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R.I. President's Message

1.25 million is more than a number



Rotary has always been about people. Not projects. Not numbers. People.

Our goal of reaching 1.25 million Rotarians and 125,000 Rotaractors by our 125th anniversary in 2030 is also about people.

I bring up this goal again not because I expect the number itself to move you. Numbers rarely do. I bring it up because I worry that a goal this large can begin to feel abstract, distant from the everyday work of our clubs. I do not want that to happen. So let us talk, once more, about what is truly behind it.

I want to offer your club a simple exercise. Look back over the last five to seven years and find your best year. Maybe it was a year new members arrived and, more meaningfully, stayed. Maybe it was a year your meetings became something members looked forward to, rather than another obligation on a crowded calendar. Find that year. Then I ask you to do better than your best.

This is not a call to outpace the club across town or the district next door. It is never meant to be a competition between Rotary members. It is, instead, an invitation to hold ourselves to our own highest standard — and to rise to meet it again.

Why does this 2030 membership goal matter enough to me that I keep returning to it? Because behind every one of those numbers is a person whose life could be changed by this organization, just as mine and yours have been changed by it. Rotary has given me friendships that have lasted decades, a sense of purpose I did not know I was searching for, and something that, in time, came to feel like an extension of my family. I suspect many of you understand this in your own lives, in your own way.

That life-changing experience is what we offer when we invite someone to join us. There are people in your communities right now who would find real meaning here if only someone thought to ask them. So tell them your story. Tell them honestly how Rotary changed you, not just about the projects you led or the funds you raised but about the person you became along the way. Those stories have a way of reaching people when little else does.

If we hope to Create Lasting Impact, the kind that resounds for generations, we will need more people standing beside us to help carry our work forward. Let us come together, not only this month but every month of every year, to make Rotary stronger, more joyful, and more like the family it has always been to me.

Find your best year. Then let us be better than our best, together.

YINKA
President, Rotary International
RY 2026-27

"Rotary has changed us. It has changed us who we are, and made us better people"

-Yinka Babalola

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Education: A Gift That Opens Doors

September reminds us of Rotary's commitment to Basic Education and Literacy—a cause that touches the lives of children and gives them hope for a brighter tomorrow.

We salute the many children who dream of going to school despite the challenges their families face. For some, even a school uniform, notebook, pencil, or book can be a burden. Yet, despite these hardships, their eagerness to learn remains strong. Their dreams remind us that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a better future.

This is why, as Rotarians, we continue to support schools and students through projects that provide school supplies, books, learning materials, and even improvements to school facilities. In our own little way, we hope to make the journey of learning a little easier and more meaningful.

Our Adopt-a-School Banner Project at the Daycare Center for IP Children in Purok Malnog, Brgy. Magsaysay is one beautiful example of what we can accomplish when we come together. We are grateful to all our members who willingly shared their time, resources, and hearts for this project, most especially our District Governor Arlene Adlawan, whose support and presence inspired us to do more.

And as September comes to a close, our club is also busy brainstorming and preparing for our 1st Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 Pickleball Tournament for a Cause on October 24–25. Beyond the excitement of the game, this event carries a deeper purpose: to raise support for breast cancer patients through the South Cotabato Kasuso Foundation and for the End Polio Fund.

Indeed, Rotary reminds us that every effort matters, every helping hand counts, and every act of kindness can change a life. Together, let us continue to create lasting impact—one child, one project, and one life at a time.

In Rotary Service,
Pres. Rutcie L. Tito







Editor's Note

September in Rotary: Basic Education and Literacy Month







September is a special month in Rotary – it's dedicated to Basic Education and Literacy. I know not all countries start their school year in September. In fact, here in the Philippines, most schools open in June, July, or August. So you might wonder: why September?

The answer is simple. Rotary isn't trying to match the school calendar. Instead, September is chosen as a symbolic time to remind us that education and literacy are global priorities. It's like a spotlight month – a chance for clubs everywhere to highlight projects that help children learn, adults gain confidence, and communities grow stronger.

Why It Matters

Education is more than just classrooms and textbooks. It's about dignity, opportunity, and hope. When a child learns to read, they're healthier, more likely to escape poverty, and better prepared to chase their dreams. When adults learn, they gain skills to support their families and participate fully in society.

Even if the school year already started months ago in your country, September is Rotary's way of saying: "Let's pause and remember how powerful education really is."

As September highlights Rotary's focus on Basic Education and Literacy, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 proudly embraces this month's call to action.

Our commitment comes to life through our Adopt-a-School initiative, particularly our partnership with Barangay Magsaysay in supporting the Daycare Center for Indigenous Peoples (IP) children. Through this project, we hope to provide more than a physical space for learning. We envision a safe, vibrant, and nurturing environment where children can learn with joy, discover their potential, and begin dreaming of what they can become.

Because education is not just about preparing children for the future—it is about creating the future we hope to see.

In Rotary Service,

May Urbano

Editor-in-Chief
The Club 101

Treasurer's Page

The Gift of Giving



What We Give Comes Back in Ways We May Never Expect

Giving is one of the simplest ways we can make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes, it comes in the form of money or material things. But often, the most meaningful gifts are not measured in pesos—they are measured in time, kindness, compassion, presence, and willingness to help.

When we give to a cause, we may never know exactly how far our contribution will reach. A small donation may help provide food to a family, assistance to a patient, learning opportunities for a child, or hope to someone going through a difficult time.

And perhaps, this is the beautiful mystery of giving: we give without expecting something in return, yet somehow, we receive so much.

The return may not come as money. It may come as happiness, peace of mind, meaningful friendships, gratitude, or the quiet fulfillment of knowing that we helped someone when they needed it most. Sometimes, it comes in ways we never anticipated—perhaps a door opens, a burden becomes lighter, or our hearts simply become more grateful for what we have.

There is a beautiful saying that what we give to others comes back to us a thousandfold. Whether we understand this as good karma, a blessing, or simply the natural ripple effect of kindness, one thing remains true: when we help others, we also enrich our own lives.

For us Rotarians, giving is at the very heart of who we are.

Our Rotary dues should never be viewed simply as an expense or an obligation. They are our contribution to an organization that gives us the opportunity to serve. Through our dues, we help sustain our club, participate in Rotary programs, support humanitarian causes, and create opportunities to make a difference in communities beyond our own.

Every peso we contribute helps keep our organization moving. More importantly, it allows us to be part of something greater than ourselves.

We do not simply pay dues—we invest in service.

And when we faithfully fulfill our financial responsibilities, we also strengthen our club. Timely payment of dues helps our Treasurer plan properly, meet our club's obligations, and ensure that our activities and service projects continue without unnecessary financial difficulties.

As Rotarians, let us therefore make it a habit to pay our dues on time. Let us see our contribution not as something we lose, but as something we give back—to Rotary, to our community, and ultimately, to ourselves.

Because the true wealth of a Rotarian is not measured by what we keep, but by how much good we are able to give.

Let us continue to give generously, serve wholeheartedly, and support one another faithfully.

Your dues keep Rotary moving. Your generosity keeps service alive.

Let us give. Let us serve. Let us create lasting impact.



Give because someone needs it.
Give because you can make a difference.
Give because service brings purpose.
And give because, in the end, the greatest reward of giving is becoming the kind of person who makes the world a little better.

