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



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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.”



P PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A GRATEFUL FAREWELL

As we gather for our first meeting in June, we can now look back and say that the month of May has been successfully completed, save for one important final task—the presentation and deliberation of the proposed amendments to the Rotary Club of Baguio By-Laws, which will be taken up during our regular meeting on June 06.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to President-Elect Reymund Barrios for presiding over our May 13 meeting while I was engaged in a Medical Outreach Mission at the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital, a service project I organized and personally attended for my barangay through the SCCP.

On May 25, we conducted what was intended to be our final Board Meeting for Rotary Year 2025–2026. During this meeting, the proposed amendments to our By-Laws were formally presented through the efforts of PP Mia Cawed, PP Libby Fernandez, and PP Ali Morales. My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work in helping shape the future governance of our beloved club.

I would also like to acknowledge PP Treasurer Marilyn Barredo, Director Arlene Sumalag, and Vice President Lou, who joined remotely, for actively participating in this important discussion. Your commitment to the welfare and continued growth of the Rotary Club of Baguio is deeply appreciated.

A special note of gratitude goes to Director Arlene Sumalag for successfully organizing the Kimchi-Making Project last May 23. The activity was well attended and once again demonstrated the spirit of fellowship and service that defines Rotary. My thanks as well to all donors, participants, and Rotarians who supported the project, especially PP Veeh Balajo for her unwavering support of our club initiatives.

More importantly, this project highlighted our commitment to helping Cordillera farmers through the spirit of Bayanihan. Maraming salamat po sa inyong malasakit at tulong sa ating mga magsasaka.

June 06 marks our third and final regular meeting of the month. During this gathering, our distinguished Rotarian lawyers together with PP Ali Morales will conclude the review and updating of selected provisions of our By-Laws. These amendments are intended to provide future administrations with clearer guidance while ensuring that our governing documents remain relevant to present-day realities and Rotary practices. I encourage every member to attend and participate in this historic process.

From June 12 to 18, I will have the honor of representing our club at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. While I am away, Rtn. Bong Naguit and PP Alfred Laygo will share their reports and insights as evaluators for our junior and senior members.

As this Rotary year draws to a close, I cannot adequately express how grateful I am to each of you. On June 20, I will pass the responsibilities of leadership to our incoming President, Reymund Barrios.

If at any time I may not have met everyone's expectations, I sincerely apologize. Yet before God and before all of you, I can honestly say that I gave this responsibility my very best while balancing my duties as physician, teacher, broadcaster, businessman, husband, father, and Rotarian.

There may have been goals left unfinished, but I take comfort in knowing that I served with sincerity and dedication. Thank you for your friendship, trust, patience, and support.

Service Above Self. Always.



PRES. JOE URSUA
RCB President
RY 2025-2026



JUNE: TRANSITION AND FULFILLMENT MONTH

In the Rotary Club of Baguio, every month is a chance to celebrate the gift of life and the fellowship that binds us together. Yet June carries a unique significance in the Rotary calendar. It is the final month of every Rotary Year, a season of closure and reflection, of fulfillment and transition. For our June birthday celebrants, this month is doubly meaningful: their personal milestones coincide with the club's own turning of the page, marking both an ending and a beginning.

In the Philippines, June signals the return of rains and the start of a new academic year. It is a month of transition for students, families, and communities alike. In Rotary, it is the same—a time to look back at the year's accomplishments while preparing to welcome new leadership, fresh goals, and renewed commitment. June celebrants are thus born in a month that is naturally rich in symbolism. Their birthdays remind us that endings are not simply farewells, but stepping stones to new opportunities.

Science and culture also add perspective. Research suggests that those born in June are often gifted with adaptability, curiosity, and vision. They are seen as people who thrive in moments of change and who embrace new challenges with optimism. In this way, they mirror the month itself—open to transition, eager for growth, and full of promise. Within our fellowship, these qualities can be clearly seen in our June celebrants, whose presence brings stability even in times of change.

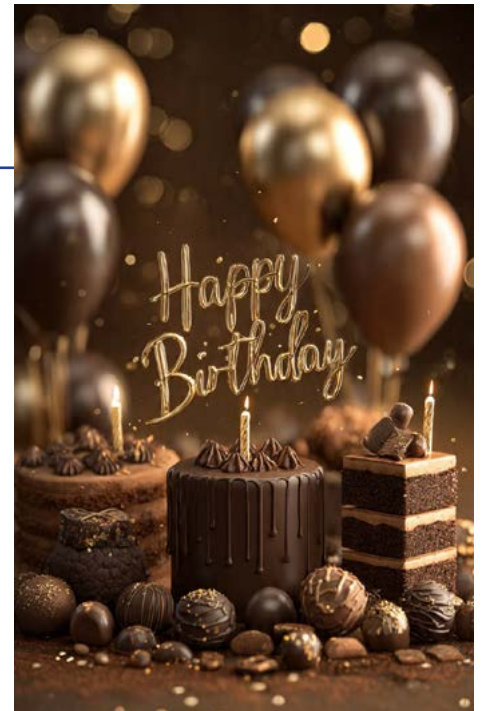
This month also holds special meaning for the editorial team of our bulletin. As June marks the conclusion

