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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

LIVING THE FOUR-WAY TEST

As we approach the final weeks of Rotary Year 2025–2026, I find myself reflecting on the theme that has guided us throughout this remarkable journey: “Unite for Good.”

At first glance, it seems like a simple theme. Yet behind those three words lies a profound truth. Rotary has always recognized that when people of different backgrounds, professions, beliefs, and experiences come together with a common purpose, extraordinary things happen. In unity, we become stronger. In unity, we accomplish more. In unity, we truly embody the Rotary spirit of **Service Above Self**.

To unite means setting aside personal interests and embracing a purpose greater than ourselves. It means recognizing that no single Rotarian can accomplish what a united club can achieve. Throughout this Rotary year, we have worked together in service projects, fellowship activities, community outreach, and humanitarian endeavors. We have shown that when we unite for good, good things naturally follow.

As I prepare to deliver one of my final messages as your President, I invite everyone to reflect once more on Rotary’s timeless ethical guide—the **Four-Way Test**: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to All Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

Many of us can recite these questions by heart. Yet Rotary asks something deeper of us. It asks us not merely to remember them, but to live by them in our thoughts, words, decisions, and actions.

Is it the Truth? Truth is the foundation of trust. It requires honesty, integrity, and the courage to face reality even when it is difficult.

Is it Fair to All Concerned? Fairness challenges us to rise above personal

bias and self-interest. Justice requires us to remain objective, especially when decisions are difficult.

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Rotary is a fellowship of diverse individuals. Through understanding, respect, and goodwill, we strengthen the bonds that make Rotary a family.

Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned? Before making decisions or taking action, we should ask whether our choices genuinely help others and contribute positively to our communities.

Sometimes I wonder what our world would be like if truth, fairness, friendship, and concern for others guided the decisions of every family, community, organization, and nation.

Perhaps the answer lies within each of us.

At the end of every day, before we retire for the night, perhaps we should ask ourselves these four simple questions. If our answer is a sincere “yes,” then we have done our part.

We may not change the entire world, but perhaps we have improved a family, strengthened a friendship, helped a community, or made our city a little better than we found it.

And that, dear friends, is our **ambag**—our contribution.

For in the end, what matters most is not the titles we held or the honors we received, but whether we made a positive difference in the lives of others.

If we have made our home, our city, and our community a better place, then we have truly lived the Rotary ideal of **Service Above Self**.

Together, let us continue to Unite for Good.



PRES. JOE URSUA
RCB President
RY 2025-2026



THE MEANING OF THE ROTARY WHEEL

The Rotary Wheel is one of the most recognized symbols in the world, representing the universality of Rotary and its far-reaching presence across nations. More than just an emblem, every element of the wheel carries a meaning that reflects the spirit and purpose of Rotary.

THE NOTCH OR SLOT (KEYWAY)

The small slot within the wheel represents the Club President. Just as the notch locks a wheel securely onto its axle, the President provides leadership and direction, keeping the club firmly connected and in motion.

THE CENTRAL AXLE

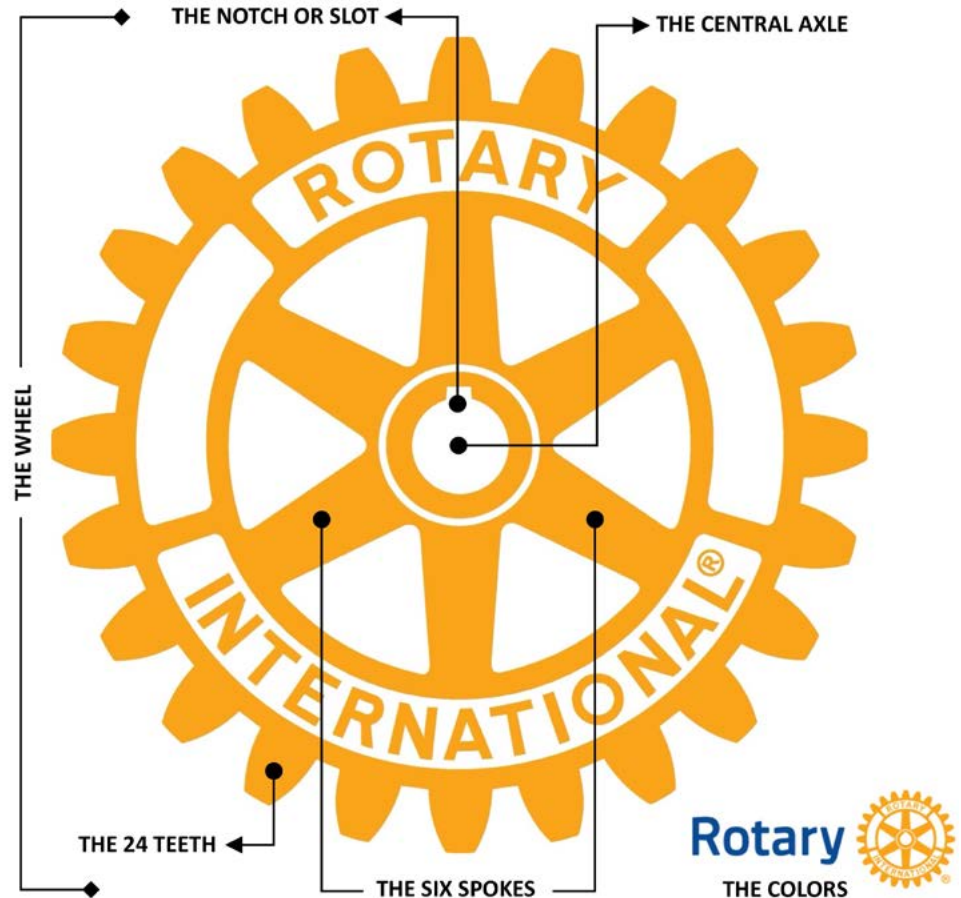
At the heart of the wheel lies the central axle, symbolizing the members of each Rotary club. Together with the notch, which stands for the President, members are the true driving force that generates the energy necessary to set Rotary's service in motion.

THE WHEEL

The wheel itself symbolizes Rotary's universality—its international character and worldwide outreach—demonstrating that the ideals of Service Above Self transcend borders and cultures.

THE 24 TEETH

Around the wheel are 24 teeth, representing the 24 hours of each day. They remind Rotarians that every hour is an opportunity to enjoy life, to share fellowship, and to live the Rotary ideal of service.



THE SIX SPOKES

The six spokes each carry a special meaning, reminding us of the foundation of Rotary values:

1. Family
2. Action
3. Friendship
4. Professional ethics and the principle of classification
5. Religion (freedom of worship)
6. Institutional integrity (dedicated to preserving Rotary unity)

THE COLORS

The Rotary wheel shines in two distinctive colors. Gold evokes the nobility of purpose that inspires every Rotarian, while Azure/Blue represents the vastness of the sky, symbolizing the universal and elevated goals of our movement.

A SYMBOL THROUGH TIME

From its first designs in 1905 to the present day, the Rotary wheel has evolved, yet its essence has remained constant: a dynamic emblem of service, leadership, and fellowship that continues to move communities forward around the globe.



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 Faenar, Cecille Barrios, Tante Galang Tan

ON-LEAVE: Rtn. Ruth



PP CORA OCAMPO

RCB Secretary
 RY 2025-2026

M MEMBERS' ROSTER

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



PP Vicenia BALAJO
RY 1997-1998



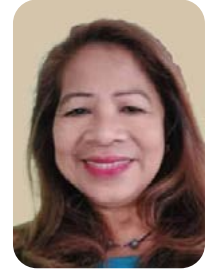
PP Marilyn BARREDO
RY 2014-2015



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



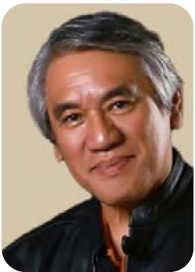
PP Dionisio CLARIDAD
RY 1988-1989



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 Ali 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 URSUA
RY 2025-2026



IPP Jesusa VILLANUEVA
RY 2024-2025



PDG/PP Linda WINTER
RY 2003-2004



LOOKING AHEAD

The Rotary Club of Baguio held another engaging and meaningful meeting on June 6, 2026, with President Joe calling the gathering to order at 12:30 p.m. Fellowship time allowed members to reconnect and exchange stories before the formal meeting commenced at 12:40 p.m.

