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PROGRAMME

Blended Program 06 November 2021

12:30 PM	Fellowship				
1:00	Call to Order Pres Arnel Cabanisas				
	Invocation Rtn Lou de Guzman				
	Pambansang Awit				
	Rotary Hymn				
	4 Way Test				
1:20	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests				
	PP Chris Peralta				
	Introduction of Team PASIKAT				
	Entertainment Rtn Lorena Cachola				
	RaffleRtn Saud Al Khayyat				

- 1:40 Member's Time
- 1:50 President's Time
- 1:55 **Recognition of The Rotary Foundation** Donors / Paul Harris Fellows

... PP Libby Fernandez

- 2:20 **RCB** Hymn **Pilipinas Kong Mahal**
- 2:25 Adjournment Pres Arnel Cabanisas

PP Marilyn Barredo Program Coordinator

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ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Shekhar Mehra Rotary International President

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> Rommel Alcid Assistant Governor

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> Dir Joe Ursua Director

Dir Glen Flores Director

Dir Jody Alabanza Director

IPP Atom Mendalla Immediate Past President

PP/PAG Gigi Maranan Adviser



Pres Arnel Cabanisas

President Rotary Club of Baguio

Welcome to a new month, my fellow Rotarians! November is The Rotary Foundation Month so let me also greet everyone a Happy TRF month!

This week, it's time to welcome our fourth group – **Team Pasikat** headed by our TRF Chair herself, PP Libby Fernandez and team members (alphabetically) Rtn Modz Bahul, PP Marilyn Barredo, PP Jun Bondoc, Rtn Lorena Cachola, PP Cy Fagar, Dir Glen Flores, PP Chris Peralta, PDG Linda Winter. Joining Team Pasikat are our two (2) new members, Rtn Emylou de Guzman and Rtn Saoud Al-Khayyat. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Baguio, Rtn Emylou and Rtn Saoud!

The team will take charge of our weekly meetings for the months of November and December 2021. In case you are also wondering why the name "Team Pasikat"? Well, join our blended weekly meetings to find out why and while you are at it, feel free to invite someone to join you... as a friend!

Thank you to everyone who joined our spooktacular Halloween meeting last 30 October 2021. Everyone dressed in their best pandemic Halloween attire and I note that witches were all out last week. Thank you to our Featured Rotarian, the lovely Rtn Susan Villanueva who was expertly grilled by our very own "Boy Abunda" aka PP Chris Faelnar complete with signature eyeglasses and a turtleneck top! It was a great day to end the month. Please allow me to thank Team V9-Squad for making our October meetings more and more like the pre-pandemic days.

Speaking of meetings, our joint virtual meeting with our sister club, Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang, was moved from 16 November 2021 to 23 November 2021 to give them more time for the preparations. Thank you to the 22 members who already signified their intent to join. If you have not yet done so, I am inviting our fellow members to please join the zoom meeting. We already sent the video and photos to RCBB. Many thanks to your contributions to the club entertainment and to the RCBB photo contest.

I'm sure you are all aware that the local government of Baguio has eased on some restrictions and has opened its borders to tourists and non-essential travelers since last week. There seems to be more people all around the city not to mention the horrendous after-five traffic. Let's continue to take precaution though and observe the minimum health standards and protocols for our own personal safety and that of our loved ones. On another note, safety is also a team effort – something everyone is responsible for, not only for oneself but also for others. In these times, let us remember:

"Be safe, be smart, be kind." - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

"Teaching the world to be careful is a constructive service worthy of God's great gift of life to man." - Harold H. Burton

> ROTARY Serve to Change Lives

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Sec Cora Ocampo

Secretary Rotary Club of Baguio

November Birthday

5th - Dir. Vell Agayas

6th – Dir. Jody Alabanza

November Anniversary in RCB

7th – **Pres. Arnel Cabanisas (2015)**, SPONSOR: PP Gigi Maranan

13th – **Rtn. Estela Landayan (2010)**, SPONSOR: PP Chris Peralta

15th – **PP/Dir. Libby Fernandez (2008)**, SPONSOR: PP Bert Talco

Events and Activities for the Month of November 2021

30 October – Deadline of Family Pictures for the Joint Meeting with RC Bukit Bintang

1 November - **Devotion at the Park to Remember** (painting, watering of plants and fertilizing the plants) care of PDG Linda

Upcoming Events and Activities

23 November – Joint Meeting/ Fellowship with RCBB and RC Dagupan @8:00 PM

LISTED PARTICIPANTS: Pres. Arnel, PDG Linda, Sec. Cora, Dir. Joe, Rtn. Sumi, PP Baby, PP Libby, PP Gerard, PE Ali, PP Lani, Rtn. Lily, PP Anet, Rtn. Susan, PP Alfred, PP Chris F., Rtn. Lorena, Rtn. Lou, Rtn. Saud, PP Mia, Dir Vell, PP Marilyn and IPP Atom.

