



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Good afternoon Fellow Rotarians and Guests.

We are now entering the week of GREAT CELEBRATION. A week to celebrate the 85th charter anniversary of our very own, the Rotary Club of Baguio which is on February 21, 2023 and the 118th of Rotary International on February 23, 2023.

It is a celebration of friendship and fellowship across the globe, a celebration of service above self, a celebration of service projects alleviating the difficulties and challenges of the less fortunate and a celebration of thanksgiving for 85 years of opportunities to be of service to our communities.

Last Saturday's Guest of Honor and Speaker was the Provincial Governor, Hon Melchor Diclas. Let us thank him for gracing our meeting as our Guest of Honor and Speaker, sharing the peace and order situation of the province of Benguet and for his commitment to support our proposed global grant project's sustainability.

We started the week (Monday) with meetings, coordination, collaboration with our partners in service which include our service providers, concerned LGUs, fellow members of our very own RC Baguio, colleagues from our respective workplaces, our friends, and our rotary network for the success of our upcoming anniversary week-long projects and activities.

Project 1 continued its activity for our adopted Child Development Centers' learners, entitled Atin ang Musika, an indigenous music friendly competition among the 11 schools which was held on Feb 15, 2023 at the Camp John Hay's Bell theater for its elimination round. The finale will be on February 21, 2023, our charter anniversary date, which will be judged by our sister club members from RC Bukit Bintang.

Everybody is coming up with a very well prepared dance entertainment for our anniversary celebration where some of each team's member are saying that they are better than the ones who say that they are the BEST. Good luck to all of us. I believe, everyone is so excited for this upcoming activity, but I am so nervous with these overwhelming activities. However, with God's grace and with all your support, I'm very much confident that these will be a success because, We're all in this together...

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me again take this opportunity to thank you for working with me to make this celebration a success.

This morning, 4 of us, PP Alfred, and Anet, PN Susan including myself, will be joining RYLA together with 5 high school Students from the Interact Club of Sto. Tomas National High School. Followed by our regular meeting, at 12:30, an opportunity given to us by the Dynamic TeamBria to final tune our anniversary celebration activities. Further, go back to RYLA and 3 of our members, PP Baby, Dir Vell and Rtn Jeff will represent our club in the Bowling competition.

This coming week is a Tsunami of various service project activities. To start with, is a welcome delegate for the Koreans, where some of us will meet them at the Clark International Airport at 12:40 AM of Feb 20 and some for our RCBB members arriving at 12:40 PM at NAIA.

Our magnanimous colleagues from Korea will be led by Governor Yu, to be escorted by the HPG – Cordillera from Clark to Baguio, wherein at 9AM will be the start of the service project on the distribution of school supplies, back packs, hoodies, computers and printers at the Yagyagan,; Tagadi Housing and Gilber Semon elementary schools respectively. Fellowship follows at K Flavors.

On February 21, our anniversary date commences with the "Clothes Giving " at the Malcolm Square from 9am to 11am for a thousand plus preselected indigents From the nearby barangays, to be done by our generous benefactors from Korea. And at 10 AM shall be the final competition of Project 1's Atin ang musika wherein the Judges are from our sister club, RC Bukit Bintang.

On same day at 4:00 PM is our mass, 5:00 pm registration and 6:00 PM call to order.

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who have helped us in the necessary preparations for our week-long anniversary celebration.

My apologies for not indicating your respective names as I was out of town from Tuesday to Thursday for our (bank's) regional excellence awards held in Pampanga, which was just scheduled 2 weeks ago. We also had our dance practice(s) so I was not able to join my rotary group in our the dance practice(s).

Good luck to us for this week. Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Baguio...

Let me end my corner with a quote from Nelson Mandela – "It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who live in it."

Have a great weekend ahead.

