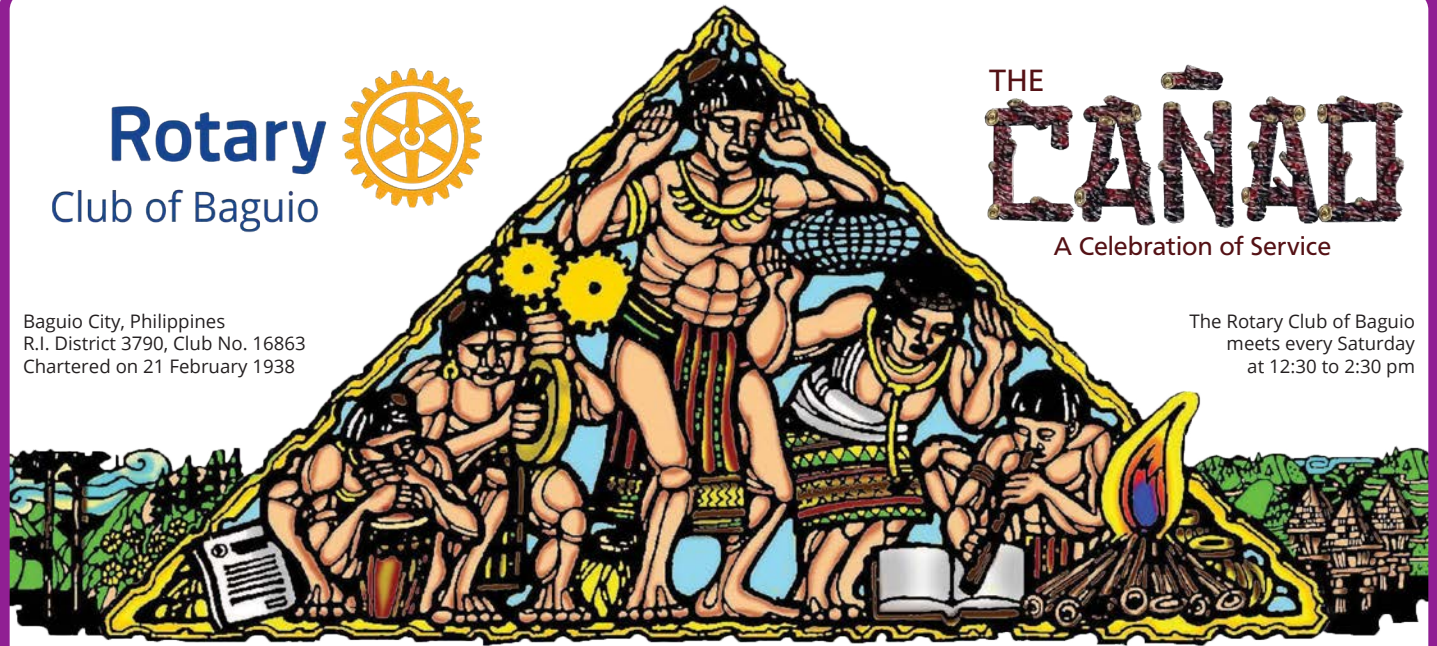




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at 12:30 to 2:30 pm



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PROGRAMME

Regular Program
24 September 2022

- 12:00 PM Fellowship
- 12:30 Call to Order Pres. Ali Morales
- Invocation PP Bert Talco
- Pambansang Awit
- Rotary Hymn
- 4 Way Test
- 1:20 Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests
... PP Gigi Maranan
- Entertainment VP Joe Ursua
- Raffle PP Mia Cawed & Rtn Nancy Alabanza
- 1:40 Member's Time
- 1:50 President's Time
- 1:55 Introduction of Guest of Honor & Speaker
... PP Diony Claridad
- GHS - Edison Pablo De Guzman
- Topic: "Basic structure of the power industry
and understanding the unbundled rates"
- Open Forum
- Response PP Mia Cawed
- 2:25 RCB Hymn
- 2:30 Pilipinas Kong Mahal
- Adjournment Pres. Ali Morales

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PP Alfred Laygo
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Rotary International President



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Rotary Club of Baguio

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Immediate Past President

*"One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can,
change the world"*

Slogan inspired by MALALA YOUSAFZAI.

Today is the last Saturday of our Basic Education and Literacy Month and is supposed to be the last regular meeting for this month. However, we shall be having our RC Baguio 85th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies on Thursday 29 September 2022.

As we end this month's theme, Basic Education and Literacy Month, we are officially starting the execution of our club's project under the Basic Education and Literacy area of focus - PROJECT ONE. I enjoin every member of the Rotary Club of Baguio to support Director Lou in its implementation, where we shall be starting this end of September 2022 and will end in June 2023 with a scheduled monthly engagement.

Here is how Director Lou describes and plans to implement Project One -

Project One is a project of the Rotary Club of Baguio for Basic Education for the year 2022 in collaboration with the Baguio City Public Library and the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development which aims to provide programs for the Day Care Centers which would involve not only the students but the parents and teachers as well. According to UNICEF as published in 2017, "The brain develops at its most rapid pace in the first few years of life. Young children's brains develop rapidly with neurons forming at 700 to 1,000 new connections per second. These connections help develop a child's physical and mental health. Early stimulation and interaction with parents and caregivers jumpstart the journey of brain development and lifetime learning. In practice, stimulation is about parents and other caregivers being responsive to the emotional and physical needs of their children from birth onward, playing and talking with them, and exposing them to words, numbers, and simple concepts while engaging in daily routines." Basically this project aims to provide support our day care centers not only in terms of materials but also in terms of its socio-economic stability in upholding the "ONE CHILD ONE TEACHER ONE BOOK AND ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD" slogan inspired by MALALA YOUSAFZAI.

*"WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD IF WE WANT AND WE
CAN DO IT THE ROTARY WAY"*

by Dir Lou

The previous meetings for this month hosted by our Dynamic Team Bre were Vibrant and Engaging having esteemed speakers with their respective expertise.

Last Saturday, 17 Sept 2022, 8 of us attended the Public Image Seminar held at the Pangasinan Training Center, Lingayen. It was a very educational and fun filled training. The next district seminar will be on 15 October 2022 and we hope to have new learnings in the said seminar. This seminar gave us the opportunity to drop by Rotarian Manong Dwight and RAPP Manang Tess resort at the Sierra Vista in San Fabian, an instant sunshine committee rolling with the rotary wheel that made the couple and their grandchildren smile with happiness to see us,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Past Presidents Libby and Chris, Dir Lorena and myself.

On Wednesday, the 21st at 6:00 pm, we had a special board meeting held at the President's room of the Baguio Country Club for our presentation to the Governor's visit, a few final touches for our induction, and some other membership matters which include the 7000 series proposed by Past President Raffy and was duly approved by the board for presentation to the members for its further institutionalization to our RC Baguio By Laws after the proper review of our legal committee led by Past President Mia.

On Thursday, the 22nd at 10:00 pm was the end of our 7-day notice, a reminder to Rotarize and have a fire side chat for our proposed members.

Friday, the 23rd was our scheduled fire side chat for our potential members, Ailyn and Eric, who will be inducted and welcomed in our meeting today.

Please attend our 85th Induction on 29 September 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Forbes Camerroom Hall, Baguio Country Club

At this point, let me thank you all for your support for this week's activities from Sept 17 to 23 September 2022 :

1. Past President Chris F and Dir Lou for providing us RC Baguio members in attending the recently concluded Public Image Seminar. Further, PP Chris F and Conch for driving us to and from the venue.
2. Past Presidents Chris F, Libby, Lani and Anet ; Directors Lorena and Lou and Rotarian JM for your company and attendance in the Public Image Seminar.
3. Rtn. Ike, RAPP Tess and your grandchildren for a warm welcome and a short chit-chat during our quick visit last Saturday 17 Sept.
4. President Elect Cora for the preparation of the Power point presentation
5. Past President Baby, IPP Arnel, PE Cora, Directors Reymund, Tonton, Glen, Lou, and Vell, for attending and making your respective areas of focus project presentation(s).
6. PP Chris and RAPP Maya Peralta for being our gracious host in your adorable home on the fire side chat of our potential members
7. For all Rotarians present who in one way or the other, have shown their support and warm welcome to our proposed potential members Ailyn and Eric.
8. Eric and Ailyn for attending last night's fire side chat
9. Dr. Lorie Santos, our Guest of Honor and Speaker for last week's meeting
10. VP Joe Ursua for presiding for last week's regular meeting
11. For all members of RC Baguio for your attendance in last week's meeting with special mention to Team BRE for their vibrant hosting of the said meeting.
12. PP Raffy for the simple but elegant invitation, depicting the RC Baguio's decorum
13. PP Jun and Rtn Nancy for the ice cream last week (we missed that, pwede paulit)
14. PP Alfred Laygo for the ice cream the other week Sept 10
15. To everyone in your own special way had supported the ideals of Rotary,

Let us wish Rtn. Nancy, a Happy Birthday, who celebrated her natal day on 18 Sept 2022. We wish you the best of health. May you have more Blessed years to celebrate life !!!

Allow me to share this quote from Kofi Annan, to remind us of our great responsibility as Rotarians as enablers of education and literacy: "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development. For everyone everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right... Literacy is finally the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman, and child can realize his or her potential."

Have a great weekend everyone.