26, 27 and 28 November – Experience Only the BEST, Presidential Conference Manila

LISTED PARTICIPANTS: Pres. Arnel, Sec. Cora, Treas./ VP Ali, Dir. Joe, Dir. Vell, PP Aneth, PDG Linda, PP Chris F, PP Alfred, Rtn. Susan and PP Baby

Attendance Update as of 30 October 2021

WE WISH FOR YOUR PRESENCE NEXT TIME

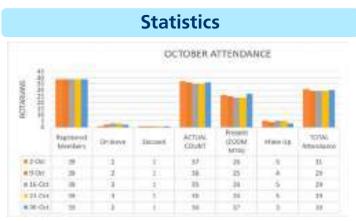
Dir. Vell Agayas (mu), Rtn. Nancy Alabanza, PP Gerard Audineau (ol), Rtn. Modz Bahul Jr., PP Ricardo Bondoc Jr. (ol), Rtn. Ike Dulnuan, Dir. Glen Flores (ol), PAG/PP Gigi Maranan, PP Chirs Peralta (mu), PP Benny Sunga (mu), PP Bert Talco

SPECIAL GUESTS

RA Edith Cabanisas, RAPP Josie Pangilinan, RAPP Cely Ladilad, Ms. Beverly Bay-on

RotaKids: Vanessa Cabanisas

ROTARACTORS: Philip Tubal, Soraya Abdul Karim, Patricia Lapuz and Patrick Oreta



For 30 October, our HOME ATTENDANCE is 75% while our TOTAL ATTENDANCE is 83.33%.

The average Home Attendance =70.37% while the average total attendance is 82.68%

The club meeting was done thru "blended" strategy, a choice of a "face to face" in Abong or via ZOOM

Highlights of the Meeting

- 1. The club meeting was presided by Pres. Arnel at exactly 1:00 PM
- 2. PARTS of THE PROGRAM:

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: PP Lani of TEAM V9 SQUAD

- A. The invocation was led by PP Jody, he prepared a very long but meaningful prayer for the club.
- B. The singing of the Pambansang Awit, Rotary Hymn and the 4-Way Test.
- C. PP Lani introduced the guests, the members present in Abong and in Zoom, the Anns and Rotaractors present in Abong.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Highlights of the Meeting

D. Entertainment was ZUMBA TIME for all, lead by PP Lani, PP Anet, Rtn. Susan and Rtn. Lorena. The steps were easy and all members present in Abong joined the dance including the Rotaractors.

E. RAFFLE time

One of the most awaited event of the day was the raffle prepared by V-9 SQUAD TEAM

WINNERS: (Lollypop) Rtn. Lou, PP Lito, Pres. Arnel, Rk Vanessa, Rotaractor Soraya, PP Marilyn, PP Ben, RAPP Cely, (Pen) Rtn. Lorena, PP Mia, PE Ali, Rtn. Vangie, PP Lani, PP Anet, (major) IPP Atom, RAPP Josie, Rtn. Lily, Rotaractor Patricia, PP Diony, (cookies) PP Libby, Sec. Cora,PP Raffy, Rtn. Saud, RA Beverly, Rotaractor Patrick, PP Linda, Rotararactor Philip, PP Chris F, Dir. Rey, PP Veeh, PP Marilyn,(Major)Dir. Jody (waved), Rtn. Susan

F. During the Member's Time:

IPP Atom announced to wear the Halloween costume since the V-9 Squad will be looking for the best in costume for male and female categories. There will be prizes for winners and will be announced before the end of the meeting.