by: PP Gladys D. Balano

Polomolok 101 Rotary Club

HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS









Polomolok 101 Rotary Club

HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

PP LANI CASTANIAGA
PHF
RY 2021-2022

IMAGINE ROTARY

PP EVERNIE ALFECHE
RFSM
RY 2022-2023

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

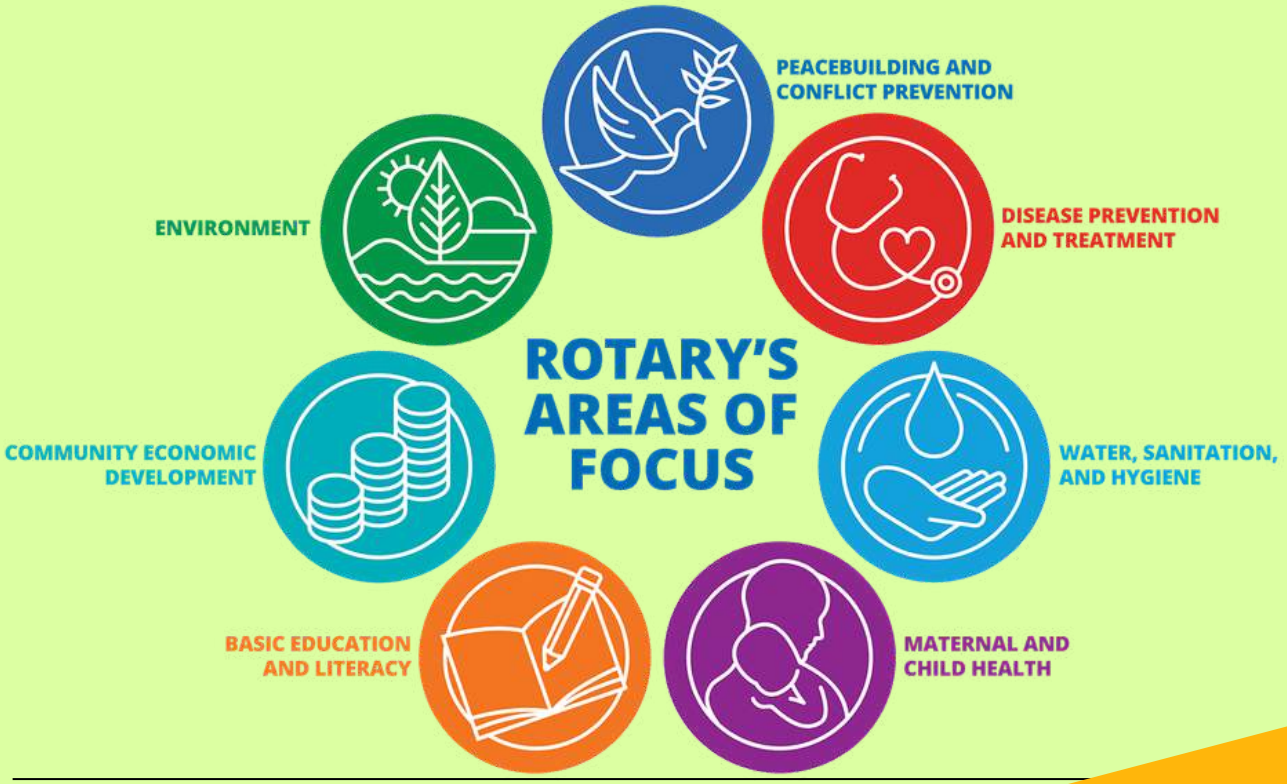
PP MALOU TEOXON
PHF
RY 2023-2024

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

PP TOMMY TONGUIA
PHF
RY 2024-2025

UNITE FOR GOOD
Rotary

IPP GINA DE GUZMAN
PHF
RY 2025-2026



Featured Rotarian: PAG ALAN M. INES

A Pillar of Service, Leadership, and Integrity



For two decades, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 has been blessed with members whose dedication and commitment have helped shape the club into what it is today. Among these remarkable Rotarians stands a man deeply woven into the history of our club—a Charter Member, the Club's third President, and the first Past Assistant Governor of the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101.
He is none other than **Past Assistant Governor Alan M. Ines.**
As one of the pillars of RCP 101, PAG Alan has witnessed the club grow from its early beginnings into a stronger and more vibrant organization of service. His journey in Rotary began even before he entered public service—a testament to his early commitment to serving others.