of the Rotary Year, it also signals the nearing end of the tenure of the current Editor-in-Chief. Each issue crafted throughout the year represents countless hours of thought, creativity, and dedication. To see this service draw to a close is both bittersweet and fulfilling. Like our June celebrants, the EIC shares in the spirit of transition, leaving behind a legacy of fellowship while opening the way for new voices to carry the work forward.

Within Rotary, June is also a time of gratitude. It is the month when we gather to celebrate the achievements of our leaders and the dedication of our members. It is when we recognize the projects completed, the lives touched, and the friendships deepened. Our June celebrants embody these values in their own lives—reminding us that fulfillment comes not just from closing a chapter, but from knowing that one has lived it with purpose and love.

As we honor our June-born members, we do so with warm appreciation and admiration. May their lives be blessed with joy, health, and continued opportunities to inspire others. May their birthdays remind us of the importance of cherishing both endings and beginnings, and of welcoming each new season with courage.

Indeed, June is a month of transition and fulfillment—and our celebrants, like the Rotary Year itself, show us that every ending holds the promise of a brighter tomorrow.



OUR JUNE-BORN MEMBERS



Rtn. Kat Bosantog
June 12



PP/Sec Cora Ocampo
June 21



PDG/PP Linda Winter
June 21



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

12 – Rtn. Kat Bosantog
21 – PP/Sec. Cora Ocampo
21 – PDG/PP Linda Winter

MOST RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

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

19 February – 88TH Charter Anniversary of RCB, 5:30PM Diamond Ballroom, Hotel Supreme.

Participated in by active Rotarians:

21 February – POLIO PLUS Banquet, 2nd Floor Levo Hotel, San Vicente Urdaneta City at 4 PM

Participants: Pres Joe and Dir. Benedict

28 February – Grant Management Seminar in Subic Riviera Hotel and Residences, Subic Bay

Participants: PE Reymund, Pres Joe, PP Arnel, Dir Benedict

02 March – Rainwater Harvesting System Turn over Ceremony in Barangay Fort Del Pilar CDC

Participants: Pres Joe, Dir. Eduard, Dir. Benedict, Sec Cora and PP Chris F

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

22 March – Purple FAM RUN, a cluster project, 5:30 AM @City Hall

10-11 April – District Conference (DISCON 2026), Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza, Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City

ATTENDANCE

16 MAY 26

WE MISSED YOU LAST MEETING: PP : PP Jun, Rtn. Vangie, PP Anet, Rtn. Eric, PP Lani, Rtn Kacey, Rtn. Jojo, Dir. Glaiza, Rtn. Annie, Rtn. Harly, PP Ali, Rtn. Glenn, Rtn. Jeff

EXCUSED: Rtn. Ike, PP Chris P, PP Cy, PP Ben, Rtn. Lily, PDG Linda, PP Raffy

MAKE-UP: Rtn. Bong

GUESTS: : RC of La Trinidad (8), RC Vigan (2), RC SFLU (3), RCB Downtown Session (1), RCB Summer Capital (1), RC Baguio North (4), RC Dagupan (2), RC Manila and RC Pasay and RC Makati, RC Bulacan, RC Cavite, CDC Teachers (10), CDC kids and parents, PDG Seichi Morita, Ms. Leizl Kimura, Mr. Joseph Kim, Ms Yun Jihee, Ms. Song Su Kyung, Ms Trisha Kim, Ms. Me-an de Guzman, Lorie Ducutan, Vilma Navarro, Mr. Sonny Balajo

ANNS: RAPP Louie Claridad, Vanessa Ramos, RAPP Lily Sunga, RAPP Oyee Faelnar, Cecille Barrios, Tante Galang Tan

ON-LEAVE: Rtn. Ruth



PP CORA OCAMPO

RCB Secretary
RY 2025-2026

H HAPPENING PAGE

CHOICE IMAGES from CLLS 2026;
CLUB LEADERSHIP LEARNING SEMINAR
Chavit Coliseum, Tamag, Ilocos Sur, 29-30 May 26



FORWARD TOGETHER

Last Saturday's RCB meeting blended fellowship, celebration, planning, and renewed commitment as members gathered to prepare for another meaningful Rotary year. Though the discussions centered on future goals and responsibilities, the atmosphere remained light, cordial, and filled with the warmth that continues to define the Rotary Club of Baguio.

