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2ND & 3RD QUARTER BIRTHDAY
AND VALENTINE FELLOWSHIP



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R.I. District 3790, Club No. 16863
Chartered on 21 February 1938

The Rotary Club of Baguio
meets every Saturday
at 12:30 to 2:30 pm
at the Baguio Country Club



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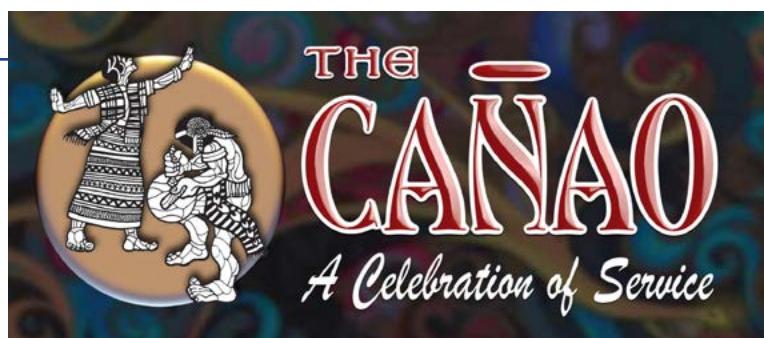
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THE CAÑAO & NEW EMBLEM

Symbolizing unity, joy, and gratitude, "Cañao" (pronounced kan-yau) is a traditional dance from the Cordilleras in Northern Luzon of the Philippines, celebrated during feasts and gatherings.

Our new emblem shows a male and female in ritual dance within a native gong—honoring abundance, much like how we celebrate service and fellowship in Rotary. Truly, "A Celebration of Service."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LOVE IN SERVICE

Today, February 14, we celebrate Valentine's Day—often called the season of love. Yet beyond flowers, chocolates, and romance, this special day invites us to reflect on a deeper and more enduring form of love: **love for humanity**. When love is given freely, without expectation of return, it becomes its purest and most powerful expression.

February is also **Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month**, reminding us that love expressed through understanding, compassion, and service can heal divisions and restore dignity. As of this writing, the committee overseeing this Area of Focus, led by **Director Mariver** with the invaluable support of our dedicated RCBians—most especially **Sec. PP Cora**—has prepared a meaningful and affirming activity for our **Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)** in Baguio City. Through this program, our PDLs are given a chance to share their talents and rediscover their worth. It is our gentle reminder that they remain human, valued, and capable of hope, regardless of circumstance.

In the Rotary Club of Baguio, **love begins at home**. We nurture camaraderie, friendship, fellowship, and mutual respect among ourselves. Only when these bonds are strong can we truly radiate love outward—especially to those from whom love is least expected to be returned. This spirit is beautifully embodied by **Rtn. Bong Naguit**, whose unwavering service to our brothers and sisters in the city jail continues to inspire us. Through his compassion and presence, our PDLs are reminded that they matter and that hope still shines. Thank you, Rtn. Bong, for representing our club with such sincerity and heart.

Love is also expressed through care for basic needs. Our **Rotary Water**

Harvesting Project once again made a meaningful impact with the installation of another water tank at **Fort del Pilar Child Development Center**. My sincere thanks to **PP Chris F.**, **Director Ben**, **Director Edward**, and the entire team who made this possible. Every drop of water that cleanses and sustains life is a reflection of our care—for our children, teachers, and the environment we are called to protect. Thank you, RCB, for sharing your time, resources, and commitment to this life-giving project.

This Valentine's Day also marks our collective **second and third quarter birthday celebration**. Through this joyful gathering, we reaffirm the values that bind us—fellowship, goodwill, peace, and understanding—strengthening our relationships and preventing conflict within our club.

As we look ahead, we joyfully anticipate **February 19**, when we celebrate the **88th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Baguio**. We thank God for guiding us to this milestone. I am deeply proud to belong to a club that not only serves tirelessly, but also pauses to celebrate its people and the community it loves. Truly, **Service Above Self** prevails—when we are united, we do good, and we become good.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who planned, prepared, and contributed to our upcoming anniversary celebration. We may not act our age—after all, it is just a number—but we move forward with renewed spirit, deeper love, and a wider vision for service.

Happy Anniversary, dear fellow Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Baguio. May love continue to guide everything we do.