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

## THEME

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month



**Sec/PP Baby Kaur**

Secretary / Past President  
Rotary Club of Baguio



## Events and Activities for the Month of February

- 15 February **Kami Ang Musika - Music competition by CDC Learners**  
Attended by: Dir. Lou, PP Libby, PDG Linda, CDC Learners, City Library head, DSWD Head
- 15 February **Anniversary Committee & Team Leaders Meeting**  
Attended by: Dir. Lou, PDG Linda, PP Raffy, PP Libby, PP Gerard, PP Veeh, PP Atom, Dir. Lorena, Dir. Susan, Sec. Baby & PP Diony

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 20 February  
**Distribution of laptops – Yagyagan, Gilber Semon & Tagadi Elem School**
- 21 February  
**Distribution of clothes**
- 21 February  
**Judging of CDC Learners Musical Competition**
- 21 February  
**RCB Anniversary – CAP Convention Center**
- 25 February  
**Polio Plus Banquet – San Fernando Pampanga**

## Attendance Update as of 11 February 2022

Dir. Mariver Agayas, Rtn. Nancy Alabanza, Rtn. Bess Aniban, PP Gerard Audneau, Dir. Reymund Barrios, PP Veeh Balajo, PP Marilyn Barredo, Rtn. Vangie Cacho, PP Raffy Chan, PP Mia Cawed, Dir. Glen Flores, Rtn. Eric De Guzman, Rtn. Ike Dulnoan, Rtn. Jeff Isip, Sec. Baby Kaur, PP Alfred Laygo, Pres. Ali Morales, PE Cora Ocampo, PP Chris Peralta, Rtn. Eduard Ramos, PP Benny Sunga, PP Bert Talco

WE WISH TO SEE YOU NEXT MEETING

Rtn. Jody Alabanza (exc), Rtn. Modz Bahul, Rtn. Toni Boguen, PP Jun Bondoc, IPP Arnel Cabanisas (mu), Dir. Lorena Cachola (mu), PP Anet Calabias, PP Diony Claridad (exc), Dir. Lou De Guzman (mu), PP Lani Fabi, PP Chris Faelnar (mu), PP Cy Fagar (exc), PP Libby Fernandez (mu), Rtn. Saoud Jawad, Rtn. Ailyn Kindipan, PP Ben Ladilad (mu), Rtn. Lily Landayan (mu), PAG Gigi Maranan, PP Atom Mendalla, Rtn. Levy Orcales, PP Lito Pangilinan (exc) Dir. Tonton Tan, VP Joe Ursua, Rtn. Annie Viernes & Dir. Susan Villanueva (mu) & PDG Linda Winter (mu)

## February Birthdays

- 01 Feb – PP Lani Fabi  
06 Feb – Dir. Lorena Cachola  
25 Feb – PP Chris Peralta

## February in Rotary

- 02-2008 VP Joe  
14-2004 PP Ben  
23-2003 PP Mia  
27-1988 PP Benny

## RI UPCOMING EVENTS

- 23 February  
**Rotary's anniversary**

## February Anniversaries

- 21 – Jun & Lulu Bondoc  
21-21 – Saoud & Beverly Jawad



## IN RETROSPECT



**Rtn. Eric de Guzman**

**Member**  
Rotary Club of Baguio

**P**resident Ali formally opened the meeting at exactly 12:30 PM which was followed by the solemn invocation of PP Raffy. The singing of the National Anthem, RCB hymn, and The 4-way test followed.

Entertainment was handled by Dir. Reymund who presented an AVP of the proposed Market Redevelopment Project of the Baguio City public market which was shared by Mayor Benjie Magalong.

I handled the introduction of VRG. Our regular guest of course is Rotakid Sonny Balajo. Who has had almost perfect attendance. I hope my son can join me too when he's older. Ms. Alrene Jay Sumalag was also present as the guest of PP Baby. Kudos also to Marcus for his volunteerism.

The raffle was handled by Rtn. Jeff and PP Baby. There were winners from every table. But the center of attraction was the winner's table where everyone won not only once but had their hands full. Congratulations to the raffle champions PP Raffy, PP Chris P, PP Alfred, PP Bert, PP Marilyn and PP Gerard.

President Ali gave a lengthy update during the President's time. The anniversary month surely is full of activities. A hectic but fulfilling schedule for the RCB. I can only imagine how the President is squeezing all these activities in his schedule.