A Juris Doctor, PAG Alan has built a career marked by leadership, governance, and service. He served as a Municipal Councilor, successfully completing his full term, before seeking a higher position in the province, where he became a Provincial Board Member. Today, he continues to serve the community as the Municipal Administrator, following his appointment by the Municipal Mayor.
Beyond government service, PAG Alan also serves as the School Administrator of the Christian School of Polomolok, a family-owned institution where he remains actively involved. Balancing his responsibilities in government, education, family, and Rotary is no small undertaking, yet he continues to make time for the organization he has faithfully served for 20 years.
Those who know PAG Alan describe him as smart, hardworking, dependable, and a man of integrity. His legal background and years of public service have shaped his thoughtful and disciplined approach to leadership. More importantly, he exemplifies what it means to be a true Rotarian—one who understands that Rotary is not about titles, but about service and making a difference in the lives of others.

Despite his demanding schedule, PAG Alan continues to squeeze Rotary into his busy calendar. He attends meetings whenever possible, keeps himself abreast of club activities, and remains supportive of RCP 101's programs and projects. His presence reminds us that when service becomes a way of life, we always find a way to make time for it.
Away from his professional and civic responsibilities, PAG Alan is a devoted husband and father. He is married to Dr. Angie Ines, an anesthesiologist, and they are blessed with one daughter, Althea.





Twenty Years of Rotary, Twenty Years of Service



Twenty years is more than a milestone—it is a testament to commitment, loyalty, and enduring service.
From being one of the club's earliest members and its third President to becoming its first Past Assistant Governor, PAG Alan's Rotary journey is an important part of the story of RCP 101. His leadership may be reflected in the positions he has held, but his legacy lives in the people he has served, the causes he has supported, and the example he continues to set.
As he takes on the responsibilities of Municipal Administrator, his days may become even busier. Yet we know that somewhere between government work, school responsibilities, family, and community service, there will always be room for Rotary.
For RCP 101, PAG Alan is more than a Charter Member, more than our third President, and more than our first Past Assistant Governor. He is one of the people who helped build the foundation upon which our club continues to stand today.
After 20 years, his Rotary story continues—still serving, still supporting, still showing up, and still making a difference.
Thank you, PAG Alan, for being a truly remarkable Rotarian and an enduring pillar of the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101.
Twenty years of Rotary. Twenty years of service. Twenty years of making a difference.

Polomolok 101 Rotary Club | CREATE LASTING IMPACT

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Rotary Year 2026-2027

NAME			CLASSIFICATION
Acuesta, Maribel D.	*"Bel"*	*PHF*	*Dental Services: Pediatrics*
Alerta-Ng, Day	*"Day"*	*RFSM*	*Certified Public Accountatant*
Balano, Gladys D.	*"Glad"*	*PHF*	*Management; School Cafeteria*
Bayan, Xavier J.	*"Bobet"*	*PHF+3*	*General Law*
Cabaraban, Royme	*"Roy"*	*RFSM*	*Management; Private Bank*
De Guzman, Gina A.	*"Gin"*	*PHF*	*Education; Tertiary*
Deypalan, Melani G.	*"Mel"*	*PHF*	*Dental Services: Orthodontics*
Gallinero, Omar S.	*"Mar"*	*PHF+1*	*Photography & Events*
Grino, Celema I.	*"Cel"*	*PHF*	*Dental Services; Hospital*
Ines, Alan M.	*'Lan"*	*PHF+1*	*Administration; Private School*
Jandic, Darnie F.	*"Bing"*	*PHF+1*	*Management; Spa*
Labajo, Hannah, C.	*"Han"*	*RFSM*	*Jr. Executive Management*
Labajo, Dolores C.	*"Dolly"*	*RFSM+1*	*Management;Farm Resort*
Luig, Rhodora J.	*"Rhoda"*	*PHF*	*Management;Dry Goods Distribution*
Orbesido, Vlademir	*"Vlad"*	*RFSM*	*Engineering*
Rallos, Jade N.	*"Jade"*	*PHF+3*	*Medical Technology*
Rallos, Rogelio Jr.	*"Wang"*	*PHF+7*	*Medical Supplies Distribution*
Rutcie, Tito L.	*"Rutz"*	*RFSM+3*	*Management; Restaurant Cafe*
Teoxon, Malou A.	*"Lou"*	*PHF*	*Management: Travel & Tours*
Tonguia, Tomas, Jr	*"Tommy"*	*PHF*	*Management; Rice Dealer*
Trasporto, Rey	*"Rey"*		*Management; Hardware*
Urbano, Mayvelyn G.	*"May"*	*PHF+2*	*Management:Agriculture: Livestock*

**PHF- PAUL HARRIS FELLOW* **RFSM-ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER*

NEW MEMBERS

Diaz-Goopio, Pamela	*"Pam"*	*Government Srevice; COMELEC*
Solana, John Pherry	*"Pherry"*	*Certified Public Accountant*
Yamba, Kelvin	*"Kelvin"*	*Engineering*
Manansala, Michael	*"Mike"*	*Engineering*

HONORARY MEMBERS

Ambat, Milbert C.

Rogers, Liza M.

Planting Trees Today.
Growing Hope for Tomorrow.









TREE GROWING ACTIVITY

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 and its Rotaractors joined fellow Rotarians from Areas 2F, 2G, and 2H of Rotary International District 3860 in a meaningful tree-growing activity at Barangay Olympog, General Santos City on September 26, 2026.

Held as part of the District 3860 Rotary Days of Service, the activity was conducted in partnership with the General Santos City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), bringing together Rotarians and Rotaractors in a shared mission to care for our environment and communities.

With every seedling planted, we nurture not only trees but also hope for a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future.

For Rotary Club of Polomolok 101, this is service in action—working together, caring for our environment, and creating lasting impact, one tree at a time.







CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES RY2026-27

by: PP Cel I. Griño

JULY

NEW LEADERSHIP

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

AUGUST

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

OCTOBER

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention & Treatment

JANUARY

Vocational Service

FEBUARY

Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution

MARCH

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

APRIL

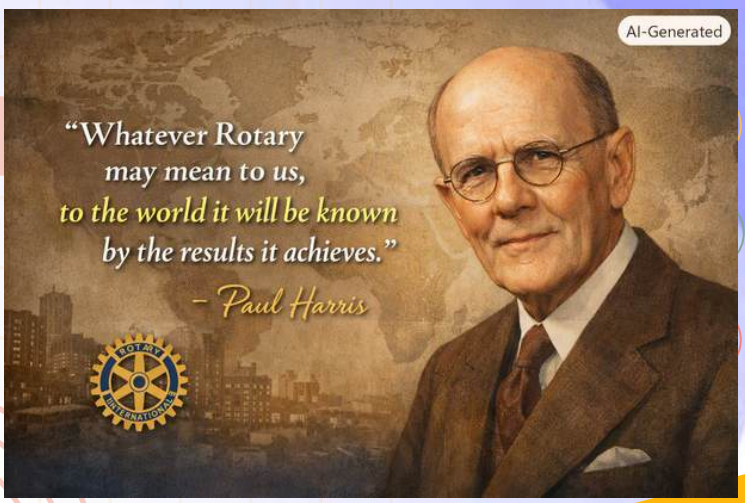
ENVIRONMENT

MAY

Youth Service

JUNE

Rotary Fellowship



1ST ROTARY CLUB OF POLOMOLOK 101 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sometimes, One Game Can Change a Life



A game may last for only a few hours, but the difference it can make may last a lifetime.

This October, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 invites pickleball enthusiasts, families, friends, and supporters of meaningful causes to come together for the 1st Pickleball Tournament for a Cause, happening on October 24–25, 2026 at GoGo Pickles Sports Center in Polomolok, South Cotabato.

This is not just about winning points, trophies, or bragging rights. It is about playing with a purpose.

Behind the smiles of every player will be women and families facing the difficult journey of breast cancer. Through the South Cotabato Kasuso Foundation, proceeds from this activity will help support breast cancer patients who need assistance and hope during one of the most challenging seasons of their lives.

And beyond the pickleball court is another cause that deserves our attention—the fight to End Polio. Through the End Polio Fund, this tournament will also help support Rotary's continuing mission to protect children from a disease that is preventable through vaccination.

Every registration becomes a contribution.

Every rally becomes an opportunity to give.

Every point becomes a reminder that we are playing for something bigger than ourselves.

For someone battling breast cancer, your participation can help bring much-needed support. For a child who deserves a life free from polio, your participation can help keep the dream of a polio-free world alive.

Behind every rally is a story. Behind every point is a purpose.

And behind every player is an opportunity to make a difference.

So bring your paddle. Bring your friends. Bring your competitive spirit—and most importantly, bring your heart.

Let us fill the courts not only with energy and excitement, but with compassion and generosity.

Join us this October 24–25. Play for the love of the game. Play for a cause. Play for hope.

Because sometimes, one game can change a life—and together, we can make every point count.

PLAY. SERVE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. 🏓💗

1st Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 Pickleball Tournament for a Cause

📅 October 24–25, 2026

📍 GoGo Pickles Sports Center, Polomolok, South Cotabato







Growing Hope, Protecting Our Planet

by: PAG May Urbano



Forests are often called the “lungs of the Earth” because they absorb carbon dioxide, release oxygen, help regulate our climate, protect our soil and water, and provide a home to countless plants and animals. Yet, these precious natural resources continue to face threats from deforestation, pollution, climate change, and irresponsible human activities.

Protecting our environment is not simply about planting trees. It is about creating a culture of care, responsibility, and respect for nature. When we protect our forests and waterways, we also protect the communities that depend on them for their livelihood, food, water, and a better quality of life.

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 is doing its part to help protect and restore our environment. Through our tree-growing activities, we help restore green spaces and contribute to a healthier ecosystem. Through river rehabilitation activities, we help keep our waterways clean and encourage communities to become active partners in protecting our rivers.
We also recognize the importance of working closely with our Indigenous Peoples (IPs) communities living near riverbanks. Through environmental education and awareness activities, we encourage them to understand the importance of proper waste disposal, protecting riverbanks, and preserving the natural resources around them. By sharing knowledge and working together, we can create environmental stewardship that continues beyond a single project or activity.



As Rotarians, we believe that meaningful change begins with small actions and grows through collective commitment. Every tree planted, every river restored, and every person inspired to care for nature is a step toward a greener and healthier future.
Let us continue to grow hope, protect our planet, and create lasting impact—because when we care for the Earth, we care for life itself.



Polomolok 101 Rotary Club

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

10th Membership Meeting & Fellowship Night
14th Sept 2026/6pm
Brader's Cafe Conference Room

PROGRAM

Call to Order	Pres Rutcie Tito
Invocation	PP Fanny Fernandez
National Anthem	
Rotary Hymn	
The Rotary Code of Conduct & 4 Way Test	Pres Rutcie Tito
Sec Report	PAG May Urbano
President's Time	Pres Rutcie Tito
Open Forum	
Adjournment	Pres Rutcie Tito

Moderator- VP Rhoda Luig



INVOCATION

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for bringing us together tonight for our 10th Membership Meeting and Fellowship Night. Thank You for the gift of friendship, fellowship, and the opportunity to serve our community through Rotary.

Bless all the members of Rotary Club of Polomolok 101. Give us wisdom and open hearts as we discuss matters important to our club, especially the preparations for our Fund Raising Activity.

May our discussions be productive, our decisions guided by wisdom, and our fellowship strengthen the bonds that unite us as one Rotary family.

Continue to bless our club with dedicated members, meaningful projects, and the spirit to serve with compassion and purpose.

May we always remember that when we work together with love and commitment, we can truly create a lasting impact in the lives of others.

We offer this meeting and all that we do to You.

Amen.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I am expected to:

1. **Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life**
2. **Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect**
3. **Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world**
4. **Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians**
5. **Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment**

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think say or do

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

ROTARY HYMN

I want to be, A Rotarian for the world
Make the Rotary flag, be the flag of peace unfurled
I will serve my community
Help to seek international unity
Thru Rotary, I will dedicate my all
World understanding shall be my cherished goal

Refrain : With the Four Way Test
I'll pursue my quest
And I in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then I won't have lived in vain.

I'll observe Service Above Self
Lend a hand to all who'll need my help
I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
And in Rotary ways, I will train my family
(Repeat Refrain - substitute "I" with "We")

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth
Strengthened by nothing but the truth
Let's join our hands, there's no reason to divide
We shall all understand, while the good Lord is our guide
(Repeat Refrain - substitute "I" with "We")

CODA: Peace be achieved
So we won't have lived in vain.

SUNSHINE GREETINGS





SEPTEMBER 8 - RTN VLADEMIR



SEPTEMBER 22 - PP XAVIER



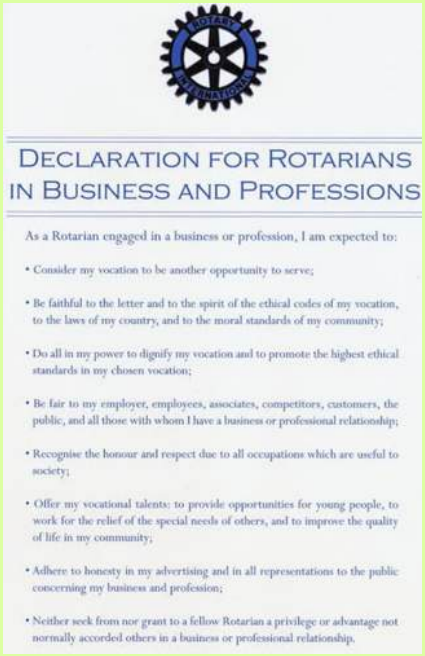
SEPTEMBER 26 - RTK NIKKI

Happy Anniversary!



PP MALOU & SPS IAN







Important Dates to Remember













The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101: A Legacy of Service



The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 was officially chartered by Rotary International on August 31, 2005, through the dedicated efforts of its mother club, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos. While initial attempts to establish a Rotary club in Polomolok began as early as February 2003, it was only in January 2005 that persistence bore fruit. With the support of Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos, Omar Gallinero was appointed as the club's Charter President, leading 25 charter members from diverse professional backgrounds. The club was established under the leadership of then-District Governor Len Magno of District 3860.

The number 101 in the club's name holds special significance. First, it marks the club's founding during Rotary International's 101st anniversary. Second, it represents the club's distinction as the 101st chartered club under District 3860.
Registered under District 3860, Area 2F with Club Number 70517, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to thrive, powered by a dedicated team of 26 committed individuals who embody the spirit of service above self.

Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

September Meetings

















September Activities















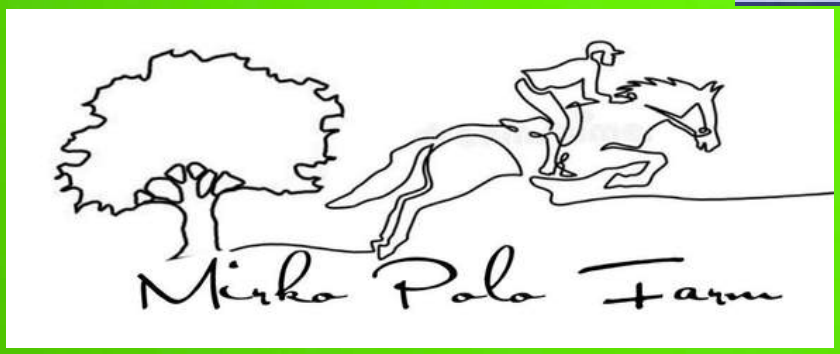


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