PRES. JOE URSUA

RCB President
RY 2025-2026

MEMBERS' ROSTER

ROTARY CLUB OF BAGUIO
PAST PRESIDENTS AND CURRENT PRESIDENT
RY = Rotary Year - Term of Presidency



PP Vicenia BALAO
RY 1997-1998



PP Marilyn BARREDO
RY 2014-2015



PP Ricardo BONDOC Jr.
RY 2017-2018



PP Arnel CABANISAS
RY 2021-2022



PP Anita CALABIAS
RCBS RY 2011-2012



PP Mia Joy CAWED
RY 2009-2010



PP Rafael CHAN
RY 2007-2008



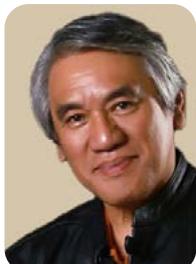
PP Dionisio CLARIDAD
RY 1988-1989



PP Mary Leilani FABI
RY 2018-2019



PP Chris Fernando FAELNAR
RY 2016-2017



PP Cyrus FAGAR
RY 1992-1993



PP Elizabeth FERNANDEZ
RY 2012-2013



PP Gormito KAUR
RY 2019-2020



PP Ben LADILAD
RY 2010-2011



PP Alfredo LAYGO
RY 2001-2002



PP Evangeline MARANAN
RY 2015-2016



PP Alma Teresa MENDALLA
RY 2020-2021



PP Aii MORALES
RY 2022-2023



PP Maria Corazon OCAMPO
RY 2023-2024



PP Christopher PERALTA
RY 2002-2003



PP Benito SUNGA
RY 1991-1992



PP Alberto TALCO
RY 2008-2009



Pres. Joe URСUA
RY 2025-2026



IPP Jesusa VILLANUEVA
RY 2024-2025



PDG/PP Linda WINTER
RY 2003-2004

SECRETARY'S UPDATE

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

01 – PP Lani Fabi
06 – Dir. Lorena Cachola
09 – Dir. Glaiza Tan
25 – PP Chris Peralta

MOST RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekly – Mental Health Help Desk in Baguio City Jail (male and female dorms)
Participants: Rtn Bong (lead)

21 – Rain Water Harvesting Project ocular inspection and measurement activity in Fort Del Pilar CDC

Participants: PP Chris F and Dir. Benedict

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

24 – RYLA in Calasiao Sports Complex Pangasinan, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Attending: Sec Cora with the RCB Rotaract Club

ATTENDANCE

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WE MISSED YOU LAST MEETING: Dir. Vell, Rtn. Nancy, PN Reymund, PP Jun, Rtn. Kat, PP Arnel, Rtn Vangie, Dir. Lorena, PP Anet, Rtn Eric, PN Lou, PP Lani, Rtn Jeff, PP Baby, PP Atom, PP Ali, Rtn. Levy, Rtn Kacey, Dir. Eduard, Rtn Jojo, Dir. Arlene, Dir. Glaiza, Dir. Noel, IPP Susan, Rtn Harly, Rtn. Peter

EXCUSED: PP Mia, Rtn. Ike, PP Chris F, PP Libby, PP Cy, PP Ben, PP Benny, PDG Linda

MAKE-UP: Rtn. Bong, Sec Cora

ON-LEAVE: Rtn. Ruth and Rtn Ailyn

GUEST: Ms Zoe Nisperos (GHS)



PP CORA OCAMPO

RCB Secretary
RY 2025-2026

THE RCBAGUIO NOISE MAKERS

Every Rotary Club has its own flavor, its own subtle quirks, and its own distinct characters who lend personality to each gathering. For RCBaguio, among the most endearing “relics” of our rich history is a group lovingly remembered as the **Noise Makers**. They were not an official committee, nor a formally recognized fellowship. They were simply a spontaneous, spirited cluster of Rotarians whose presence brought laughter, warmth, and a delightful sense of unpredictability to our Saturday meetings.

The members of this memorable ensemble included **Jody Alabanza**, **Angeling Palma**, **Johnny Zárate**, **Ike Dulnoan**, **Steve Jularbal**, **Henry Tuason**, and **Angie Visperas**. Most of them have already journeyed on to the next life, leaving behind echoes of chuckles and good-natured teasing. Only **PP Angeling** and **Manong/Rtn. Ike** remain with us today—quiet reminders of an era when humor flowed as freely as fellowship.

I count myself fortunate to have entered RCBaguio early enough to witness these gentlemen in action. Their charm did not lie in polished speeches or grand gestures. Instead, it emerged in their effortless ability to enliven the room. They were **warm hecklers**—never mean-spirited, never disruptive, but always ready with a clever quip or perfectly timed comment when discussions became too serious or overly long.

During deliberations, if someone stepped into overly philosophical territory, one of the Noise Makers would toss in a zinger that sent the room into laughter, relieving tension while nudging the meeting gently back on track. They had the uncanny ability to read the mood and inject humor exactly when needed. Their playful interruptions

became a kind of tradition—one that reminded us that fellowship is not only found in structured programs but also in spontaneous moments of shared joy.