CLUB SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Edison Pablo De Guzman

Consumer Welfare Officer
Benguet Electric Cooperative

Professional Experience

Consumer Welfare Officer
Benguet Electric Cooperative
2018 to Present

Community Relations Officer
Benguet Electric Cooperative
2012 to 2018

Member - Bids and Awards Committee
Committee Membership (BENECO)
2020 to Present

Member - ISO 9001:2015 Core Team
Committee Membership (BENECO)
2017 to Present

Member - Uniform Committee
Committee Membership (BENECO)
2019 to Present

Member - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee
Committee Membership (BENECO)
2012 to Present

Education

Masters in Management
University of the Philippines Baguio
2015 to Present (Currently on Leave of Absence)

Business Administration (Major in Economics and Research)
University of the Cordilleras
2009 to 2011

Computer Programming
AMA Computer Learning
2005 to 2007

Other Affiliations

- Board of Director, Northfiber Telecommunications Services, 2021 to Present
- Board of Director, Ark Network Systems Corporation, 2021 to Present

Professional Organizations

- Vice President, BENECO Supervisors Association, 2020 to Present
- Auditor, Baguio Benguet 4x4 Club and Response Team, 2020 to Present

SECRETARY'S REPORT

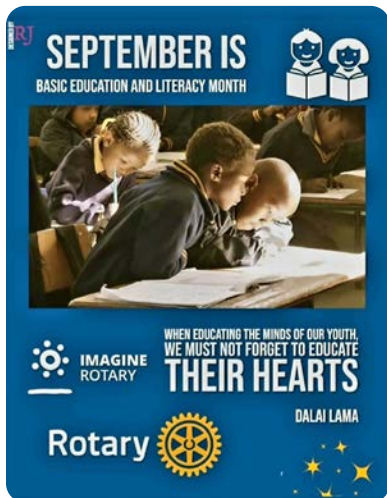
THEME

Basic Education and
Literacy Month



Sec/PP Baby Kaur

Secretary / Past President
Rotary Club of Baguio



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

29 September
RC Baguio Induction

Events and Activities for the Month of September

17 September **Public Image Seminar**

Attended by: Pres. Ali Morales, PDG Linda Winter, PP Libby Fernandez, PP Lani Fabi, PP Anet Calabias, Dir. Lorena Cachola, Dir. Lou De Guzman, Rtn. JM Ty & PP Chris Faelnar

21 September **BOD Meeting**

Attended by: Pres. Ali Morales, VP Joe Ursua, Sec. Baby Kaur, PE Cora Ocampo, Dir. Mariver Agayas, Dir. Reymund Barrios, Dir. Lou De Guzman, Dir. Tonton Tan, Dir. Glen Flores & IPP Arnel Cabanisas

Attendance Update as of 17 September 2022

Dir. Mariver Agayas, Nancy Alabanza, PP Veeh Balajo, PP Marilyn Barredo, Dir. Reymund Barrios, IPP Arnel Cabanisas, Rtn. Vangie Cacho, PP Mia Cawed, PP Diony Claridad, PP Baby Kaur, Rtn. Lily Landayan, PAG Gigi Maranan, PP Benny Sunga, Dir. Tonton Tan & VP Joe Ursua, Rotakid Marcus & Francheska Sol Ocampo, & R Apo Sophia Cacho

WE WISH TO SEE YOU NEXT MEETING

Rtn. Jody Alabanza (exc), PP Gerard Audineau (ol), Rtn. Modz Bahul (mu), PP Jun Bondoc (mu), Dir. Lorena Cachola (mu), PP Anet Calabias (mu), PP Raffy Chan (exc), Dir. Lou De Guzman (mu), Rtn. Ike Dulnoan (exc), PP Lani Fabi (mu), PP Chris Faelnar (mu), PP Cy Fagar (exc), PP Libby Fernandez (mu), Dir. Glen Flores (mu), Rtn. Saoud Jawad, PP Ben Ladilad (exc), PP Alfred Laygo (exc), PP Atom Mendalla, Pres. Ali Morales (mu), PE Cora Ocampo (mu), Rtn. Lloyd Orcales, PP Lito Pangilinan (exc), PP Chris Peralta (mu), PP Bert Talco (mu), Rtn. JM Ty (mu), Dir. Susan Villanueva (mu) & PDG Linda Winter (mu)

September Birthdays

04 Sep – PP Lito Pangilinan
17 Sep – PP Jun Bondoc
18 Sep – Rtn. Nancy Alabanza
27 Sep – PP Raffy Chan

September in Rotary

Mar 2006 – Rtn. Modz Bahul (PP Mia Cawed)
Aug 2008 – Rtn. JM Ty (PP Jun Bondoc)

September Anniversaries

Aug 1991 – PP Gerard & RA Terry
Dec 19 – PP Lito & RAPP Josie

IN RETROSPECT



PP Gigi Maranan

**Past President
Rotary Club of Baguio**

The 17 Sept. regular meeting of RCB was held at the Wolfson room. Fellowship started at 12 noon, and as the room was filling up, VP Joe Ursua, the presiding officer for the day, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. The invocation was led by PP Diony Claridad which was followed by the Philippine National Anthem, the Rotary Hymn and the affirmation of the 4 Way Test.

The Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests was ably done by Rtn. Nancy Alabanza who filled in for PP Bert Talco at the last minute. Guests present were Eric de Guzman, guest of Pres. Ali Morales, Rota-apo Sofia Cacho, apo of Rtn. Vangy Cacho, Rotakid Cheska Ocampo and Rota-apo Marcus (the club's reliable AVP technician) of PE Cora Ocampo.

Entertainment was done by PP Mia Cawed who showed YouTube videos of her favorite singer Dan Balan. I highly recommend you listen to his tunes. They are very catchy. The raffle was prepared by VP Joe Ursua but, PP Veeh Balajo decided to sell and call out the numbers in lieu of VP Joe who was the presiding officer. Thank you PP Veeh and Sec/PP Baby Kaur for helping us out. We greatly appreciate it.

At Members Time, I, once again, announced the details for the upcoming club induction on 29 Sept.

At President's Time, VP Joe read Pres. Ali's corner in the Canao which summed up the week's activities. Birthday greetings were given out to Rtn. Nancy Alabanza and PP Jun Bondoc. Thank you for the double dose of ice cream!

PP Mia Cawed introduced the Guest of Honor and Speaker, Dr. Lorena Santos, Medical Specialist in the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chair of the HIV/AIDS Core Team at the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center. Her topic on cervical cancer was an eye-opener for many of us. Cervical cancer is caused by any one of 13 strains of the HPV virus. With the anti-cervical cancer vaccine, cervical cancer is no longer a death sentence. The vaccine helps reduce the risk of the cancer. The vaccine works best when it is given before any possible exposure to the sexually transmitted HPV virus. It is therefore highly recommended that girls between the ages of 9-14 be given 2 doses.

Open Forum followed where IPP Arnel and PP Marilyn asked about statistics on the Cordillera Region. These were all addressed satisfactorily by the speaker. The response was given by PP Diony Claridad and the singing of the RCB Hymn and the Pilipinas Kong Mahal followed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

RCB Regular Meeting

17 September 2022



Dir Vell and Rtn Lily... prettiful!!



Warmest welcome guests!



VP Joe thanks GHS Dr. Lorena Santos...always rewarding RCB afternoons!



The usual early birds setting the life and color for our Saturday meetings!



Yes, health is wealth!



Rtn Nancy doing a great job!

FEATURED EVENT

Rtn Ike and RAPP Tess Dulnoan

17 September 2022

RCB members led by President Ali paid amiable couple, Rtn Ike and RAPP Tess Dulnoan at their paradise resort, Sierta Vista, San Fabian, Pangasinan.



Public Image Seminar

17 September 2022

Lingayen, Pangasinan



RCB Board Meeting

21 September 2022



Re-emergence of polio underscores the need for eradication

By Arnold R. Grahl

The detection of poliovirus, and even cases of polio, in places where it hasn't been found for years has demonstrated once again that eradicating a human disease isn't easy, especially in the final stages.

In recent months, an unvaccinated man in the United States was paralyzed. In the UK, poliovirus was detected in sewage. In Malawi, a child contracted polio. And Mozambique announced its first polio outbreak in 30 years.

But rather than be discouraged, Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) remain confident that they are making progress and can achieve their goal of a polio-free world. There are several reasons for this optimism.

A new oral vaccine, which has a substantially lower risk of causing vaccine-derived variant polio, is now available. This makes it less likely that the weakened strain of poliovirus that is used in the vaccine will mutate and spur outbreaks in communities where immunization levels are low, which has occurred in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Moreover, the number of cases of the disease caused by the wild virus has been at historically low levels in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the two countries where poliovirus transmission has never been stopped. This presents an opportunity to seize the moment and stop the wild virus forever.

Rotary's perseverance has played an enormous role in bringing the world to this point. It's that commitment, coupled with the determination of the other GPEI partners, that is needed to complete the job.

"This year has shown us why we must stay the course on polio eradication," said Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's PolioPlus Committee. "We have an opportunity to make history and need Rotarians to redouble their commitment by raising funds and awareness."

Rotary members have been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for more than three decades. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and helped found the GPEI in 1988, with the goal of eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. (The World Health Organization declared the world free of smallpox in 1980.) When

the GPEI was founded, wild poliovirus paralyzed hundreds of children every day, with an estimated 350,000 polio cases across more than 125 countries in one year. Since then, cases have plummeted more than 99.9%, sparing more than 20 million people from paralysis.

Through a funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary commits US\$150 million to fighting polio every year. Rotary members have contributed more than US\$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to this effort. With the GPEI partners, members engage with communities everywhere to encourage high vaccination rates and help immunize more than 400 million children annually.

As the world gets closer to having zero polio cases that are caused by the wild virus, public health experts say it is more important to track all forms of the virus, wherever they may appear, including in polio-free regions.

They also say that the re-emergence of polio in these places highlights the importance of vaccination as the only form of protection against polio and many other diseases. It draws attention to the work needed to encourage people to get vaccinated at a time when vaccination rates are dropping in some communities. And it reinforces the fact that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere, which underscores the importance of the End Polio Now campaign.

As World Polio Day on 24 October approaches, Rotary urges its members to tell their communities about the importance of vaccination. Global donors and national governments are also expected to announce new pledges to fund the GPEI's 2022-26 polio eradication strategy. This strategy focuses on greater accountability from national governments about their work to eradicate wild polio and end outbreaks of polio caused by variant poliovirus.

With these kinds of sustained political and financial commitments, the world is still on the path toward an incredible accomplishment: making sure no person is paralyzed by polio ever again.

— 21 September 2022

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/re-emergence-polio-underscores-need-eradication>

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PAGE

Ending racism, building peace



EIC/PP Libby Fernandez

Editor-in-Chief / Past President
Rotary Club of Baguio

By Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty, co-founders of the Racial Equity Project

The two of us met as Rotary Peace Fellows during the inaugural cohort of Peace Activators in North America. We made a commitment to provide training, education, and support to the Rotary family on the framework of Positive Peace. The initiative grew out of Rotary's [strategic partnership](#) with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), a global think tank dedicated to measuring Positive Peace defined as the "attitudes, institutions, and structures that uphold peaceful societies."

Peace activators in the US were already addressing racism in this country, but the murder of George Floyd in 2020 served as catalyst for further action. In October of that year, we co-founded the Racial Equity Project (REP), a subcommittee of peace activators in North America, committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through antiracism.

"End Racism. Build Peace" is the focus of this year's [United Nation's International Day of Peace](#) on 21 September. We are grateful for the work Rotary International is doing in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) by creating a DEI Task Force in September 2020. In 2022, the Task Force strengthened Rotary's 2019 DEI statement supporting a more comprehensive commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. In addition, Rotary is using IEP's [eight Pillars of Positive Peace](#) framework to foster equity for people of all races, religions, genders, and abilities. This is being done through community service projects applying Rotary's [areas of focus](#) to strengthen those pillars.

The eight pillars must function both individually and in unison to effectively sustain positive peace. Racism is a form of violence that manifests as both direct and structural violence. We believe achieving racial equity requires sustained commitments across all of the eight pillars. To illustrate how we apply the Acceptance of the Rights of Others pillar to racism, The Racial Equity Project developed [an infographic](#) that demonstrates our research on the impact of racial inequity in the United States (where REP is based).



Our research on the disparities between Black and white Americans led us to further examine our systems and their relationship to these inequities. Since the areas of focus and the eight Pillars of Positive Peace are essential to peacebuilding, we took a deeper look into how these models could better intersect with DEI and peacebuilding to address racism.

For example, what does it really mean to be diverse? Not only racially, but ethnically, by gender, class, and ability? Are we creating a true sense of belonging not only in our Rotary communities, but in our communities at large, both locally and globally? Are we including communities impacted by our service projects in the decision-making processes? Are we truly fostering equity, or are members of our communities being moved to the margins? And if so, how do we disrupt the status quo and create access and equity for those who are marginalized?

Achieving racial equity cannot be separate from the notion and implementation of Positive Peace. So how can the Rotary community influence this? This is difficult work, but it is our work.

We can start by becoming more informed and taking action to end racism. The [eXtension Foundation Impact Collaborative](#) states, "Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the root causes of outcome disparities

within our society." To change something, we need to understand it.

Let's ask more questions and consider the implications of structural racism in our communities. Let's make this a lifelong learning process, central to our service in Rotary, creating more equitable access, opportunities, and outcomes for all.

Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty completed their [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#) at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. They and the Racial Equity Project team have worked with a number of Rotary clubs, providing training and presentations on Positive Peace and racial justice at a variety of levels including presidents-elect training seminars, the Rotary International DEI Task Force listening tour, and Toxic Polarization training for senior Rotary leaders.

To learn more about positive peace, enroll in the [Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#) course.

Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/2022/09/20/ending-racism-building-peace/>

MEMBER'S PAGE

Meeting Procedure Myths – Robert's Rules



PP Veeh Balajo

**Past President
Rotary Club of Baguio**

Let's Talk About
**ROTARY PROTOCOL &
DECORUM**
over a cup of coffee

Fellow RCB members, for my last article as your Protocol Officer for this RY 2022-2023, may I share this article regarding Robert's Rules. This will come in handy to guide us particularly during our Club Assemblies. Of course, we have our judge-&-lawyer RCB members who would be in the best position to guide and advise us accordingly, as the need arises.

Meeting Procedure Myths Robert's Rules

**C. Allan Jennings,
Professional Registered Parliamentarian**

In my experience, I find that most members and presiding officers really do have an interest in doing things according to Robert's Rules. The real trouble is that more often than not, they're never really read Robert's rules or even a book like this about Robert's Rules. The trouble is, when you haven't read the rules, but instead just operated based on what you've heard are the rules, you unknowingly help to create or strengthen a procedure myth. Unfortunately, Robert's Rules are often misinterpreted, and a lot of common meeting procedure myths are floating around out there.

It's time to dispel the myths and reveal why some things really should be done a certain way. If your goal is to have good meetings and avoid wasting time, you'll be glad you read about these myths, and you'll be glad and you'll see how things actually should be done according to Robert's Rules.

Myth 1

Robert's Rules are Just a Guide:

You Don't Have to Follow Them.

Sorry, but no cigar for you! (This one has to be the mother of all myths -- it's completely baseless?)

If your bylaws provide that Robert's Rules is your parliamentary authority, then the rules are binding on your group. Most of the time, people who say this just don't know the truth, or just don't think about it. Only rarely are they trying to manipulate the organization or take advantage of members' lack of familiarity with the rules.

I can't argue that Robert's Rules doesn't contain a lot of guidance. It does! With all its should rules, it offers members and leaders alike plenty of advice and solid recommendations based on common sense and logic. But as helpful as it is as a guild, when you've adopted it, **Robert's' Rules is the definitive authority for decisions on parliamentary procedure, and it's as enforceable as you care to make it.**

Myth 2

Only One Motion Can Be on the Floor at a Time.

Robert's Rules establishes that it's a **fundamental principle of parliamentary law that only "one question can be considered at a time."** I'm not arguing. You can only consider one question at a time.

The myth arises because the actual rule is often misstated: **Several pending motions can actually be on the floor at one time when you include any secondary motions that may be made during the handling of a main motion.** These motions can be made while another motion is pending, subject only to their particular rules of applicability and precedence. They're added to the stack of pending motions as they're made and they're voted on (or consider) one at a time, from the highest ranking back down to the lowest ranking, in their proper order.

For example, a motion is made to hire a management company to handle your condo association's business dealings and physical building maintenance. A member then moves to amend the motion in some way. While the amendment is being discussed, someone moves to refer the motion with the amendment to a committee to report back next month. While the motion is refer is being discussed, someone moves to limit the debate on the motion to commit to ten more minutes and then take a vote. Your parliamentary situation is that you have four motions pending or on the floor, at one time. But you

MEMBER'S PAGE

Meeting Procedure Myths – Robert's Rules

can only consider one question at a time. In this case, you take up the question whether to limit debate and decide it before you get back to the motion to commit. You consider the question whether to commit; then, if it fails, you go back to consideration of the amendment. After you decide the question on the amendment, you're again able to consider the original main motion.

Myth 3

The Presiding Officer Can Only Vote to Break a Tie.

This popular myth, and its variation that the chair must vote to break a tie, are more common than ants at a picnic. And it's simply not so!

Robert's Rules say that the presiding officer (if a member) votes with the other members when a vote is by ballot; but for other forms of voting, the chair's duty to maintain the appearance of impartiality while presiding requires him to refrain from voting, except when his vote will affect the result.

The myth comes about because of two misconceptions. The first is based on the misunderstanding that a tie vote is not decisive. On the contrary, wherever a majority vote is required to adopt a motion, a tie vote is decisive; a motion that fails to achieve the majority vote necessary to adopt it fails.

If the vote is tied, the presiding officer doesn't need to vote unless he wants the motion to be adopted. He can then vote in the affirmative, and the motion passes.

WARNING: The presiding officer does not get to cast a second vote.

If you're voting by ballot and the result of a ballot is a tie, the motion fails. If an election ballot ties, however, everybody just votes again.

If the vote isn't tied but the affirmatives outnumber the opposition by one vote, the chair doesn't need to vote unless he wishes the motion to fail. He can then cast a vote in the negative, creating a tie and causing the motion to fail.

The second misconception contributing to this myth comes from the failure to consider that the chair's vote can also affect the outcome when the threshold

for adoption is anything other than a majority. For example, if a motion requires a two-thirds vote to pass, the chair's vote can make a difference if it causes the motion to reach (or not reach) the two-thirds threshold. In either case, the chair can vote if he wants to affect the results.

REMEMBER: The chair should vote along with other members whenever the vote is by ballot; otherwise, he should vote only when he wants to use his vote to affect the results.

Myth 4

The Parliamentarian Makes Rulings to Decide Procedural Questions.

Some presiding officers like to pass the buck when it comes to handling points of order and parliamentary inquiries. They say things like, "The parliamentarian just ruled that..." or "The parliamentarian says you can't (or can) do so-and-so."

But a presiding officer who knows his stuff stands in control of the meeting. He assumes the responsibility incumbent upon him after consulting with, and paying heed to, the parliamentarian's opinion on matters of procedure.

REMEMBER: The parliamentarian's job is to advise the presiding officer and give his opinion when asked. But the sole responsibility for ruling on a point of order or answering a parliamentary inquiry lies with the chair.

Myth 5

A Motion That's Adopted Without Being Seconded Is Void.

The purpose of this requirement for a motion to be seconded is to avoid wasting your group's time on a motion that no one other than the person who makes the motion wants to discuss.

If the members debate an unseconded motion, vote on the unseconded motion while debating it, or adopt it by unanimous consent, the motion is adopted, being presumed to have a second, because members discussed it or acted upon it.

REMEMBER: A point of order that a motion is not in order for lack of a second must be made before any discussion or vote takes place on the motion.

Myth 6

Absentions Count As Yes or No Votes.

One of the most frequent questions asked of parliamentarians is "How do we count abstentions?" The answer is simple: You don't.

Abstentions are not votes. They're instances of members choosing not to vote. The confusion probably comes from the fact that votes who abstain typically do, by their abstention, influence the outcome of a vote.

For example, if the requirement for adoption is a majority vote, then abstentions have the effect of a vote for the prevailing side. By not voting, members have helped the winner. On the other hand, if the vote required for adoption is the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, then an abstention has the same effect as a negative vote.

But in any case, abstentions are never counted toward one side or the other, even if the fact that a member doesn't vote has a direct effect on the outcome.

Myth 7

The Chair Should Always Ask for Unfinished Business.

You're not alone if you or your fellow members think that unfinished business is that part of the agenda where you rehash old ideas that never went anywhere. Those who have knowledge of the term but have never considered its true definition under Robert's Rules perpetuate the myth.

Unfinished business is business brought over from an earlier meeting. It consists of motions not finally disposed of, perhaps postponed from the prior meeting, or pending when the meeting adjourned. A class of business, its items is determined based on what happened at the prior meeting. Unfinished business is not the place for members to bring up old ideas that never took off.

REMEMBER: The presiding officer and the secretary aren't doing their jobs if neither knows whether the group has any unfinished business. If the presiding officer does know, then he should announce the first time in the class as soon as the meeting reaches the point in the order business when unfinished

business is addressed.

Myth 8

The Chair Must Call for Nominations from the Floor Three Times.

This myth seems to have a life of its own, like some kind of urban legend. It rivals the myth that all a member has to do to stop debate is to holler "Question!" from his chair.

Perhaps this myth has its foundation in a reasonable policy that some judicious presiding officer once adopted to be sure that nominations were not closed as long as there was a member who wishes to make a nomination from the floor. He

may have thought, "If I call for nominations once, hear none, and declare nominations closed, somebody is sure to say, 'Hey, wait, you can't just close nominations like that.' If I try again and call for nominations a second time, then those who didn't hear me the first time are likely to react the same way. So, I'll just ask three times before I say 'Hearing none, the chair declares nominations are closed.'"

All this is very reasonable, and it's certain not a bad policy. But it isn't a rule.

REMEMBER: The motion to close nominations is never in order as long as anyone wishes to make a nomination. In fact, the motion is rarely even necessary. The chair, upon determining there are no further nominations forthcoming from the members, simply declares nominations closed.

Myth 9

If an Election Winner Doesn't Serve, the Second place Candidate Takes Over.

This myth is one of those misconceptions that sounds so reasonable until you give it some thought. The second-place candidate is either the loser of a two-candidate race or one of several people rejected by the members in favor of someone else. In the first situation, he was rejected outright; in the second situation, no one knows how the members would have voted had the original winner not been on the ballot. You can't assume that the second-place candidate would have been the winner if all the members who voted for the actual winner had voted for someone else.

MEMBER'S PAGE

Meeting Procedure Myths – Robert's Rules

Sorry, but the winner declines the office after being elected, you have what Robert's Rules calls an incomplete election.

To resolve the incomplete election, you need to reopen nominations and have another try at it.

If the winner fails to serve out his term of office, you're left with a vacancy, and you need to follow the rules in your bylaws for filling the vacancy.

Depending on the particular office and your bylaws, you may have to hold another election, or your executive board may be able to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. If your bylaws say nothing about filling vacancies, you hold another election for the office.

EXCEPTION: Except when your bylaws provide expressly for filling a vacancy in the office of president, if your president dies or resigns, the vacancy actually occurs in the office of vice-president, who automatically becomes the president. You then fill the vacancy in the office of vice-president

REMEMBER: If the winner of an election declines to serve, the election is incomplete. Vote again! Otherwise, vacancies in an office are filled either according to the bylaws or rules of order, or by the electing authority if no applicable rules are in place.

Myth 10

Officers Must Be Members of the Organization.

If your organization follows this policy, it's not because of anything in Robert's Rules. The only way you can properly put a limitation on who to elect is by establishing that qualification in the bylaws. If you don't have this kind of limitation, however, Robert's Rules recognized the complete autonomy of a membership body to select anyone it wants to serve as an officer.

Frequently, organizations rely on nonmember officers. A treasurer may be an accountant who is not a member but who is willing to give his service. Similarly, a secretary (or even the president/CEO) may be an employee of the organization but not a member.

If your group wants to limit its own power to decide who services by adopting a bylaw requiring officers to be members, that's fine. But Robert's Rules sees this

acting as a limitation on the right of the membership itself to make the final decision on who it wishes to elect to serve.

REMEMBER: The membership can elect whomever it wants unless the bylaws establish qualifications for the office.

Myth 11

Ex-officio Members Can't Vote.

Now that's just plain silly. Of course they can vote! They're members, aren't they? Ex-officio simply refers to how they came to be a member: They hold membership by virtue of some office. **Members can always vote, no matter how they come to be a member, unless that's some concrete rule specific to your group that restricts the voting rights of a particular class of members.**

Myth 12

Motions Don't Take Effect Until Minutes Are Approved.

If this statement was true, you could never even have approved minutes, because minutes of one meeting wouldn't be officially approved until the minutes of the meeting where they were approved get approved, and those minutes wouldn't be approved until the next meeting (and so on)! You'd have a never-ending wait for approved minutes.

The way it really works is that motions are in effect upon adoption, unless the motion provides for some other effective date. The fact that minutes aren't yet approved has nothing to do with whether a motion is in effect. Approving minutes only approves the record of the adoption of the motion, not the motion itself.

Fellow RCB members, for the first quarter of this Rotary year, I hope that we were able to review and hopefully will practice (and are practicing) our Rotary Protocol and Decorum in time for the Governor's Visit on Sept. 29, 2022 (and beyond).

Here's your Protocol Officer signing out (from Canao) ! Good luck and God bless, Roary Club of Baguio!

MEMBER'S PAGE

The Fireside Chat of Rotary



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The fireside chat is a tradition that has endured as a fun, welcoming social activity that provides new members with a history of Rotary and an explanation of the various opportunities for involvement. This is an informal way to learn about community and international projects and find common interests.

We Rotarians should eagerly bring in new members. Too often, we assume the new member's sponsor has done the Membership Committee job and told everything there is to know about Rotary.... really, how many of us do it? Not many...or maybe it is just that we forget what it is like to be a new Rotarian; they have a thirst to learn about us but it is hard to do when everyone else talks about Rotary as if the world knows all about us. We need a role in our clubs that is charged with doing regular Fireside Chats. Who should assume this role? Who is passionate about Rotary? Do you have someone who knows the club history, is easy to talk with, one who seeks out the new members to welcome them? Either the President or the Membership Chair should make a personal plea....no emails. You want the person to ignite the Fireside Chat attendees; therefore it's necessary they can draw people into conversations. The other side of this equation is the compilation of the material you wish to share during these Chats. Perhaps

that can be someone else who has time to research your archives for juicy tidbits of club history and develop the material from District and Rotary International into takeaways that will be kept and referenced from time to time. You want to take the time to develop the hand-outs to ensure each group hears the same messages.

At these Chats, keep it simple. It is a make-up. Perhaps the sponsor may wish to bring the potential member, it's a great way to start dialogue. It is a good thing to have a couple of long-time members in attendance to interact, perhaps lead a part of the session. We suggest do it on an evening; no more than 1- ½ hours long. The club should pay all the expenses.

What do potentials and new Rotarians want to know about? Who is Rotary? What do we do for the community? Or in the world-wide community? How much is Rotary going to cost me? I have no time, "I hear I have to attend every week?" Address the commitments, talk to the participants about how they can contribute in a manner that fits their personal schedule to ensure regular attendance... two hours on a Saturday morning to clean up trash on the road side, attend a committee meeting, help with a community project, or do a make-up locally or an on-line make-up. Not just that every November members are asked to contribute to the Foundation. Show them how our moneys are used and how it comes back to our District; how your club has received District grants for local projects. A great discussion starter is the 4-Way Test and what it means in the lives of Rotarians, of how others in the community know that those wearing a Rotary pin live up to the Rotary standards and can be counted on to do the right thing. Another worthy topic is our Five Pillars. One thing I can assure you is that you will not be short of material to share.

Since so many people say they are too busy to be a Rotarian, we should choose to be right up front about Rotary time commitments and the monetary expectations at our Rotary Club of Baguio.

Key points – keep it short, upbeat and it isn't about what you know, it is about what the audience is taking away about Rotary. Make it conversational! Make it fun! Everyone starts their Rotary journey with the same messages. A Bientôt!

ANNOUNCEMENT

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SEPTEMBER
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The most engagements in their video gets to win:

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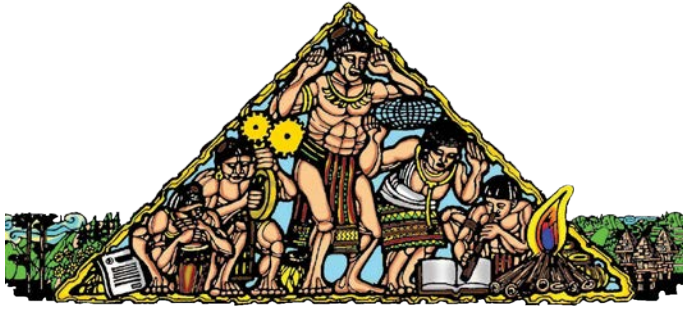
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THE CAÑAO EMBLEM

Our Official Club Bulletin has been called The Cañao. "Cañao" (pronounced as kan-yau) is actually the local term for the dance during native feasts or celebrations in the highlands of the Cordilleras- in Northern Luzon of the Philippines.

This is depicted in our Cañao emblem which shows a number of human figures in deep concentration—absorbed in ritual dance.

The attention, focus, commitment and unity of the club's members is represented by the dancing figures—in celebration or expectation of a bountiful harvest; much as we actually do—in anticipation of the joy derived from public service to the community—always coupled with fellowship. Hence, the sub-title of "A Celebration of Service."



Rotary Club of Baguio

THE RCB LOGO

The Rotary Club of Baguio (RCB) was chartered on 21 February 1938. The 4,587th member of Rotary International and the oldest club organized North of Manila; the 6th chartered Rotary Club in the entire Philippines.

Our over-simplified club logo (red) is a composite of the letters r, c & B; this is symbolic of the club's straightforwardness. Over-all cardioid-heart shape connotes that our members serve from the heart. The four basic elements (four quadrants— now 3D bevelled) are symbolic of Rotary's Four-Way Test and the members' commitment to it. Our charter year of 1938 is used as the mid-focal point of the logo, to emphasize our early beginnings and continuing dedication to

Service Above Self.



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