The afternoon opened on a delightful note with a musical performance by Director Kat and her daughter Natalia. Their rendition of two popular songs brought smiles to everyone and set a warm and cheerful atmosphere for the meeting.

Adding excitement was the raffle conducted by Rtn. Annie and PP Raffy. Members eagerly participated for a chance to win prizes, all generously prepared and provided by Rtn. Annie herself. The spirit of fellowship continued with PP Libby's "Finest Moments," where she shared her enjoyable experience learning the art of kimchi-making. Her reflections highlighted the value of embracing new skills and experiences before she playfully fined members for their notable contributions to recent club activities.

During Members' Time, Vice President Lou reminded members of the Strategic Planning Presentation scheduled for June 13 and the Club Turnover and Evaluation Program on June 20 at Jasper Hall, Hotel Supreme.

PP/Sec. Cora acknowledged Rtn. Annie's generosity and congratulated her for having one of her ube products recognized by a well-known social media vlogger. She also reported on recent service activities, including the Balik-Eskwela Project in Tublay and a collaborative outreach project with the Junior Chamber International at Camp Allen, which had a budget allocation of ₱7,000. Director Glaiza was likewise recognized for her participation in these initiatives.

PP Chris, who will serve as Assistant Governor in the coming Rotary year, announced the induction of the Rotary Club of San Fernando, La Union on July 7 and shared updates on upcoming district projects. He also emphasized the Cluster Public Image Campaign, encouraging clubs to display promotional tarpaulins in homes and strategic locations beginning July 1, with Director Ed assisting in the production of campaign materials.

In President's Time, President Joe expressed appreciation to members who attended the Board of Directors meeting on May 25, including PP Marilyn, Dir. Arlene, and VP Lou, who participated online. He thanked those who reviewed the Club Bylaws and recognized several members for their service initiatives, including Rtn. Bong for his jail outreach project, PP Diony for his participation in the JCI medical mission, and PE Reymund for presiding over the May 30 meeting. He also encouraged attendance at the June 13 planning session and the June 20 turnover program.

The club then celebrated the birthdays of Director Kat and PP Cora, with members extending warm greetings and best wishes. Additional thanks were given to PP Alfred and PE Reymund for providing ice cream that added a festive touch to the occasion.

The meeting concluded with a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Club Bylaws. PP Mia led the session, assisted by PP Libby, Director Kat, and PP Ali, who presented the proposed changes. An engaging open forum followed, allowing members to clarify provisions and exchange views.

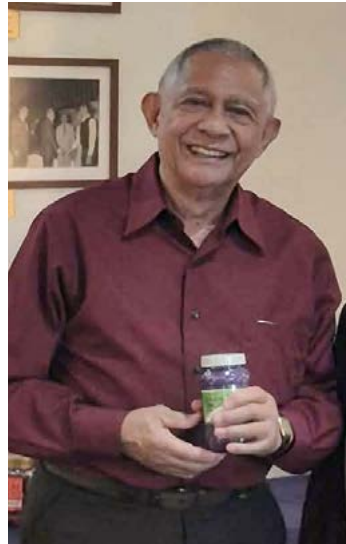
The afternoon ended with the singing of the Rotary Club of Baguio Hymn, a fitting close to a gathering marked by fellowship, service, and a shared commitment to the future of the club.



RTN. LEVY ORCALES
RCB Member since 2022

R RETROSPECT SCENES

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE :



06 JUNE 2026 MEETING

Retrospect Photos By:
Rtn. Kat Bosantog, PE Reymund Barrios,
and PP Libby Fernandez



SERVICE WITHOUT BORDERS

There are revolutions that arrive with noise and spectacle—and then there are those that unfold quietly, steadily transforming lives without fanfare or recognition. Rotary belongs to the latter. It is a revolution not of upheaval, but of compassion; not of division, but of unity. It is a movement that crosses borders not with force, but with goodwill, understanding, and a shared commitment to improving lives and uplifting communities in meaningful and lasting ways.

