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A VISITOR FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW DELHI PREMIER

WE ARE THRILLED TO SHARE SOME EXCITING NEWS FROM OUR RECENT BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP AT THE PALMS, AMARGO ROOM ON APRIL 27TH. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING A SPECIAL GUEST, PAST PRESIDENT ANEESHA DALMIA, FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI PREMIER IN DISTRICT 3011, INDIA.

DURING THE EVENT, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HER AND HER CLUB, AND WERE IMPRESSED BY HER WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE IN THE IT INDUSTRY. ANEESHA EVEN SHARED A VALUABLE SUGGESTION FOR WATER PURIFICATION THAT SPARKED A GREAT DISCUSSION AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

WE WERE HONORED TO EXCHANGE FLAGS WITH ANEESHA AND PROVIDE HER WITH A COPY OF OUR CLUB BOOKLET. IT WAS TRULY INSPIRING TO LEARN THAT SHE BEGAN HER ROTARY JOURNEY AS A MEMBER OF INTERACT AND ROTARACT BEFORE EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE PRESIDENT OF HER ROTARY CLUB FOR THE 2022-2023 TERM.

ANEESHA'S DEDICATION TO SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH HER. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD AND LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO KEEPING YOU UPDATED ON ALL OF OUR EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WE NOW HAVE OUR FIRST NEW MEMBER, PAT WEBB, FROM THE GROUP WE IDENTIFIED DURING THE FEBRUARY RECRUITMENT EVENT

PLEASE SEE HIS PROFILE IN THIS EDITION AND START CHATTING WITH HIM. ANOTHER CANDIDATE, GENE SILADES, HAS ATTENDED THREE MEETINGS AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF OFFICIAL FEEDBACK PRIOR TO OFFERING HIM MEMBERSHIP. THE OTHER THREE CANDIDATES WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR THIRD MEETINGS IN EARLY MAY TO GET TO KNOW US AND FOR US TO GET TO KNOW THEM. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE DATE FOR THE FORMAL INDUCTION OF THE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CLUB, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY EARLY JUNE. RTN MON AND I HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT TO JUNE TO GIVE US MORE TIME TO FIND ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL CANDIDATES.

DEAR MEMBERS AND ANNS,

IT'S SPRINGTIME IN THE PHILIPPINES (BUT WITH SUMMERTIME HEAT), AND WITH APRIL COMES HOLY WEEK AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. I HOPE EVERYONE HAD WONDERFUL CELEBRATIONS.

WE HAD A SURPRISE VISIT TO OUR CLUB MEETING ON 4/27 BY PP ANEESHA DALMIA FROM ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI PREMIER, INDIA. IT WAS A PLEASURE HOSTING HER AT THE MEETING AND WHICH GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW HER HOSPITALITY, RC ALABANG-STYLE. SHE COMES TO THE MANILA AREA FREQUENTLY AND WE'VE INVITED HER BACK WHENEVER SHE'S IN TOWN.

AS PART OF RESEARCHING POSSIBLE PROJECTS IN SURIGAO CITY DEL NORTE, I TALKED WITH ALFONSO S. CASURRA, WHO IS VICE MAYOR OF SURIGAO CITY AND A CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF METRO SURIGAO. HE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING HIS CLUB WORK WITH US ON POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND INVITED US TO VISIT THEM AND BECOME A SISTER CLUB. THERE ARE TWO OTHER ROTARY CLUBS IN THE AREA, AND WE CAN ALL WORK AS A TEAM TO HELP ADDRESS THE ISSUES FACED BY THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE SINCE TYPHOON ODETTE HIT THE AREA. RTN THOMAS HERTEL WILL WORK WITH ME TO SET UP A NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WE CAN PROPOSE FOR SUPPORT.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH,

CHEERS,

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WORKING ALONGSIDE SHELTERBOX AFTER SUPER TYPHOON RAI

BY BERNARD VONN SIA, ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU, PHILIPPINES



--- Bernard Vonn Sia, left, carries corrugated iron sheeting as part of ShelterBox's response to Super Typhoon Rai in Cebu in 2021.

As the son of a Rotary member, I was exposed to the organization very early. I thought of it as a group of like-minded people who wanted to help the poor. It wasn't until I joined the Rotary Club of Cebu sometime later that I realized Rotary was about more than that. Rotary is about coming together to share our time, talent, and resources to better humanity. Giving becomes a pleasure, as we collaborate with other organizations to use our different strengths and competencies to save lives and build a better future.

I saw this very clearly as I got involved with ShelterBox. I had previously heard about ShelterBox when Typhoon Yolanda hit Western Visayas in 2013. It was a gruesome time in Tacloban City and Rotary members there reached out to our club for help. Two members of the Rotary Club of Cebu rushed to Tacloban City and brought whatever they could as relief goods. They kept going back and forth as facilitators for the ShelterBox relief efforts.

In December 2021, Typhoon Odette (as Rai was known locally) hit our city hard. We had no water or power, and most of the roads were blocked. Thankfully, damage to our property and business were minimal. I was busy because I am in the building materials business, and the need for generators and roofing materials was at an all-time high.

Stephen Castillo asked a select group of Rotarians to accompany him with ShelterBox in distributing tarpaulins, nails, and tools to the remote mountain houses in Cebu. Our involvement included assisting in the distribution of these tarpaulins and tools, along with roofing materials and other goods.

Rotary was mainly involved with providing logistics and manpower (along with other organizations like the Cebu Contractors Association) to deliver much-needed relief goods to far-flung mountain areas in our island.

We also provided financial support, supplementing the materials donated by ShelterBox by purchasing galvanized corrugated roofing, construction materials, and tools. We did this together with the help of other Rotary clubs and Rotary districts 3860 and 3800. The supplies were then distributed to the various towns pre-evaluated by ShelterBox.

It was great to witness how both organizations benefit from each other. ShelterBox has the technical expertise not just in distribution methodology on that day, but also in a proper evaluation technique for ensuring that we were giving to those most in need. They also had resources and material to give out immediately.

Rotary has the advantage of being based locally. With our network of members belonging to different parts of society, from different vocations and professions, we were able to fill the gaps around ShelterBox's effort. This included logistics, volunteers, and coordination.

After the distribution in Cebu, we handled two other distributions. Through our close coordination and collaboration with ShelterBox, we gained a valuable overview of disaster relief operations. I was fortunate enough to carry out the pre-screening and shortlisting of beneficiaries. I even conducted some of the actual on-site visitations of destroyed homes. It was no easy task!

Visiting destroyed homes and talking to families, it was so difficult to take in their hardships and then go back to my own home with a good roof over my head. I can only imagine how ShelterBox response teams feel every time they speak to someone affected by disaster.

This new skill set has been very beneficial to our members. It will help us identify future disaster victims effectively and better handle the distribution and co-ordination with our local government units.

This blog was taken from the Rotary International Website - Rotary Voices, which is an original article by Bernard Vonn Sia (photo on the right).



FELLOWSHIP CONTINUES

IN L'EPICERIE GOURMANDE, MOLITO



We're thrilled to share some exciting news from our recent fellowship dinner with our fellow Rotarians at L'Epicerie Gourmande on April 13th. We're thrilled to report that out of the five prospective members who attended, an impressive four of them were in attendance!

The evening was a smashing success, and we're delighted to announce that one of our guests, the esteemed Patrick Webb, has already been welcomed as a new member of the RCA. In fact, we made the exciting announcement in our Viber Chat Group just five days after our fellowship! Let's raise a glass to welcome Patrick to the RCA family.

If you know someone who would be a fantastic addition to our club, please don't hesitate to let our leadership team know. We're actively seeking new members and would be thrilled to invite them to our upcoming New Members Recruitment Meeting on May 3rd, which will be held at the fabulous Roc's House. Let's continue to grow and strengthen our community together!

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Meet Patrick R. Webb, a fascinating individual with a diverse background and an impressive list of accomplishments. Originally hailing from the sunny city of Los Angeles, USA, he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Materials Science from two of the top universities in the nation: UC Berkeley and Stanford, respectively.

Patrick has had an illustrious career spanning over 25 years in the HDD industry, with the last decade spent as the Head of QA for WD in the Philippines. During this time, he's contributed to the development of over 30 US patents, a truly impressive feat.

But that's not all - Patrick's passion for science and technology extends beyond HDDs. He took a year off to volunteer for the US Geological Survey on Kilauea, Hawaii, where he worked to improve volcanic pollution and detection monitoring. He also spent three years in Solar as the Head of Data Analytics and QA.

When he's not changing the world with his brilliant mind, Patrick enjoys staying active by playing tennis. He's also a proud genealogist and member of both the Mayflower Society and Sons of the American Revolution.

Patrick's life is made even more fulfilling by the love of his life, Dearsy, whom he met at a Monday Night Football party in California back in 2001. They tied the knot in 2003 and now have three beautiful children: Kailani, who's currently in Grade 12 and will be starting her freshman year at Stanford soon; Arjuna, who's in Grade 9; and Adinda, who's in Grade 4. Together with their four cats, they currently reside in Ayala Alabang.



Patrick R. Webb

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4	Thu	Mia Nierras' Birthday
5	Fri	Ann Lissa Hission's Birthday
8	Mon	Jun Manas & Cely's Wedding Annivesary
11	Thu	BUSINESS & FELLOWSHIP MEETING
11	Thu	REQUESTING 100 LOAVES OF BREAD FOR JOB FAIR AND FORUM WITH RC LPE
12	Fri	REQUESTING 150 LOAVES FOR FRESH START FRIDAY AT SOUTHVILLE 3A ELEMENTARY SCHOOL W/ALIG
14	Sun	BAGONG PARAISO 38TH ANNIVERSARY
15	Mon	Diony Alog & Ofie's Wedding Anniversary
25	Thu	BUSINESS & FELLOWSHIP MEETING
26	Fri	REQUESTED 250 LOAVES FOR BREAD DONATION FOR SOUTHVILLE 3A DUMPSITE CHILDREN W/ALIG
29	Mon	Ofie Alog's Birthday
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