Our Guest of Honor and Speaker (GHS) was no other than Governor Melchor Diclas who was introduced by Dir. Mariver.

Governor Diclas was already familiar with some members whom he has acquainted with in the medical profession like PP Benny, PP Veeh, PP Alfred and PP Chris P. The governor shared a very interesting information relative to the peace and order situation in Benguet. The time with the governor was very engaging. Multiple questions and manifestations were raised by PP Mia and PP Bert including the possible support of the province to the RCB project (water system) in Kabayan. After the very engaging time with the Governor, response was given by PP Baby.

The singing of the RCB hymn and Pilipinas Kong Mahal followed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

# SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

RCB Regular Meeting

11 February 2022





# FEATURED EVENT

## Exchange of Rotary banners with the Rotary Club of Japan



## Fellowship Dinner

RCSummer Capital and RCBaguio and Abong scholars in a fellowship dinner with the Rotary Club of Japan.





## FEATURED EVENT

Project 01– The elimination round of Kami ang Musika

15 February 2022

Project 01– The elimination round of Kami ang Musika for the CDCs held at Bellhouse Camp John Hay on 9 am in the morning.







Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on 6 February that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather.

The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. RI President Jennifer Jones activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants and share information about their relief efforts so that Rotary can amplify the calls for support.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees decided that all donations made, from now until 31 March, to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund will be used to aid earthquake relief projects. In addition, the Trustees made available more than \$125,000 to Rotary districts affected by the earthquake through District Response Grants.

Rotary's project partner ShelterBox also has an emergency response team assessing the needs in the region and how it can respond. That team is communicating with Rotary district leaders. Rotary's service partner Habitat for Humanity International is also working on its response. Many Rotary members are asking how they can help. Here's how to have the greatest impact:

- [Give to Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund](#). Donations help clubs and districts provide aid and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. The funds are distributed to affected communities through disaster response grants. The Disaster Response Fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF).
- [Support local initiatives](#). As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them. People can then support these projects by working directly with Rotary members in the region. If you want us to publicize information about local response efforts, write to [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org).

9-Feb-2023

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PAGE

### North Carolina Rotarians welcome Ukrainian refugee families



#### EIC/PP Libby Fernandez

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

*Natalia Melnik and Sviatlana Baranova and their children in  
Wilmington, North Carolina, USA.*



*By Dan Parks, Rotary Club of Wilmington East, North Carolina,  
USA*

At the end of December, two Ukrainian families arrived in North Carolina, USA, after a whirlwind departure from Kyiv on Christmas day. They traveled through Warsaw and Chicago enroute to North Carolina. It's been a busy three weeks as I've helped get the mothers signed up for Medicaid and their children enrolled in school or settled into daycare.

In late September, I was contacted by a representative from Welcome.US, a nonpartisan national initiative in the United States that was created to inspire, mobilize, and empower Americans from all corners of the country to support those seeking refuge here. The program started in September 2021 to assist those fleeing Afghanistan, but it has since expanded to embrace refugees from the war in Ukraine. Welcome.US is collaborating with Rotary to find hosts for refugee families.

After setting up an account and taking the online training, I agreed to become a sponsor with the help of fellow Rotarians. I worked on raising the \$6,500 necessary to fly four people to the U.S. and an additional \$15,000 for their first three months here. That covers housing, groceries, and transportation. I also had to help the new arrivals get social security cards, work permits, appointments with doctors and dentists, and jobs!

After completing the training, you get to review six to seven families. It's a bit tough selecting families, but the decision is softened by the knowledge that each has three potential sponsors. I finally agreed on two young mothers and their two children – a two-and-a-half-year-old boy and a seven-and-a-half-year-old girl. The mothers were friends in college and decided to try coming to the U.S. together. Right now, men can't leave Ukraine.

Prior to their arrival, we initially communicated through the Welcome Connect platform, but then started using WhatsApp and checking each other out on Facebook. You get

very attached quickly and worry about their safety. Thanks to our chats over WhatsApp, I was aware of Russian shelling before it was on the news. It was chilling. Frequently they had no running water, electricity, or heat. Temperatures were below freezing, with snow on the ground.