From its earliest days, Rotary carried within it a universal truth: that the desire to serve is not limited by geography, language, or culture. As Rotary clubs began to form in different parts of the world, a remarkable pattern emerged. Though separated by oceans and traditions, Rotarians shared the same commitment—to uplift communities, to act with integrity, and to build bridges of understanding wherever they were called to serve, often across boundaries that once divided people.

This quiet revolution is most visible in Rotary's global initiatives. From the long-standing effort to eradicate polio to projects that bring clean water, education, and healthcare to underserved communities, Rotary has demonstrated what collective action can achieve. These initiatives are powerful not only because of their scale, but because they are rooted in compassion and sustained through cooperation and trust among diverse groups working together.

Yet the true strength of Rotary lies not only in its large-scale programs, but also in the countless small acts of service carried out every single day. In every part of the world, there are Rotarians who choose to act—to mentor a young person, to support a struggling family,

to respond to an urgent need within their community. These acts may seem modest, but together they form a vast and interconnected network of goodwill that continues to expand and inspire.

Here in Baguio, we are part of that network. Our service projects, our fellowship, and our shared commitment are threads woven into a much larger global tapestry. Though our setting is unique—the highlands, the cool climate, the rich Cordilleran culture—our mission aligns seamlessly with that of Rotarians everywhere, reflecting a shared spirit of care and responsibility.

What makes this quiet revolution endure is its humility. Rotary does not seek recognition; it seeks results. It does not impose solutions; it works alongside communities, listening and responding with respect and sensitivity. It does not act alone; it builds partnerships that amplify impact and ensure sustainability, allowing service efforts to continue long after projects are completed.

As we gather during our Cañao, we are reminded that we belong to something far greater than ourselves. We are connected to a worldwide movement united by service, fellowship, and goodwill, transcending distance, language, and culture through shared purpose.

Rotary's revolution continues—not in headlines, but in lives changed, in communities strengthened, and in hope restored. It reminds us that the most meaningful transformations often happen quietly, through the steady and faithful commitment of people who choose, day after day, to serve others with compassion, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a lasting difference.



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.

The truth is this: Rotary has always been a movement of professionals responding to the needs of their time. Our founders addressed the realities of early 20th-century urban life. We address the realities of the 21st century. The context differs; the calling does not.

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, 13 June 2026

TIME	PORTION	IN CHARGE
12:00 nn	Fellowship	
12:30 pm	Call to Order-----	PE Reymund Barrios
	Invocation-----	Rtn. Bong Naguit
	Pambansang Awit-----	(Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn -----	(Everyone)
	Four-Way-Test-----	(Everyone)
1:20 pm	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests (VRG)-----	PP Atom Mendalla
	Entertainment -----	PP Cora Ocampo
	Raffle -----	Dir. Ed Ramos
	Finest Moments -----	Dir. Benedict Grajo
1:40 pm	Members' Time-----	(Anyone)
1:50 pm	President's Time-----	PE Reymund Barrios
1:55 pm	CLUB ASSEMBLY	
	Presentation of Programs for RY 2026-2027	
	Open Forum and Final Words	
2:30 pm	RCB Hymn-----	(Everyone)
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal-----	(Everyone)
	Adjournment-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Program Coordinator-----	PP Anita Calabias
	Retrospect-----	IPP Susan Villanueva
	Imager-----	Rtn. Peter Wasing

PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT MEETING

YEAR-END & TURNOVER at the Hotel Supreme
Saturday, 20 June 2026

Program Coordinator----- Rtn. Tonton Tan
 Call to Order ----- Pres. Joe Ursua
 Invocation ----- PP Benny Sunga
 Introduction of VRG----- PP Arnel Cabanisas
 Club Evaluation----- PP Alfred & Rtn. Bong
 Valedictory Address----- Pres. Joe Ursua

Presentation of Awards and Certificates
 Gavel Turnover to ----- PE Reymund Barrios
 Acceptance Speech----- PE Reymund
 Adjournment ----- Pres. Reymund Barrios
 Retrospect ----- PP Raffy Chan
 Imager ----- Rtn. Peter Wasing

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