G. **During President's Time:** Pres. Arnel greeted everyone a happy Halloween and greeted Rtn. JM a happiest birthday.

He also reported / announced the following:

- i. Highlighted once more the END POLIO event and thanked all the Rotarians who participated in the Zumba, the biking activity and the distribution of the face shields. Special thanks was given to PP Lani and Dir. Vell.
- ii. End Polio face masks that was purchased by members amounted to Php 2,400 and the proceeds will be for the end polio project of the District. Treas. Ali will handle the turn-over of the club's effort to support the said project.
- End Polio Photo was submitted also as entries of the club. He also announced the Rotarians who submitted their photos and were given special awards.
 - 1. Dir. Rey early bird
 - 2. PP Lani extra effort to have it as group photo
 - 3. PP Mia best photo
 - 4. PP Veeh best photo
- iv. Finest Moment for everyone to pay fines to Treas. Ali for the following reasons

- 1. Did not submit a photo Php 200
- 2. Submitted a photo Php 100
- 3. PP Chris F fined himself Php 500 for bringing back the finest moment to the club, which he announced last meeting.
- v. Encouraging all to be a member of the POLIO PLUS SOCIETY. Payment per member is \$100 per year as polio membership fee.
- vi. 25 October was another memorable event of the club, Gardenia (loaves) breads were distributed to the City Government 10 barangays (thru DSWD), Haven's Home and Children's Home. This joint project was spearheaded by the birthday girl Rtn. JM. Special thanks were given to PP Baby, Rtn. Lorena and spouse and PP Libby for their time in helping with the distribution of the bread from Bauang La Union to the beneficiaries respective homes.
- vii. Anti-Pneumonia Vaccine is still going on for members.
- viii. In preparation for the JOINT project with RC Bukit Bintang and RC Dagupan, all participants will wear the blue shirt (Pres. Arnel's term) and PP Lani will take care of the entertainment. Everyone is encouraged to submit family pictures in the RCB Chat group as entry to a contest. Submission of entries was postponed until 30 October.
- H. INDUCTION PROPER

President Arnel called the 2 candidates to be inducted during the club meeting including their sponsor to resume with the charging and finally the induction proper.

Sec. Cora introduced the candidates to the club and will proceed with no objections or complaints received during the 7-day notice.

Proposer's Name: PE Ali

- 1. Emylou Pablo de Guzman is the General Manager of Le Chef Inc, born on 22 October 1976 and residing in Green Valley. Her classification is FOOD INDUSTRY- Finance Manager (14-01)
- 2. Saud Pablo Jawad is the owner and the General Manager of Pepe and Pilar Parlor, born on 30 December 1989. He is married to Ms. Beverly Bayon, residing in Upper Brookside. His classification is SERVICES – Salon and Spa (27-99)

PP Lito's message for the 2 candidates to inspire them more was, "Learn and understand the true meaning

SECRETARY'S REPORT Highlights of the Meeting

and purpose of being a member of the Rotary Club of Baguio. Fellowship is the main purpose and to do service above self for the community. He advised the 2 candidates that they may get disappointed at times but they have to adjust and not to fail the club from what is expected from them. Negative things should just be kept to themselves but share positivity in the club and enjoy the benefits of being a Rotarian. Be a Rotarian for the right reasons and stay in the club with a lot to learn and to share. Join the programs, participate in the many activities of the club and share your blessings, talent, money and time to do service above self."

Oath taking took place immediately after the charging of the 2 candidates and was welcomed and greeted by members and guests present in Abong..... WELCOME RTN. EMYLOU.... WELCOME RTN, SAUD.... WE WEL-COME YOU TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF BAGUIO.

I. FEATURED ROTARIAN

Before the featured Rotarian, IPP Atom invited all members who were in their Halloween costumes to come forward and they were asked to parade their costumes to scare the everyone in the area.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS for MALE – PP Diony and for FEMALE – Rtn. Vangie.... CONGRATS!!!

The set-up for the featured Rotarian was like an talk show or ala BOY ABUNDA to know the featured Rotarian better. The reason why the set-up was different on stage.

FEATURED ROTARIAN: Rtn. Susan Villanueva

HOST/INTERVIEWER: PP Chris F

From the very good and sensible questions of PP Chris F, the featured Rotarian Susan was at-ease in opening up herself to the club, allowing everyone to know her better.

Rtn. Susan narrated her life story from childhood to present. She struggled a lot in order to reach his goals and objectives in life. She grew up as independent young girl and being poor did not stop her to what she is now. She has a kind heart to help others specially the children and found her reasons to stay in the club, enjoying the company of PP Lani, PP Anet and Rtn Lorena. She is now a fulfilled mom of 2 and her love life is a secret.

The former Rotarian Benny Laranang introduced her to Rotary and eventually decided to join RCB, PP Jun Bondoc as her sponsor. She immediately enjoyed the community projects like the one she first experienced in BAKUN and other club activities such as fellowship activities, meetings. She also see herself as someone who will lead the club in the future. She said that she would select feeding program for the children and will continue to do good projects even outside the rotary. She said that she wanted to be known as "active and humble rotarian of the club."

J. RESPONSE by PP Veeh

PP Veeh thanked Rtn. Susan for allowing herself to be featured this month, that even if she was hesitant at first, she was still persuaded to do so. Rtn. Susan was given a token (certificate) from Pres. Arnel and thank also PP Chris F for doing his job as the Boy Abunda for the day.

V-9 SQUAD TEAM SIGNING OFF

PP Veeh thanked her team members for the good job manning the program for the month of October. She invited the team to have their last (temporary) bow.

Again, a round of applause to the V-9 SQUAD

VISIONARY – Dir. Jody VALOROUS – PP Gerard VIGILANT – PP Veeh (team lead) VIRTOUS – Rtn. Vangie VIBRANT – PP Lani VALIANT – PP Chris F VINTAGE – IPP Atom

VIRTOUSO- PP Lito and

VENUS – Rtn. Susan (the featured Rotarian for OCTO-BER)

THANK YOU for making our OCTOBER feeling VICTORI-OUS and not being VACUOUS in so many ways....

K. FINALE

After the singing of Pilipinas Kong Mahal and RCB Hymn. President Arnel once again thanked everyone for a wonderful month of October, specially to V-9 SQUAD TEAM lead by PP Veeh, he also reminded the on-going vaccines after the meeting and requested members to support the fund raising activity for PO-LIO of the Rotaractors by buying their pastries too. Also Rtn. JM announced that the submission of photo entrees for the JOINT MEETING with RC Bukit Bintang was moved to 4 November. President Arnel also greeted a belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Rtn. Lou.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:15 PM

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

Induction Ceremony of Rtn Emylou and Rtn. Saud

30 October 2021



Halloween Costumes... Congrats Rtn Vangie & PP Diony

30 October 2021

















SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

Featured Rotarian - Rtn Susan, Interviewed by PP Chris F

30 October 2021



Fellowship

30 October 2021

















SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE

During the Program

30 October 2021



















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FEATURED EVENTS

Pneumococcal Vaccination 2021

30 October 2021

Continuing project - anti pneumonia vaccine assisted by RCB ROTARACT officers lead by President Robin Balisi in Abong (after the club meeting)













FEATURED EVENTS

Adopted Park Maintenance

01 November 2021

Devotion at our Adopted Park by painting, watering and putting fertilizers to the plants.



ROTARACT REPORT

Rotaract Club of Baguio - SLU School of Medicine

Choco Chip Cookies: Fundraising for Polio Prevention

Project Title : Choco Chip Cookies: Fundraising for Polio Prevention

: Facebook; Abong, Baguio

Partner Clubs / Organization :

- Maru Phok Foods
- Dackie's Kitchen
- Wittle Pastries

Area of Focus

Venue

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Saving Mother and Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies
- Supporting the Environment

Chairperson/s :

- Soraya Mhae Abdul Karim
- Francesca Gabrielle Balmeo
- Philip Kyle Tubal

Continuing	: No
Duration	: One Time
Start Date	: Thursday, 14 October 2021
End Date	: Sunday, 31 October 2021
Target Beneficiaries	s: Unvaccinated children (Polio)
No. of Beneficiaries	5: N/A
Project Cost	: P 147.00
Source of Fund	: Club Budget
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Funds Raised : P 6,238.00

Description of the Project

Objectives:

• To help eradicate polio by donating money in order to support the procurement and manufacturing of oral polio vaccine and its distribution to the places in need.

Level of Participation :

 Initiated Project by our Rotaract Club Attendee and Planning

Number of Participating Members : 100

Number of Participating Rotarians : 30

Execution

Rotaract Club of Baguio SLU-School of Medicine launched a fundraising initiative to support one of the main goals of Rotary, which is to eradicate polio. This project is spearheaded by Soraya Abdul Karim, our finance director, with the help of Francesca Balmeo and Philip Tubal.

Our project is in partnership with Maru Phok Foods,

Dackie's Kitchen, and Wittle Pastries.

With every pack of cookies (and snacks) bought, all profit was donated to the World Polio Day Campaign. Our club garnered a total profit of P6, 238.00.

Documentation



Rotaractors-in-Action: Selling Cookies at Abong, Baguio



Group Photo: (from left to right) President Robin Balisi, WMCH Cheska Balmeo, FD Soraya Abdul Karim, ISD Patricia Lapuz, PCH Philip Tubal

TREASURER'S UPDATES



PE Ali Morales

President Elect / Treasurer Rotary Club of Baguio

Updates as of 05 November 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Hereunder is the updated RY 2021-2022 RCB Annual Dues payment report made as of November 05, 2021. Total number of members is now at 41, wherein 82.93 % have already paid in full or partially. Rotary Club of Baguio's Account Number is 005470465609 maintained with BDO Baguio Session Road Thank you.

No.	RCB Member's Name	Date Paid	OR No.	Amount Paid		KAUR, BABY	7 September 2021	12242	2,000.00
1	AGAYAS, MARIVER	0 1010 2024	12220	4 000 00	25	LADILAD, BEN	8 September 2021	12243	8,000.00
2	ALABANZA, JODY	9 July 2021	12220	4,000.00	26	LANDAYAN, LILY	3 September	12239	3,500.00
3	ALABANZA, NANCY	1 September 2021	12238	8,000.00			2021		
4	AUDINEAU,	5 July 2021	12214	8,000.00	27	LAYGO, ALFRED	30 July 2021	12230	4,000.00
	GERARD				28	MARANAN, GIGI			
5	BAHUL, MODZ	2 November 2021	12022	4,000.00	29	MENDALLA, ATOM	11 June 2020	11871	3,000.00
6	BALAJO, VEEH	13 July 2021	12224	8,000.00		MENDALLA, ATOM	9 July 2021	12221	5,000.00
7	BARREDO,	1 June 2021	12202	3,500.00	30	MORALES, ALI	1 July 2021	12211	8,000.00
	MARILYN	_			31	OCAMPO, CORA	5 July 2021	12213	4,000.00
8	BARRIOS, REYMUND	30 October 2021	12250	7,000.00	32	PANGILINAN, LITO			
9	BONDOC, JUN	22 September	12247	1,000.00	33	PERALTA, CHRIS	16 July 2021	12226	4,000.00
	Bonboc, jon	2021	12247	1,000.00	34	JAWAD, SAOUD			
10	CABANISAS, ARNEL	9 July 2021	12219	8,000.00	35	SUNGA, BENNY	13 July 2021	12225	8,000.00
11	CACHO, VANGIE				36	TALCO, BERT	7 July 2020	11894	3,000.00
12	CACHOLA, LORENA	7 September 2021	12241	5,000.00		TALCO, BERT	9 July 2021	12218	5,000.00
		30 October 2021	12001	2,000.00	37	TAN, TONTON	30 October 2021	12249	7,000.00
13	CALABIAS, ANITA	30 July 2021	12232	4,000.00	38	TY, JEANNE MARIE	4 September 2021	12240	2,000.00
14	CAWED , MIA	30 July 2021	12233	4,000.00	39	URSUA, JOE	24 July 2021	12228	4,000.00
15	CHAN , RAFFY	23 July 2021	12227	8,000.00	40	VILLANUEVA, SUSAN	27 July 2021	12229	8,000.00
16	CLARIDAD, DIONY	8 July 2021	12217	4,000.00					-,
17	DE GUZMAN, EMYLOU				41	WINTER, LINDA	8 July 2021	12216	8,000.00
18	DULNOAN,	16 August 2021	12236	3,000.00				TOTAL	194,000.00
	DWIGHT	10///06/05/ 2021	12230	5,000.00	Advance Payments made RY 2020-2021 9,500.00				
19	FABI, LANI	9 October 2021	12248	1,000.00	Payments made RY 2021-2022 184,500.00				
20	FAELNAR, CHRIS FERNANDO	11 July 2021	12222	8,000.00	Note: OR No. 12235 for PhP 2,000.00 applied to RY 2020-2021				
21	FAGAR, CY	4 July 2021	12212	4,000.00	OR No. 12237 for PhP 5,000.00 applied to RY 2019-2020				
22	FERNANDEZ, LIBBY	12 July 2021	12223	8,000.00					
23	FLORES, GLEN				Emylou De Guzman and Saoud were inducted to RCB on Oct 30, 2021				
24	KAUR, BABY	12 August 2021	12234	5,000.00					

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PAGE

RI President Message for November 2021



Shekhar Mehta

President Rotary International

first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

 The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.

- More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautile, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escaut, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity.

This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit <u>rotary.org/donate</u>; once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to do more and grow more. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives*.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PAGE



EIC Cora Ocampo

Editor-in-Chief Rotary Club of Baguio

Discovering the impact of Rotary grants in Zimbabwe

https://blog.rotary.org/2021/10/26/discovering-the-impact-of-rotary-grants-in-zimbabwe/

By Carolyn Schrader, Rotary Club of Denver Mile High, Colorado, USA

When I first joined Rotary, I was encouraged by another member to join in sponsoring a \$14,000 AIDS awareness grant in Harare, Zimbabwe. I helped raise funds and worked with the Harare Rotarians to write the grant completed in 2005. But my connection to Zimbabwe lasted much longer.

As I was writing the grant report, I realized I had no idea what had really happened because the grant activity was in Zimbabwe and I was in Denver. I needed to go see the project. That was perhaps one of the most fateful decisions I ever made.

Along with volunteers for the training organization that had designed the program, I went to Zimbabwe, starting a love affair with Rotary grant projects. I learned more about sustainable projects, and why Rotary is encouraging members to focus on increasing impact. (download the <u>Increase our Impact</u> <u>white paper</u>)

I saw so much need that I started a grant for \$330,000 for economic development. We trained over 3,000 women in basic economic skills during a four-year period.

The structure of that particular grant was powerful, sustainable, and well organized. I could see the level of commitment that Rotary had made to enable members to actually implement life-changing grants. I visited the project 21 times over the next nine years and saw how truly transformative the process can be. When we interviewed the women, they said again and again how much the project changed their lives. They said "I never thought that I could save money."

And that was precisely the first thing that we taught in the training: how to save money. The women created groups of 10 or 12 people, and they would commit to saving, for example, a dollar a week. Everybody in the group would come to the weekly meeting and they would bring their money and put it in a common jar or a box.

After several weeks, when they had accumulated enough money to make it worthwhile, the group would start to give loans. The women would complete an application and describe what they were going to use the money for.

They could add the loan to their savings and use that money to improve their businesses. They began to make money because they had saved money. They went from being poor, not only economically, but also in spirit, to being empowered.

Cultural learnings

During my visits it became obvious that, even with the training

material, there were areas in which the women, on their own, said "No, we're not going to do it that way. We're going to do it a different way."

The first time I encountered this I thought their way was not working. We're going to have to fix that. That was the first time I really understood that if you want this project to be sustainable, the community has to own this project. It's their project and they demonstrate that by doing it in a different way consistent with their culture and their experience.

In one instance, they provided money for funeral expenses to a woman who had a family member pass. My first reaction was, well, that money is not going to be repaid. But to them, the woman's need superseded the group's collective needs.

And that was an insight. If they change it, then they're owning it — and they'll keep using it as long as it benefits them. I had to see that what they were doing was owning the project, bit by bit.

Community-driven change

I always say that the most important element in a global grant are the local Rotary members. Rotary requires that a global grant start with the community identifying needs. And that's where local Rotary members shine. They meet with the community, hear their needs, and begin to create a work plan. Because they're part of the culture and know local customs, they're able to hear and understand the community and its needs.

After that, a committed team is formed of Rotary members on the ground, local community members who believe in the project plan, and international members who support the project by fundraising and site visits (even virtually.) Grant funds and money from members and supporting organizations create the perfect end product: a sustainable outcome that belongs to the community and creates lasting positive change.

Rotary Grants are not the same as sending money to pay school fees. Helping a community help themselves is one of the most satisfying things that a person can do. I am so proud to be a part of Rotary and to have seen the impact that Rotary can make.

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5 Things You Probably Never Kn	ew Your Mobile Phone Could Do				
Forwarding as received. I tried no. 4 below and the 15 digit code did appear.	serve will be recharged when you charge your handphone next time.				
5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO !!!	This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals which we skip without realizing.				
Very useful	4. Disabling a STOLEN mobile.				
In grave emergencies, your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival.	To check your handphone's serial number, key in following digits on your phone:				
1. Emergency Services	* # 0 6 #				
The Emergency No. worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112.	Ensure you put an asterisk BEFORE the #06# sequence.				
If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mo- bile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network in your area to es- tablish the emergency number for you, and interestingly	A 15 digits code will appear on the screen that is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your handphone is ever stolen, phone your service pro- vider and give them this code.				
this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free.	They will then be able to block your handset so even if the SIM is changed, your handphone will be totally useless.				
2. Locked your keys in the car?	And even if you don't get your phone back, at least it can't use/resold either. If everybody did this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.				
If you lock your remote keyless car keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.	 This secret is also in the fine print of most mobile phone manuals. It was created for the very purpose of trying to prevent phones from being stolen. 5. ATM PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know !!! If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321. The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still 				
Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button on the spare key, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.					
Distance is no object. You could be thousands of miles away.					
Editor's Note: I didn't believe this when I heard about it! I rang my daughter in Sydney from Perth when we went on holiday. She had the spare car key. We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!	Article and you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location. All ATM's carry this emergency sequencer by law. This information was recently broadcast by Crime Stop- pers. It is, however, seldom used as people just don't know about it.				
3. Is your mobile phone battery flat ? All handphone have Hidden Battery Power.					
To activate, press the keys *3370# (remember the aster- isk). Do this when the phone is almost dead. Your mobile	Please pass this along to everyone.				
will restart in a special way with this new reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery life. This re-	This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends.				

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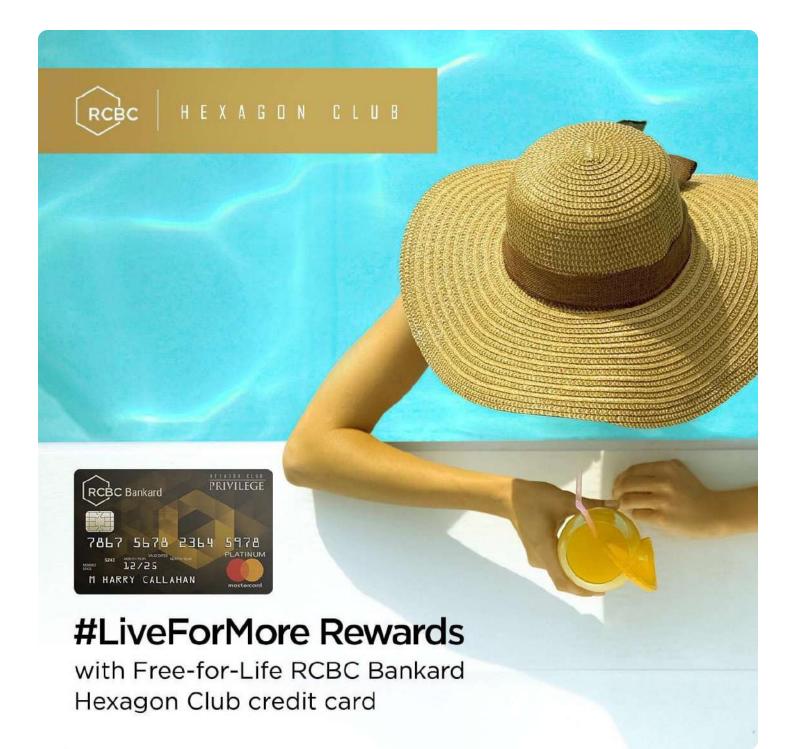
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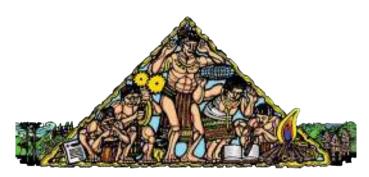
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THE CAÑAO EMBLEM

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 communityalways coupled with fellowship. Hence, the sub-title of "A Celebration of Service."



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 cardiode-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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