We texted every day or so. I found myself making up excuses to communicate with them, such as asking what types of food they liked. They sent pictures of a park in Kyiv during better times that showed what a beautiful city Kyiv is. A photo of the young boy showed him and his dad watching cartoons by a kerosene lantern. They can't have too many lights on at night. I was texting back and forth when I realized it was 3 a.m. their time. I encouraged the young mother to get some rest, but she replied that she didn't sleep well at night because that was when the shelling occurred.

As an assistant governor in District 7730 (North Carolina, USA), I have more than 300 Rotarians to whom I'm reaching out for help (financially and otherwise). So far, it's gone well. News spreads fast among family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone wants to help. My son's mother-in-law is an eye doctor and said she would take care of eye exams and glasses. One retired Rotarian, a dentist, is taking care of their dental needs. Another doctor with Ukrainian parents is addressing any diabetic concerns they may have.

Neighbors have come up with cookware, bedding, kitchen utensils, and much more. I have a pool/guest house on my property that has a full kitchen and bath, a queen-sized bed, and a couple of cots. There is a television. They'll stay there until they find employment. I've been collecting frozen foods for them and have enrolled them in a food pantry where I volunteer.

Both moms are now enrolled in English classes Monday through Friday in the mornings. They have bank accounts set up. They've been grocery shopping several times and have gone to a few parks, out to a horse farm, to the beach and to a couple of restaurants. One mom said that every day gets a little easier.

I can't describe the sense of satisfaction you get from helping families who've faced so much. I would encourage as many of my fellow Rotary members as feel able to check out this opportunity.

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Learn more about sponsorship by downloading the Rotary-Welcome.US flyer. Rotary clubs can use district grant funds to help with resettlement costs. Contact [trf.welcome@rotary.org](mailto:trf.welcome@rotary.org) for more information, or find resources and answers to some common questions on the Welcome.US website.

As the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approached, Rotary magazine's Wen Huang traveled to Europe to see firsthand how Rotary members are responding to this humanitarian crisis. In the first installment of his two-part report, Huang visits Poland en route to Ukraine

Source : <https://blog.rotary.org/2023/01/31/north-carolina-rotarians-welcome-ukrainian-refugee-families/>



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Polio Plus Banquet – Rotary District 3790

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# Polio Plus Banquet

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ATTIRE: FORMAL  
LADIES : RED EVENING DRESS  
GENTLEMEN: COAT WITH RED OR WHITE LONGSLEEVES AND TIE

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## DISCON 2023 – Rotary District 3790



**ROTARY DISTRICT 3790**

# DISCON 2023

**APRIL 21 TO 23, 2023**  
**ROYCE HOTEL,**  
**CLARK FREEPORT ZONE**  
**PAMPANGA**

REGISTRATION RATES:  
EARLY BIRD  
February 8 to 22, 2023 - Php5,800  
REGULAR REGISTRATION  
February 23 to March 24, 2023 - Php6,500  
FINAL CALL  
March 25 to April 7, 2023 - Php7,500

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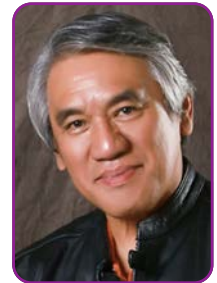
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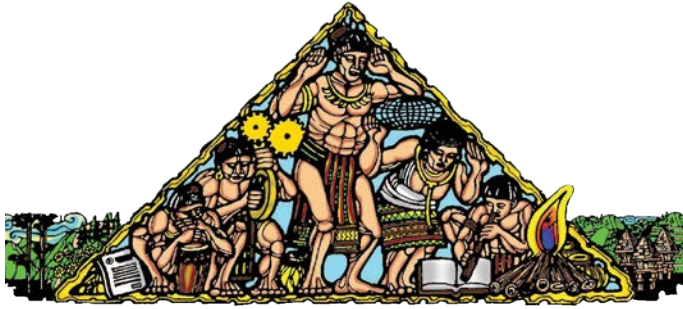
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## THE CAÑAO EMBLEM

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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