Rtn. **Jody Alabanza** was particularly unforgettable, he would make his famous announcement: **“You should applaud after we finish our song, otherwise we will not stop singing!”** It was said with such deadpan seriousness that even new members quickly understood the running joke. The applause—loud, enthusiastic, and slightly exaggerated—always followed.

What made the Noise Makers special was that they never set out to be a “group.” They simply **happened**—drawn together by personality, friendship, and a shared delight in keeping meetings lively. Their humor brought balance, especially during moments when proceedings became overly procedural or weighty. In their own way, they reminded us not to lose sight of the joy that underpins service.

Today, if we were to find a modern-day successor, **PP Alfred Laygo** would stand as a one-man version of the Noise Makers. See him in action during meetings—his quick remarks, his playful interactions—and one can only imagine how much more animated, fun, and cheerfully chaotic our gatherings would be if we had **three Alfreds** instead of one!

As we remember the Noise Makers, we honor not only their personalities but the spirit they embodied: fellowship that is lighthearted, generous, and joyfully human. Their legacy encourages us to embrace laughter as an essential part of Rotary life—because sometimes, a meeting becomes memorable not for the motions passed, but for the warmth shared across the room.

Remembering our

Historical Past

by your Cañao Editor-in-Chief



R IN RETROSPECT

FELLOWSHIP, GRATITUDE, & ROTARY SPIRIT



RTN. ARLENE SUMALAG
RCB Member since 2022

R RETROSPECT SCENES

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE :



Retrospect Photos By:
Rtn. Kat and PN Reymund

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PLACE CARDS & GENERAL PROTOCOL

PLACE CARDS

In formal Rotary functions, attention to detail is a mark of respect for both guests and members. One such detail, often overlooked but highly significant, is the use of **place cards** on the head table. These small but important guides serve to eliminate confusion, ensure proper protocol, and provide a sense of order and dignity during the meeting or event.

Place cards are positioned on the head table to clearly indicate the seating arrangement that has been thoughtfully planned in advance. By designating each seat, they prevent hesitation or awkwardness when dignitaries and guests are invited to take their places. In this way, the protocol of precedence is upheld smoothly, without the need for last-minute adjustments or whispered clarifications.

The name of the dignitary or officer is printed on only **one side of the card**, facing toward the person for whom it is intended. This ensures that the individual can easily identify his or her designated seat upon approaching the table. Since the cards are not meant for the audience, there is no need for names to appear on both sides, nor for the cards to be excessively large.

For practicality, the suggested measurement of a place card is about **four inches (100 mm) in length and two inches (50 mm) in height**. This size strikes the right balance—large enough to be legible to the individual seated, yet discreet enough to avoid drawing unnecessary attention from the rest of the audience. The simplicity of the card underscores its function: clarity rather than display.

Though modest in appearance, place cards serve a vital purpose in maintaining decorum and honoring protocol. By thoughtfully preparing them, a Rotary club demonstrates both efficiency and consideration, hallmarks of the organization's respect for fellowship and order.

GENERAL PROTOCOL

In Rotary, observance of protocol reflects not only respect for individuals but also the club's commitment to order, harmony, and tradition.

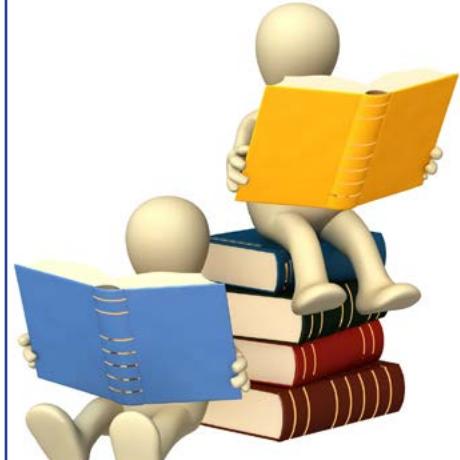
The first principle to remember is that a **current position always takes precedence over a past position**. This ensures that the person presently entrusted with responsibility is recognized accordingly. Similarly, a **past position outranks a future position**, underscoring the value of service already rendered rather than appointments yet to be assumed. This balance highlights Rotary's respect both for leadership in the present and for the legacy of those who came before.

When a member holds more than one office, the **highest position determines rank**. This avoids ambiguity and ensures that an individual is recognized for the most significant role being served at the time. Just as important is the acknowledgment that **spouses share the same rank as the officials they accompany**. This reflects Rotary's appreciation for the support that families provide to service and leadership.

At formal gatherings, **officers should be addressed by their official title only once during introductions or acknowledgments**. Repetition may appear excessive, and a single respectful mention is sufficient to honor their presence while maintaining the flow of the program.

