CONNECTIONS

Through the GML, your voice reaches over a thousand leaders, change-makers, and future collaborators in District 3800 and beyond. It's the perfect space to grow your network and strengthen your impact.



Let's unite for good—one story, one partnership, one issue at a time.

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