The afternoon opened on a cheerful note with the celebration of PP Alfred's birthday, highlighted by a delicious moist chocolate cake from Le Chef that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Members shared laughter and stories while enjoying the simple pleasure of fellowship over dessert. Moments like these continue to remind everyone that beyond projects and meetings, Rotary is also about friendship and shared experiences.

The meeting flowed into the *Finest Moments* segment led by Rtn. Ronald, who humorously fined members involved in recent RCB activities. His lighthearted approach recognized the efforts and participation of members while keeping the atmosphere lively and engaging. Dir. Benedict then facilitated the raffle, once again bringing excitement as members eagerly waited for their lucky numbers to be called. Some left delighted with prizes, while others simply enjoyed the thrill and laughter that accompanied every draw.

During Members' Time, Sec. Cora proudly announced that RCB's scholar had officially been accepted—the first district scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Baguio. The announcement was warmly applauded and reflected the Club's continuing commitment to education and youth development. It was a proud moment for the Club, affirming that Rotary's investments in young people continue to bear meaningful results.

IAG Chris Faelnar then invited members to attend the upcoming CLSS in Vigan on May 29, encouraging fellowship and participation in district activities. PE

Reymund followed by reading a heartfelt message from Pres. Joe before discussing plans and directions for the incoming Rotary year.

Several important developments were introduced. Member groupings will return, organized into three teams under the same dynamics previously practiced by the Club. Tailored club uniforms are also being prepared, and members were encouraged to attend fittings during upcoming meetings. In addition, regular club meetings will now be held twice a month, a change intended to improve participation and scheduling flexibility.

Dir. Arlene also presented a proposed livelihood initiative—a free kimchi-making seminar designed to support local farmers affected by very low crop prices. To help launch the project, members immediately participated in a “pass-the-hat” fundraising drive with a target of ₱30,000 to purchase one ton of cabbage. The quick and generous response reflected the Club's strong support for practical, community-centered livelihood efforts.

IAG Chris likewise presented the District Goals and RI Priorities for the coming year under the theme **“Create Lasting Impact.”** Membership growth was emphasized, with RCB aiming to welcome at least five new members during the next Rotary year. Members were reminded that August will be especially busy, with RCB hosting the MDS and Year-End Review, followed by the Club Induction on August 22.

Before adjournment, committee chairs and members grouped together to begin planning for the next Rotary year. Members were encouraged to participate actively in one or more committees, reinforcing the shared responsibility of service and leadership within the Club.

Overall, the meeting served as both a celebration and a planning session—strengthening fellowship while preparing members to move forward together toward another year of meaningful service and lasting impact.



DIR. ARLENE SUMALAG
RCB Member since 2023



16 MAY 2026 MEETING

Retrospect Photos By:
PE Reymund Barrios,
and others



FROM ONE TABLE TO THE WORLD

It began, as many meaningful things do, not with grandeur but with a simple and sincere gathering. In 1905, in a modest office in Chicago, four men came together with a shared desire for friendship, trust, and mutual support in a rapidly changing world. That small meeting—around a single table—would become the seed of what we now know as Rotary, a global fellowship that continues to shape lives and communities more than a century later.

The early vision was straightforward: to create a circle of professionals who could rely on one another, not only for business, but for genuine human connection. Yet what began as fellowship soon revealed a deeper purpose. The realization emerged that if individuals could come together in friendship, they could also unite in service. From that insight grew the guiding principle of “Service Above Self”—not merely a

slogan, but a way of life that continues to inspire Rotarians across generations and across continents, cultures, and communities worldwide.

From those first gatherings, Rotary grew steadily, extending from city to city, then from nation to nation, and eventually across the world. Its strength did not lie in grand declarations, but in the quiet consistency of its members—people willing to give their time, talent, and compassion to causes greater than themselves. Whether building wells, supporting education, advancing peace, or responding to crises, Rotarians carried forward a shared belief that small acts, when multiplied across many hands and many hearts, can create meaningful and lasting change in communities everywhere.

Here in Baguio, we understand this spirit in a deeply personal way.

Our fellowship reflects that first table in Chicago. We gather not merely as colleagues, but as friends bound by a shared purpose and a sense of responsibility to others. In the cool air of the highlands, surrounded by pine trees and a vibrant community, we continue a tradition that is both global in reach and local in expression, rooted in service and strengthened by fellowship.

What makes Rotary endure is not simply its history, but its remarkable capacity to adapt. Across generations, cultures, and changing circumstances, Rotary has remained relevant because it listens, evolves, and responds to real human needs. It welcomes new members, embraces new ideas, and encourages innovation, all while remaining firmly anchored in its founding values of integrity, service, and fellowship, which continue to guide its mission.

More than a century later, the table has grown larger, yet the invitation remains the same. It calls each of us to take our place—not just as members, but as stewards of a living and growing legacy. A legacy that reminds us that great movements often begin quietly, with a conversation, a handshake, and a shared commitment to do good.

And so, from that one table in Chicago to gatherings across the world, including our own here in Baguio, Rotary continues—not merely as an institution, but as a living fellowship. One that endures because it is built on something timeless: people coming together in trust, goodwill, and shared purpose to create a better world for all, today and for future generations.



Charter Dinner of 1930 of the Rotary Club of Singapore



ROTARY IN A CHANGING WORLD

The world is changing at a pace few generations have ever witnessed. Technology reshapes communication. Social media influences opinion. Economic shifts alter livelihoods. Climate realities demand urgent attention. And in the midst of these transformations stands the Rotary Club of Baguio — rooted in tradition, yet called to remain relevant.

For nearly nine decades, our club has served the City of Pines with consistency and conviction. But today's environment asks new questions of us. How do we engage younger professionals whose schedules are fluid and digital? How do we design service projects that respond to evolving community needs? How do we maintain meaningful fellowship in an age where interaction is often virtual?

The answer does not lie in abandoning our foundations. Rather, it lies in rediscovering them.

As part of Rotary International, we inherit values that have endured for more than a century: integrity, service, fellowship, diversity, and leadership. These are not outdated principles. They are precisely the anchors needed in uncertain times.

Take integrity, for example. In an era when misinformation spreads easily and public trust is fragile, Rotary's commitment to ethical standards remains profoundly relevant. The Four-Way Test continues to challenge us: Is it the truth? Is it fair? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These questions are timeless — perhaps even more necessary now.

Service, too, has evolved in expression but not in essence. Today, community needs may include digital literacy, environmental sustainability, mental health awareness, and disaster resilience. As Baguio faces issues ranging from urban congestion to climate

vulnerability, Rotary must adapt its strategies. Yet the spirit behind the service remains unchanged: placing community welfare above personal convenience.

Fellowship has also taken on new dimensions. While face-to-face gatherings remain invaluable, we have learned to appreciate hybrid meetings, online collaboration, and digital communication platforms. These tools expand participation rather than diminish it. They allow us to include members who travel, who are balancing professional demands, or who reside beyond the city center. Technology, when used wisely, strengthens our unity.

At the same time, we must guard against losing the warmth that defines Rotary. A handshake, a shared meal, a spontaneous conversation before a meeting — these moments build trust that no screen can replicate. The challenge is not to choose between tradition and innovation, but to weave them together thoughtfully.

Leadership in a changing world also requires openness. Younger members bring fresh ideas, new skill sets, and contemporary perspectives. When we welcome their insights with humility rather than hesitation, we model confidence in Rotary's adaptability. Change becomes less threatening and more invigorating.

As members of the Rotary Club of Baguio, we stand at an intersection of heritage and horizon. Our task is not to preserve the past in glass, but to carry its values forward with courage.

In embracing new challenges with old values, we ensure that Rotary remains not only present in a changing world — but powerfully relevant within it.



PP RAFFY CHAN
Cañao Editor-in-Chief
RY 2025-2026

PROGRAM FOR TODAY

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Wolfson Room

Saturday, 06 June 2026

TIME	PORTION	IN CHARGE
12:00 nn	Fellowship	
12:30 pm	Call to Order-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Invocation-----	PP Diony Claridad
	Pambansang Awit-----	(Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn -----	(Everyone)
	Four-Way-Test-----	(Everyone)
1:20 pm	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests (VRG)-----	PP Bert Talco
	Entertainment -----	Dir. Kat Bosantog
	Raffle -----	Rtn. Annie Viernes
	Finest Moments -----	PP Libby Fernandez
1:40 pm	Members' Time-----	(Anyone)
1:50 pm	President's Time-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
1:55 pm	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	
	Presentation-----	PP Mia Cawed
	Discussion	
	Confirmation	
2:30 pm	RCB Hymn-----	(Everyone)
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal-----	(Everyone)
	Adjournment-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Program Coordinator -----	PP Raffy Chan
	Retrospect -----	Rtn. Levy Orcales
	Imager -----	Rtn. Peter Wasing & PE Reymund Barrios

PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT MEETING

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Wolfson Room
Saturday, 13 June 2026

Program Coordinator ----- PP Anita Calabias
 Invocation ----- Rtn. Bong Naguit
 Introduction of VRG----- PP Atom Mendalla
 Entertainment ----- PP Cora Ocampo
 Raffle----- Dir. Ed Ramos
 Finest Moments----- Dir. Benedict Grajo

Agenda ----- CLUB ASSEMBLY
 Topic: FELLOWSHIP
 Call to Order/Adjourn ---- PE Reymund Barrios
 Retrospect ----- IPP Susan Villanueva
 Imager ----- Rtn. Peter Wasing, et al.

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