Finally, it is worth noting that in the special context of **Rotary International (RI) and its Foundation**, there is a unique adjustment to precedence: the **President-Elect is ranked higher than Past Presidents**. This exception recognizes the importance of continuity and the role of the President-Elect in preparing to lead the global organization.

By following these guiding rules, Rotary members ensure that all gatherings are conducted with respect, clarity, and decorum, reflecting the spirit of fellowship and service that define the organization.



SERVING FROM THE HEART

Valentine's Day gives us a gentle pause in the rhythm of our Rotary year—a moment to reflect not only on love in its romantic sense, but on love expressed through care, commitment, and service. For us in the **Rotary Club of Baguio (RCBaguio)**, this occasion resonates deeply, because love has always been at the very center of who we are and what we do.

Quite literally, it is at the heart of our identity.

Our club logo, familiar to every Rotarian of RCBaguio, carries an overall **cardioid—heart—shape**. It is more than a design choice or a visual signature. It is a quiet declaration of purpose. It reminds us that Rotary service, as we live it, is never mechanical or detached. We do not serve by obligation alone. We serve with sincerity. We serve with compassion. We serve from the heart.

On Valentine's Day, that symbolism feels especially meaningful. While others celebrate love with flowers and cards, we are reminded that love can also take the form of time freely given, hands extended in fellowship, and steadfast presence in moments when our community needs us most. These are expressions of love that do not fade after a day; they endure through years of shared work and shared values.

The heart-shaped form of our club logo speaks quietly but powerfully. It tells us that service is not just about efficiency or achievement, but about intention. It invites us to ask ourselves not only *what* we do, but *how* and *why* we do it. When service is anchored in empathy and guided by integrity, it becomes transformative—both for those we serve and for ourselves.

To "serve from the heart" also means recognizing one another. Within

RCBaguio, love finds expression in fellowship that spans generations, in friendships forged through common purpose, and in respect nurtured even amid differing views. It is found in meetings filled with laughter and in the quiet reassurance that no Rotarian stands alone.

Valentine's Day reminds us that the strongest communities are built not on perfection, but on patience and care. Like the continuous ring formed by our logo, our strength comes from connection—from each member choosing, again and again, to remain engaged, generous, and present. Each act of service, however modest, becomes part of a larger circle of goodwill.

As we reflect this Valentine season, let us appreciate the deeper meaning of our emblem. Let it remind us that Rotary service is personal. It asks for our minds and our hands, yes—but also for our hearts. When we serve with genuine concern for others, our actions gain warmth, credibility, and lasting impact.

May this Valentine's Day encourage us to renew that spirit. May we continue to approach our projects, our fellowship, and our leadership with kindness and humility. And may we always remember that the most enduring legacy we leave is not measured solely in accomplishments, but in the lives touched by heartfelt service.

In RCBaguio, love is not just celebrated—it is lived. Every time we act with compassion, every time we listen, every time we serve, we affirm the simple truth reflected in our logo and in our lives as Rotarians: **we serve from the heart.**



PP RAFFY CHAN

Cañao Editor-in-Chief

RY 2025-2026

PROGRAM FOR TODAY

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Wolfson Room

Saturday, 14 February 2026

TIME	PORTION	IN CHARGE
12:00 nn	Fellowship	
12:30 pm	Call to Order	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Invocation	Dir. Glaiza Tan
	Pambansang Awit	(Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn	(Everyone)
	Four-Way-Test	(Everyone)
1:20	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests (VRG)	PP Atom Mendalla
	Raffle	PP Baby Kaur
1:40	Members' Time	(Anyone)
1:50	President's Time	Pres. Joe Ursua
1:55	2nd & 3rd Quarter Birthday and Valentine Fellowship	
	Birthday AVP	
	Tribute to the Celebrants	
	Candle Blowing & Giving of Tokens	
	Valentine Serenade	
2:30	RCB Hymn	(Everyone)
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal	(Everyone)
	Adjournment	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Program Coordinator	PP Alfred Laygo
	Retrospect	PE Reymund Barrios
	Imager	Rtn. Peter Wasing

PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT MEETING

88th Anniversary Celebration at the Diamond Hall of Hotel Supreme

Saturday, 19 February 2026

Program Coordinator -----	PP Benny Sunga	Introduction of GHS-----	PN Reymund Barrios
Invocation -----	Dir. Noel Velasquez	GHS-----	(TBA)
Introduction of VRG-----	PP Veeh Balajo	Topic:	
Entertainment-----	Dir. Mariver Agayas	Club Response-----	PP Atom Mendalla
Raffle-----	Rtn. Annie Viernes	Retrospect-----	Rtn. Levy Orcales
Finest Moments-----	PP Arnel Cabanisas	Imager -----	Rtn. Peter Wasing

FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH