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ABOUT SINAGTALA

Sinagtala is a Filipino word formed from the root words sinag and tala, which mean “ray of light” and “star,” respectively. When brought together, these words create a beautiful image of light among the stars, making it a fitting name for the official e-bulletin/digital magazine of the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA.

But Sinagtala means more than a name.

It is our connection point, a place where the stories of our club, our members, our partners, and the communities we serve come together. Like stars scattered across the night sky, each person and every act of service may seem small on its own. Together, they create something bigger and something brighter. Through Sinagtala, we share not only what we do, but also why we do it.

Here, you will find the stories behind our projects, the people who make them possible, the voices of those whose lives have been touched by service, and the moments that bring us together as an All Star family.

Service is not measured only by the projects we complete or the numbers we reach. Its true measure can be seen in the lives we touch and the light we leave behind. We believe that every community has the potential to shine. Through service, fellowship, and compassion, we can help bring that light forward.

This is Sinagtala. A collection of stories, experiences, and moments that remind us why we serve and why we create lasting impact together.

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THE POWER OF SHARED PURPOSE



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Rotary Year 2026-2027

Connecting with sister and partner clubs is one of the most meaningful ways we can expand our capacity to serve. When we bring together shared goals, diverse strengths, and a common commitment to Rotary, we open greater opportunities to reach more communities and respond to the needs that matter most. I believe that the strongest partnerships are built not simply on working together, but on recognizing what each club can contribute and how we can turn those contributions into meaningful action.

As a Risk Control Manager in financial services, my work centers on identifying gaps, assessing opportunities, and finding practical ways to improve outcomes. I bring this same mindset to my role as club president. I want us to be intentional about the initiatives we pursue, the resources we invest, and the relationships we build, ensuring that our efforts translate into tangible benefits for the communities we serve.

“The strongest partnerships are built not simply on working together, but on recognizing what each club can contribute and how we can turn those contributions into meaningful action.”

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For me, effective service begins with understanding where we can make the greatest difference. This means identifying high-impact projects, making the most of our available resources, and working with partners who share our vision. It also means fostering relationships grounded in trust, open communication, and mutual respect. Through these connections, we can exchange ideas, learn from one another's experiences, and discover opportunities that may not have been possible if we worked independently.

No single club can address every need in our communities, and we do not have to. Each club brings its own strengths, experiences, and capabilities. When we combine these assets and work toward a common purpose, even a modest initiative can reach more people and create a greater impact. This is the value of partnership: it allows us to go further together than we could on our own.

As club president, I see leadership as more than guiding projects or fulfilling the responsibilities of a position. It is about bringing people together, creating opportunities for collaboration, and helping build something that will continue to serve others beyond our term. Our titles may change and our terms may come to an end, but the relationships we nurture and the difference we make in people's lives can endure.

As we move forward, I hope we continue to strengthen our ties with sister and partner clubs, remain open to new opportunities for collaboration, and approach every initiative with a clear sense of purpose. Let us build partnerships that go beyond individual projects and become lasting relationships founded on a shared commitment to service. ■



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Editor's Notes

IN THE MARGINS

WHEN SERVICE PICKS UP THE PACE

Progress has a way of keeping us on our toes.

If there is a word to describe September, for me, it would be ***jam-packed***. There were projects to launch, partnerships to strengthen, new members to welcome, skills to learn, and milestones to celebrate.

Honestly, I barely had time to take a slow breath! But looking back, I realize that this kind of busyness is a good sign. Our club is growing, and we are also seeing that growth in our projects, partnerships, and fellowship.

In this third issue of Sinagtala: The All Star Connection, we look back on a month filled with opportunities to serve and connect.

September marked the first meeting of Project B.U.K.L.O.D. with our partners, laying the groundwork for collaborative service.

We also celebrated our first sister club partnership with the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown. Through our collaboration and co-hosting of their disaster preparedness seminar, I had the opportunity to participate personally and learn practical techniques that I can carry with me.

Another highlight close to my heart was the launching of Project P.R.E.S.S.. Education and storytelling are two things I am passionate about, so this project gave me a chance to

share my experience through mentoring young people and giving them the same tips I received when I was like them as a young, budding campus journalist. It is also fitting that our cover story focuses on Basic Education and Literacy which is September's Rotary focus area.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to helping young people learn, develop their skills, and find their voices.

For The All Star Beat, I also participated in the Club Learning Facilitation Seminar which I consider as a valuable opportunity to continue learning and growing as a Rotarian.

September was equally memorable for fellowship. We enjoyed our dice game, welcomed three new Rotarians into our All Star club, and connected with friends outside the club, like the GPTA of PMCI, Inc..

Our Past Presidents' slice-of-life stories also continue, giving readers a glimpse of the personalities, adventures, and funny experiences behind our leaders' public roles. After all, our Rotary stories are not always about meetings and projects. There is plenty of laughter to share, too, and some serendipitous moments!

We also celebrate High Impact President Dominic Faustino's award, another proud moment for RECASC and a reminder of the dedication that drives our work.

Looking back, September was certainly exhausting, but in the best possible way. Our partnerships are growing, our projects are moving forward, new members are joining our family, and our fellowship continues to thrive.

I may not have had much time to slow down, let alone be still in my room every weekend, but seeing these developments makes all the busy days worthwhile.

As we turn the pages of this issue, I hope you find stories that inspire you, moments that make you smile, and reasons to be proud of what we continue to build together.

Here's to keeping the momentum going and creating lasting impact, as we continue to grow and shine together.

Happy reading, All Stars! 🌟



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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



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RECASC Sets Project B.U.K.L.O.D. in Motion

This month of September, the members of the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) led by High Impact President Dominic Benedict Santos-Viola Faustino met with leaders from different organizations to discuss the club's high impact project entitled Project B.U.K.L.O.D. which promotes Rotary's mission towards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention, and Basic Education & Literacy.

Project B.U.K.L.O.D., which stands for Building Understanding and Knowledge through Literacy, Opportunity and Diversity, derived its framework from Tulay Bata at Bahay Nakpil-Bautista, an interfaith activity initiated by the Bahay Nakpil-Bautista Foundation, Inc. in 2012.

From the roots of Tulay Bata, Project B.U.K.L.O.D. is focused on bringing back and strengthening the educational and community-building work of its predecessor. It aims to connect children from different backgrounds by conducting interactive learning sessions and community activities.



Members of the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC), together with other partners, eagerly listen as Bahay Nakpil-Bautista Foundation Chairperson Maria Paz Nakpil Santos-Viola introduces the history of Tulay Bata, the interfaith activity on which Project B.U.K.L.O.D. is based.

Chairperson Maria Paz Nakpil Santos-Viola of the Bahay Nakpil-Bautista Foundation shared how the initiative's focus evolved after its outreach activities with Christian and Muslim children were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After Bahay Nakpil-Bautista's outreach activities with Christian-Muslim children came to a close due to COVID-19, we reviewed our goals and decided to shift our focus from enhancing reading comprehension through team-building games to placing greater emphasis on values—mindfulness of our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and creation," she said.

She explained that their counterparts at Quiapo Church later reminded them of the connection between their initiative and the Silsilah Dialogue Movement in Zamboanga City. This led to the adaptation of Tulay Bata for dialogue and peace, using selected modules from Silsilah publications with permission.

Together with the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda (RCQPM) headed by Impact Creating President Dario A. Yanto, Jr., Chairperson Maria Paz Nakpil Santos-Viola of the Bahay Nakpil-Bautista Foundation, representatives of the Golden Mosque Madrasa, Silsilah Dialogue Movement Foundation, Quiapo Church Interfaith Ministry, the club members addressed the needs required to set the project in motion during the first meeting held on September 5 at Bahay Nakpil-Bautista.

The meeting identified the volunteer teachers and project assistants as well as modules to be used, the equipment and furniture to be utilized, transportation support, excursion expenses, thanksgiving activities, and other operational requirements.

Meanwhile, since the Philippine Malabon Cultural Institute, Inc. is also part of this project, they are expected to provide educators to support Project B.U.K.L.O.D. along with RCQPM's own network of educators.

Bahay Nakpil-Bautista, which is known as "Tahanan ng mga Katipunero," is a 110-year-old national historical landmark located in Quiapo, Manila will serve as the venue for Project Buklod.

Other attendees of the September 5 meeting were: PP Liza Hizon, PE Cecil Apolinario, and Adsec Bing Cabanela from the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda, IPP Cristina Chua, CP Jacil Luma-as, PP Jemuel Pilapil, and PN Rhoda Dasalla from the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA. They were also joined by representatives of the newly formed Rotaract E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA.



Joining RECASC are the members of the Rotary Club of Quiapo Plaza Miranda (RCQPM) from District 3810 who will be co-sponsoring Project B.U.K.L.O.D. starting this Rotary Year 2026-2027.

A follow-up meeting was also held on September 20 between ICP Dario and HIP Dominic to discuss updates regarding ICP Dario's recent visit to Zamboanga, where he met with Fr. Sebastiano D'Ambra, PIME, an Italian missionary based in Zamboanga who authored the foundational modules and publications of the Silsilah Dialogue Movement.

One of the key recommendations that were brought up during the meeting was the orientation and capacity-building of volunteer teachers who will undergo training and immersion at Fr. Sebastian's Harmony Village located in Zamboanga. The final arrangement will still depend on the availability of the selected educators, funding, schedules, and other logistical considerations.

Another meeting will be held on October 11 to specifically address the tasks delegated to each club and organization among other agenda. ■



Before wrapping up the first meeting for Project B.U.K.L.O.D., members of RECASC, together with representatives of RCQPM and the Bahay Nakpil-Bautista Foundation, pose for a group photo with RECASC's sister club, the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown.





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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



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RECASC Launches Project P.R.E.S.S. for Aspiring Student Journalists

On September 25, 2026, the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) launched Project P.R.E.S.S. (Preparing Responsible & Empowered Student Scribes) as a mentoring initiative for aspiring campus journalists preparing for school press conferences, with the Philippine Malabon Cultural Institute, Inc. (PMCI) as its chosen beneficiary.

Through the initiative, the club hopes to help young writers and campus journalists develop their skills, build their confidence, and appreciate the responsibility that comes with campus journalism.

Leading the training was the club's President Nominee, Rhoda O. Dasalla, who brings years of experience in campus journalism, which

started in 1999 when she became a campus writer in fourth grade. She continued serving her school publications at Saint Mary's University in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, from grade school through college, taking on roles as editor and eventually editor-in-chief.

PN Rhodz also competed in major student journalism competitions, bringing valuable experience to her role as a resource speaker. In 2001, she qualified in News Writing (Filipino) at the National Schools Press Conference in General Santos City. Seven years later, she emerged as champion in the same category at the 2008 Luzonwide Higher Education Press Conference in Tuguegarao City, where tertiary schools from across Luzon competed.

The idea for Project P.R.E.S.S. came after PN Rhodz learned from Charter President Jacil Maris Luma-as, also known as CP Jaja, that PMCI students would be competing in the Division Schools Press Conference.

"After hearing from CP Jaja that the students of PMCI would be competing in the Division Schools Press Conference, and having competed in multiple press conferences during my younger years, I immediately offered my service as a possible resource speaker and trainer for these budding campus journalists," she shared.

She added that with September highlighting Basic Education and Literacy in Rotary, the timing was right to turn the idea into a project that could benefit young learners.

"I believe this is also a unique way of providing knowledge to learners who need guidance on a certain subject matter," she said.

During the training, PN Rhodz shared practical tips and lessons drawn from her years of doing campus journalism. The topics covered nine categories: News Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Column Writing, Copyreading and Headline Writing, Sports Writing, Science and Technology Writing, Photojournalism, and Editorial Cartooning.



PN Rhodz of RECASC engages with PMCI's feature writer, asking about her experience in writing feature articles for the Division Schools Press Conference as part of Project P.R.E.S.S. (Preparing Responsible & Empowered Student Scribes).



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PN Rhodz poses with the student journalists of PMCI during the first session of Project P.R.E.S.S. (Preparing Responsible & Empowered Student Scribes), held on September 26 at the Philippine Malabon Cultural Institute, Inc. (PMCI).

Beyond preparing students for competition, Project P.R.E.S.S. reflects the club's commitment to Basic Education and Literacy by helping young people strengthen their communication skills and become more responsible storytellers in their school communities.

"Nagkaroon siya ng impact kasi mas nagkaroon ako ng confidence na galingan pa sa mga susunod na laban. Nakakagaan ng loob 'yung mga advice, at marami kaming natutunan. Itutuloy pa rin kahit mahirap, and siyempre, mas gagalingan sa susunod [It made an impact because I gained more confidence to do better in future competitions. The advice was reassuring, and we learned a lot. I'll keep going even when it gets difficult, and of course, I'll do better next time]," shared Rhianna Malugao, one of the students who attended the session, when asked how Project P.R.E.S.S. had influenced her experience as a campus journalist.

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA plans to continue the initiative, with the goal of reaching more aspiring campus journalists and providing them with opportunities to learn, practice, and grow. The club also plans to develop Project P.R.E.S.S., with the possibility of extending its training to more schools that need it in the future. The initial implementation at PMCI marks the beginning of the club's effort to support aspiring campus journalists through practical training and mentorship. ■

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As a first time DSPC participant with no prior experience, the seminar gave us a welcoming space to learn, build confidence and take my very first steps into journalism. I am truly grateful for the guidance and growth it provided me not just to me, but to the whole team.

-Chloe Abquina, PMCI

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RECASC's commitment to Basic Education and Literacy

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

The words of Nelson Mandela resonate with the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA. Education does not end within the four corners of a classroom. Learning can take place in communities, through shared experiences, and in activities that help young people discover their potential. It lays the foundation for confidence, personal growth, and the ability to face future opportunities and challenges.

Recognizing education as a means of overcoming poverty and creating meaningful change, RECASC continues to champion Basic Education and Literacy through initiatives that give children and young people opportunities to learn, develop their skills, and build a better future.

Over the years, the club has pursued this commitment through various service projects. From Game on for Good: Dribble, Shoot, Unite to Bato Bato Pick and its annual Púnong Punô ng Pag-asa initiative, RECASC has found different ways to bring learning and development into the communities it serves. These efforts reflect the club's belief that education can flourish through experiences that encourage participation, cooperation, and a deeper understanding of the world.

For Rotary Year 2026–2027, the club launched its high-impact project, Project B.U.K.L.O.D. (Building Understanding and Knowledge through Literacy, Opportunity and Diversity). The initiative brings together children from different backgrounds in a safe and welcoming environment where they can participate in interactive learning sessions. Through interfaith engagement, the children have opportunities to learn about one another, appreciate their differences, and develop empathy and mutual respect.

The club also carried out Project B.I.T.U.I.N. (Building Impact Through Unified Initiatives for Nurturing Families), which adopted a daycare center and supported early childhood development through the distribution of educational materials and hygiene kits, along with health education activities. The project highlights the importance of providing children with the resources and support they need as they begin their learning journey. It also recognizes the connection between health, well-being, and

a child's ability to learn and develop essential life skills.

RECASC's commitment to literacy also reaches aspiring young writers through Project P.R.E.S.S. (Preparing Responsible and Empowered Student Scribes). The initiative provides campus journalists with opportunities to learn and strengthen their writing skills as they prepare for school press conferences. It recognizes that literacy involves not only reading and writing but also expressing ideas clearly, asking meaningful questions, and communicating experiences through stories that inform others. By mentoring young journalists, the club helps them develop skills they can use in school and in their communities.

Each of these initiatives contributes to RECASC's advocacy for Basic Education and Literacy in a distinct way. Púnong Punô ng Pag-asa connects learning with community and environmental service. Project B.I.T.U.I.N. supports early childhood development, while Project P.R.E.S.S. nurtures the writing and communication skills of aspiring campus journalists. Project B.U.K.L.O.D. encourages children from different backgrounds to learn together and appreciate the value of diversity. Their approaches may differ, but they share a commitment to helping young people gain knowledge, develop their abilities, and recognize their potential.

As September highlights Basic Education and Literacy, these initiatives underscore the importance of sustained efforts to make learning accessible and meaningful. Education takes shape in classrooms, community activities, shared experiences, and opportunities to develop practical skills. It grows when children have access to learning resources, feel supported in their development, and are encouraged to express themselves with confidence.

For the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA, championing education means creating opportunities for children and young people to explore their interests, strengthen their abilities, and prepare for the future. Guided by the belief that education can change lives and communities, RECASC remains committed to building a future where every young learner has the opportunity to grow, contribute, and make a difference. ■

CLUBS FOR IMPACT

RECASC Co-Hosts District 3810 Disaster Preparedness Seminar



RECASC joins the District 3810-led Disaster Preparedness Seminar on September 26 in Tondo, Manila, where participants learn practical techniques to mitigate the effects of disasters and strengthen their preparedness for emergencies.

What would you do if a fire broke out in your home, an earthquake struck, or someone beside you suddenly lost consciousness?

These were among the situations explored during the District 3810's Disaster Preparedness Seminar held on September 26 at F.G. Calderon Integrated School in Tondo, Manila.

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) joined its sister club, the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown, in hosting the seminar that brought together Rotarians and non-Rotarians, including students, teachers, government employees, and emergency response personnel

who took part in demonstrations and hands-on activities designed to help them respond to emergencies.

The participants learned how to put out fires caused by LPG leaks, use fire extinguishers, and perform first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), for people who lose consciousness. They also visited simulation booths where they experienced an earthquake scenario and learned how to navigate a smoke-filled area.

Former Philippine National Police Chief Nicolas D. Torre III, now General Manager and spokesperson of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), also attended the event to give an inspirational message to the participants. In his message, he stressed the importance of learning these skills before an emergency happens.



PN Rhodz and invited participant, Ms. Brenda Gonzalez, take a selfie with former PNP Chief and MMDA General Manager Nicolas Torre, who served as the seminar's guest of honor.



“**MMDA General Manager Torre was absolutely right when he said that the knowledge gained from this seminar can be shared with our families, relatives, and friends so that we can all be better prepared in times of disaster.**
-Brenda Gonzalez”

“Pag kailangan nating gamitin at hindi natin alam, malaking probability na isang buhay ang mawawala. Malaki ang probability na ang buhay na iyon ay buhay ng mahal mo sa buhay,” Torre said.

He reminded the participants that the person who might need their help could be someone close to them. Being prepared, he emphasized, means having the knowledge to act when a loved one’s life is at stake.

Brenda Gonzalez, who was invited by RECASC, said the seminar gave her valuable lessons that she could share with the people around her. “I really learned a lot from the seminar. The resource persons were able to share their expertise on disaster preparedness. And MMDA General Manager Torre was absolutely right when he said that the knowledge gained from this seminar can be shared with our families, relatives, and friends so that we can all be better prepared in times of disaster,” she shared.

For Gonzalez, the seminar was not just an opportunity to learn from experts but also a reminder that preparedness can begin at home.

Sharing what she learned with family and friends could help them respond better should an emergency occur.

By joining the initiative, RECASC supported efforts to equip more people with practical disaster preparedness skills, helping them become better prepared to respond to emergencies and protect the lives of their families and fellow community members. ■



RECASC's PN Rhodz practices navigating a smoke-filled room with zero visibility as part of the disaster preparedness seminar's emergency response training.

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District 3800 Highlights Vital Role of Club Learning Facilitators in Developing Stronger Rotary Clubs

In its efforts to strengthen the capacity of Club Learning Facilitators (CLFs) to promote continuous learning, develop club members, and build effective leadership teams, Rotary District 3800 conducted a Club Learning Facilitation Seminar on September 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College, attended by Rotarians from across the district.

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) participated in the seminar through High Impact President Dominic Benedict Santos-Viola Faustino, President-Nominee Rhoda Dasalla, and Club Learning Facilitator Rtn. Louella Zarcilla.

The seminar featured three sessions covering CLF responsibilities and facilitation skills, adult learning methods, and Rotary Learning Center resources.

Past President Pam Baluyo led The Rotary Club Learning Facilitator (CLF) Responsibilities and Facilitation Skills, outlining five key functions of a CLF: identify, teach, involve, mentor, and lead. She discussed the four pillars of CLF work: to promote, facilitate, support, and collaborate; and the CLF Learning Cycle: assess, design, facilitate, and develop.

PP Pam also presented the five foundations of a functional leadership team: purpose, roles, trust, communication, and accountability; and the 4S Facilitation Model: see, stretch, support, and step back.

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Hosted by the Rotary Club of San Mateo, the Club Learning Facilitation Seminar brought together Rotarians from District 3800 to strengthen their skills in club learning facilitation and leadership development, held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College on September 12.

She also identified six essential CLF skills: ask, listen, draw out, manage, connect, and apply.

The second session, spearheaded by Past President Ophelia Rosario-Bello, Adult Learning Methods for Rotarians, engaged participants in case studies requiring them to identify problems, determine appropriate adult learning methods, select engagement strategies, and develop suitable club learning designs. The exercise emphasized adapting learning approaches to specific challenges and adult learners' needs.

Meanwhile, Past President Jake Duran facilitated Rotary Learning Center and Resources, explaining how the Learning Center connects clubs' learning needs with relevant Rotary learning opportunities. Participants learned to find resources by role or topic and explored how CLFs can identify learning gaps and help members apply what they learn.



PP Jake concluded with a challenge for participants to bring three questions back to their clubs: "What does our club need to learn? What Rotary resource can help us? How will we apply what we learn?"

District 3800 Governor Celso C. Montalla also emphasized the importance of appointing CLFs who have enough experience to guide new Rotarians while remaining willing to learn and share knowledge. He stressed that the position is crucial to club development and encouraged club presidents to give it due importance.

Beyond knowledge-sharing, PP Pam highlighted the role of communication and conflict management in productive club discussions. She explained that acknowledging members' perspectives before redirecting a conversation can ease defensiveness and encourage constructive dialogue.

"As a CLF, ang una mong gagawin is i-acknowledge iyon," PP Pam said, stressing

that members must feel heard before other perspectives are introduced. She noted that disagreements can escalate when people feel they are not being listened to, making active listening essential to effective facilitation.

Through its sessions and practical exercises, the seminar reinforced the importance of continuous learning, effective facilitation, and the practical application of Rotary resources in developing engaged members and stronger clubs capable of serving their communities.

The seminar concluded with a raffle draw, where PN Rhodz was one of those who took home a raffle prize. ■



CLUB LIFE

RECASC, Rotary Club of Manila Midtown Forge Sister Club Partnership

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) formalized its sister club partnership with the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown on September 16 during the latter's Handover and Induction Ceremony at Viridian, Greenhills, San Juan City, strengthening ties between Rotary District 3800 and District 3810.

High Impact President Dominic Benedict Santos-Viola Faustino and Charter President Jacil Maris Luma-as represented RECASC in the signing of the sister club agreement. HIP Dominic signed as club president, while CP Jaja signed as club secretary. They were joined by Incoming Club President Maria Julia Miranda and Past President Alma Ybanez, who signed on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown as its club president and club secretary, respectively.

The partnership aims to foster friendship, mutual learning, and collaborative service, bringing together the two clubs' strengths, experiences, and community connections to create a greater impact.

In an interview, ICP Julia shared that the partnership stemmed from a desire to build a genuine relationship grounded in shared values and a common commitment to service.

"For Rotary Club of Manila Midtown, service is at the heart of who we are. We believe RECASC shares that commitment and the desire to make a meaningful difference in people's lives," she said.

She added that the collaboration would allow both clubs to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and strengthen their respective initiatives through shared goals and resources.

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Looking ahead, ICP Julia hopes the partnership will develop into a lasting friendship and an active collaboration. She envisions both clubs identifying practical opportunities for joint service in health, education, youth development, and community resilience.

"My hope is that this partnership will grow into a lasting friendship and an active collaboration. I would like our members to get to know one another, exchange ideas, and identify community needs where we can work together," she said.

For ICP Julia, the success of a sister club partnership goes beyond the formal agreement, resting instead on the relationships nurtured and the meaningful service delivered together.

"For me, a successful sister club partnership is not measured only by the agreement we make, but by the relationships we build and the good we accomplish together," she emphasized.

Through this partnership, RECASC and the Rotary Club of Manila Midtown look forward to serving side by side, combining their people, knowledge, and resources to reach more communities and advance Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self. ■



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CLUB LIFE

RECASC Welcomes Three New Members in Mooncake Festival Fellowship

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (RECASC) officially inducted three new members on September 26, 2026: Rtn. Maria Gladys Galinato-Tomas, Rtn. Bobot Uy, and Rtn. Rolan Fernandez.

Zone 1's SAG Maria Theresa Francisco led the charging and induction of the new members, marking another addition to the club's growing membership.

After the ceremony, club members and guests gathered for a fellowship celebrating the Mooncake Festival. Dubbed "Roll, Rotary!", the event featured games, food, and activities that brought everyone together for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

IPP Tina spearheaded a dice game that kept the participants engaged, while PN Rhodz led a quiz game that gave members a chance to test their knowledge of Rotary. The activities combined friendly competition with club learning, making the celebration both enjoyable and meaningful.

HIP Dominic prepared dinner for the gathering, complemented by potluck contributions from members and guests. Rotarians from other clubs and non-Rotarian friends also joined the celebration. A raffle was held alongside the dice game, giving everyone more excitement.

The evening welcomed RECASC's newest members into the club's community while giving everyone time to catch up, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company. Through the induction and Mooncake Festival fellowship, RECASC celebrated membership growth and the friendships that make its club community stronger. ■

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MEET OUR NEW

ALL STAR

ROTARIAN

ROLAN
FERNANDEZ

*Robust. Optimistic. Loyal.
Adventurous. Nice.*



INTRODUCTION

"Hola! I am Robust, Optimistic, Loyal, Adventurous, and Nice. ROLAN is what I stand for, and I think it is the most beautiful word you can find in human speech. These adjectives best describe me as an ESL teacher. I currently teach English to Koreans. I never dreamed of becoming a teacher, but I fell in love with the job because I can also learn from my students, and that changed my perspective on life."



DID YOU KNOW?

"I write poems in Spanish and English. I guess this is one fact my fellow All Stars might not know."



WHY ROTARY AND RECASC?

"Helping the needy and the neglected inspired me to join Rotary and RECASC. Our country needs enlightened people to make changes for a better Philippines."



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

"To me, being selfless and compassionate are the meanings of Service Above Self."



WHAT I CAN SHARE

"I am not really a talented person, but I am sure I can share my teaching skills with the club. If you want, I can teach you some Spanish!"



THE IMPACT I HOPE TO MAKE

"Serving the poor is what I desire to do. Through Rotary, I can make this desire come true."



I AM AN ALL STAR BECAUSE...

"I am here for nothing."

ROTARIAN

MARIA GLADYS GALINATO-TOMAS

"Gee Gee"

Language Educator • Author • Entrepreneur

Languages
People
Culture
Opportunities
♥



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DID YOU KNOW?

I am a busy bee, but I always find time to unwind and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

3



WHY ROTARY AND RECASC?

My Spanish-speaking colleagues Dominic and Jemuel motivated me to join outreach activities and meet fellow educators like me.

4



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Service Above Self means sharing my time and talents with those who need them, without expecting a return on investment.

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THE IMPACT I HOPE TO MAKE

Family. I believe family is not defined only by blood relations; it is also a sense of belonging.

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I AM AN ALL STAR BECAUSE...

I act with integrity, lead with compassion, learn continuously, serve selflessly, take responsibility, advocate for others, and reach out to make a difference.

*Different Languages
Brighter Conversations
Stronger Communities ♥*

ENGLISH

FRANCAIS

ESPAÑOL

MEET OUR NEW ALLSTAR

ROTARIAN BOBOT UY

Finance & Banking

*Driven
by Purpose.
Grounded
in Values.*



INTRODUCTION

A professional in the finance and banking industry, specializing in managing fiscal health and navigating complex economic landscapes.



DID YOU KNOW?

I am an avid cyclist and a passionate pool player.



WHY ROTARY AND RECASC?

I was inspired to join Rotary and RECASC by a genuine desire to serve others, protect strong family values, and provide meaningful help to those in need. I want to channel my energy into structured, impactful community work alongside like-minded leaders who share the same passion for helping others.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

To me, Service Above Self means actively helping others, nurturing strong family values, and finding deeper meaning in life by lifting others up. It is about looking beyond our daily routines to make a real, heartfelt difference in the lives of families and community members around us.



WHAT I CAN SHARE

I am excited to share my skills in strategic planning, executing management ideas, and financial forecasting and projections.



THE IMPACT I HOPE TO MAKE

I want to establish sustainable financial models for our club's signature community projects.



I AM AN ALL STAR BECAUSE...

I combine a sharp analytical mind for finance with a deep heart for service and a firm commitment to family values, ensuring our club's noble visions are backed by solid, compassionate, and actionable execution.



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SEPTEMBER EDITION

Ms. Anne Bacolod - Baldo

GPTA PRESIDENT OF PMCI, INC.

“Rolling for Luck, Laughter, and Community

My First Mooncake Festival with the Rotary
E-Club All Star CAMANAVA

As a school PTA President, my world usually revolves around campus meetings, project proposals, and student councils, but stepping into a Rotary Club event as a non-Rotarian for their Mooncake Festival celebration felt like a refreshing change of pace, and honestly, a wonderful reminder of why community building is so much fun.

Walking into the venue, with my co-PTA, we didn't know what to expect. Walking in cold to any established organization can feel a bit intimidating. But the warmth was instantaneous as Ms. Jacil Maris Luma-as, our school principal, invited and introduced us. Rotarians have a natural gift for hospitality, and within minutes, I was greeted with bright smiles, festive red and gold decorations, and a warm welcome that completely melted away any first-time jitters.

Sharing talks and stories together set a lovely, traditional tone for the evening, but the real highlight of the night was the famous Mooncake Dice Game (Pua Tiong Chiu). If you have never experienced rolling six dice inside a porcelain bowl amid a cheering crowd, you are missing out! All the formal titles and professional boundaries completely disappeared. We were all just players holding our breath, laughing at unlucky rolls, and cheering wildly for top prizes; it was an absolute joy to simply sit back, participate, and experience the pure magic of fellowship.

It taught me that community isn't about badges or titles. It's about shared laughter, good food, and coming together with open hearts. Definitely an experience that I will cherish.



SEPTEMBER EDITION

Ms. Brenda Gonzalez
Cavite

“Lessons Today, A Safer Tomorrow.”

I have known Rotary for quite some time now, but my first participation in a Rotary event was when I was invited by a friend who is a Rotarian from the CAMANAVA Chapter. She asked me if I'd like to join her for an event held last September 26 at FG. Calderon Integrated School in Hermosa St., Tondo, Manila. Who would have thought that a Disaster Preparedness Seminar by Rotary District 3810 could be so informative and engaging? The resource persons were able to share their expertise on disaster preparedness.

I really learned a lot from the seminar, like how to safely put out a fire caused by a leaking LPG tank, how to use a fire extinguisher properly, and how to safely evacuate during a fire by staying low and crawling under the smoke. And that's just a few of the things I learned. There were many more valuable lessons from the seminar.

And MMDA General Manager Nicolas Torre III was absolutely right when he said that the knowledge gained from this seminar can be shared with our families, relatives, and friends so that we can all be better prepared in times of disaster.



AWARENESS
PREPAREDNESS
SAFETY
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ROTARY CORNER

IDEAS • VALUES • ACTION

ROTARY PLEDGE

I do solemnly promise to help advance the object of Rotary, comply with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of _____ ever putting into practice Rotary's motto:

*"Service
Above Self."*

FOUR-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?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1 | **First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 | **Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3 | **Third:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- 4 | **Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY CORE VALUES



SERVICE



FELLOWSHIP



DIVERSITY

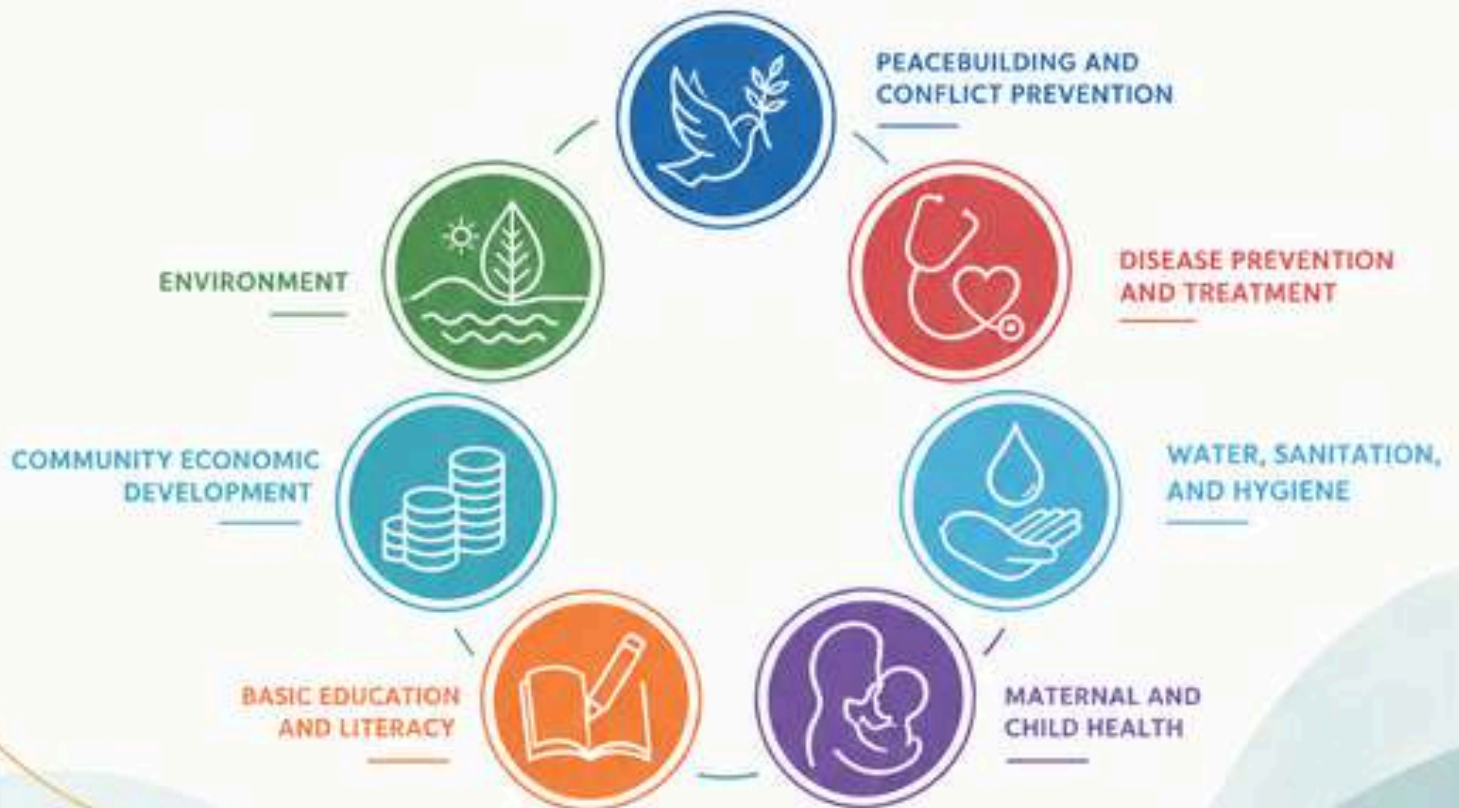


INTEGRITY



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ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



ROTARY CALENDAR



JULY

- Maternal and Child Health Month
- Beginning of the Rotary year



AUGUST

- Membership and New Club Development Month
- Service Project Center replaces Rotary Showcase



SEPTEMBER

- Basic Education and Literacy Month



OCTOBER

- Community Economic and Development Month
- World Polio Day
- Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week



NOVEMBER

- Rotary Foundation Month
- World Interact Week



DECEMBER

- Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



JANUARY

- Vocational Service Month



FEBRUARY

- Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
- Rotary's anniversary



MARCH

- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
- World Rotaract Week



APRIL

- Environmental Month



MAY

- Youth Service Month



JUNE

- Rotary Fellowships Month

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.”

MISSION STATEMENT



“**We provide service to others**, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.”

My Rotary Story

Real People.
Unforgettable Moments.

Every Rotary has a story.

Behind the meetings, projects, and community work are real moments that make Rotary truly special – the unexpected, the heartwarming, the hilarious, and the lessons we never saw coming.

We're inviting our Past Presidents to share their most dramatic, funniest, or most unforgettable slice of life in Rotary!

What to share?

- ✓ A behind-the-scenes moment
- ✓ A funny or unexpected experience
- ✓ A challenge that turned into a meaningful lesson
- ✓ A memory that still makes you smile
- ✓ Any slice of life that shows the human side of Rotary

Short or long, serious or light –
your story matters!

Moments.

Memories.

Good Stories
Build
Stronger
Connections

Let's celebrate the stories
that made us who we are.

People
Service
Friendships
Adventures
Lasting Impact

Different Stories.
A Brighter Tomorrow.

My Rotary Story

A Meeting of All Stars



PP Jemuel

During the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention in Taiwan, I had the most pleasant surprise! PP Peter, PP Jed, and I were casually checking out a fragrance booth when we had an unexpected encounter with two lovely ladies manning the booth.

As we sampled the fragrances, our conversation led us to ask each other about our respective Rotary clubs. To our amazement, we discovered that our clubs shared almost the same name! The ladies were from the Rotary Club of Taipei All Star, and I was from the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA. When I shared our club's name, their faces lit up with excitement and giggles.

Since I was carrying our club banner at the time, I decided to show it to them to prove that I wasn't fooling around. To my surprise again, they had brought their club banner, too! This made the encounter even more exciting for us. A very big wow moment!

Not wanting to keep this amazing interaction to myself, I hurriedly called my clubmates over so they could meet our newfound friends and join us for a group photo. It was a rare moment to witness something like this. It was as if the stars had aligned for our clubs to experience such a cosmic encounter. A serendipitous meeting, perhaps, but definitely a kismet moment in the making!





CLUB No. 225124 (Chartered April 5, 2023)

History of the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA

The Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA (ReCASC), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Malabon East, began with discussions on October 27, 2022 about establishing a new Rotary club dedicated to serving the community through Rotary International's motto, "Service Above Self."

The club held its first virtual meeting on November 4, 2022, beginning the orientation and preparation of prospective members. Five members from the Rotary E-Club of Navotas were approved for transfer to the new club. On November 11, 2022, Charter President Jacil Maris "Jaja" Luma-as participated in RYLA as a facilitator, marking one of the club's early engagements in Rotary activities.

The club's organizational requirements were completed in November 2022, and on December 13, 2022, PP Jed Concepcion of the Rotary Club of Malabon East was confirmed as its New Club Adviser by then District Governor Arturo "Bobby" Tanyag.

On April 5, 2023, the Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA was officially chartered with 20 charter members, led by Charter President Jacil Maris Luma-as.

Service and Community Engagement

Since its chartering, ReCASC has actively implemented and supported projects addressing community needs across several Rotary areas of focus. These include livelihood, environmental sustainability, education and literacy, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, and disaster preparedness.

Among its continuing initiatives is the doormat-weaving livelihood program in Wawa, Navotas, which provides women in the community with skills and opportunities to generate additional family income.

The club has also maintained a three-year partnership with the Sagip Sierra Madre Environmental Society, Inc. (SSMEI) for environmental conservation and watershed rehabilitation in Norzagaray, Bulacan. Activities have included tree and bamboo planting, support for Bantay Gubat volunteers, community education, and the distribution of food and school supplies.

Other initiatives have provided free eye screenings and reading glasses, livelihood training, educational assistance, and community-based support programs.

The club has also established partnerships with corporate organizations, including Maziv Build & Design, to strengthen its community service efforts.

District Participation and Fellowship

Beyond its community projects, ReCASC actively participates in Rotary District 3800 activities, including conventions, service expos, leadership programs, talent events, sports activities, and fellowship gatherings. These engagements allow members to contribute to district-wide initiatives while celebrating the talents, sportsmanship, and camaraderie of Rotarians.

Milestones and Recognition

ReCASC's active service and leadership have earned significant recognition within the district. The club has been named a Most Outstanding Club and has received awards for Public Image, membership retention, Rotary Foundation engagement, goal achievement, and progress toward charter strength.

Its leaders have likewise received individual recognition. Hope Creating President Jemuel A. Pilapil was honored as an Outstanding President, while Good President Maria Cristina C. Chua was recognized as Most Outstanding President. Other members have received awards for leadership, public image, Interact, and Rotaract service.

From its beginnings in 2022 to its chartering in 2023 and continued growth thereafter, ReCASC has built a record of active service, district participation, leadership, and recognition, remaining committed to Service Above Self and its continuing goal of Creating Lasting Impact. ■

Club meetings are held twice monthly at 8:00 PM, both in person and online.

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Senior Assistant Governor
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Assistant Governor
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Our Club Officers

Rotary Year 2026 - 2027



**HIP DOMINIC BENEDICT
SANTOS-VIOLA FAUSTINO**

CLUB PRESIDENT
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Finance Quality / Chef



PND SHERRYL A. RODRIGA
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CP JACIL MARIS A. LUMA-AS
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Membership No. 10517570
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Assistant Secretary
Membership No. 11830626
TESDA Management



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Membership No. 11725752
Information Technology / Insurance



PN RHODA O. DASALLA
Auditor
Membership No. 12425479
Accounting, Tax & Finance



RTN. CHARLES WINTON Y. ANG
Sergeant-at-Arms
Membership No. 12285798
Entrepreneurship (Poultry)

CLUB PROFILE:

The All Star Team

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Our Club Directors

Rotary Year 2026 - 2027



PP JEMUEL A. PILAPIL

Club Administration / Membership

Membership No. 11021508

Freelance App Support



PN RHODA O. DASALLA

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Membership No. 12425479

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Membership No. 9533125

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Membership No. 12285802

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Our Club Members

Rotary Year 2026 - 2027



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Language Education



RTN. ROLAN FERNANDEZ
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Language Education



RTN. CLEMENTE UY
Membership No. 12752721
Banking & Finance



Our Past Presidents



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RY 2022 - 2023



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Club Meetings



MEETING SUMMARY

9TH CLUB MEETING

ROTARY YEAR 2026-2027



DATE
September 5, 2026
(Saturday)



TIME
7:00 PM



VENUE
Bahay Nakpil-Bautista
(In Person)



ATTENDEES

- 1 HIP Dominic Faustino
- 2 IPP Cristina Chua
- 3 CP Jacil Luma-as
- 4 PP Jemuel Pilapil
- 5 PN Rhoda Dasalla



KEY AGENDA ITEMS

- Debriefing about the first meeting regarding **Project B.U.K.L.O.D.**
- **Selling of Tickets** (for the BYD Raffle Tickets)
- Upcoming events like **Oktoberfest** and **Club Learning Facilitation Seminar**



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and create *lasting impact* in our communities.

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E-Club of All Star
CAMANAVA



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This is to certify that _____
of Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA joined with us in our
meeting on _____
at _____

Name: _____

Club Designation: _____

Signature: _____



MEETING SUMMARY

10TH CLUB MEETING

ROTARY YEAR 2026-2027

 DATE September 26, 2026 (Saturday)	 TIME 6:00 PM	 VENUE Rotary Club of Malabon East Clubhouse (In Person)
 ATTENDEES 1 HEP Dominic Faustino 2 IPP Cristina Chua 3 CP Jacil Luma-as 4 PP Jemuel Pilapil 5 PE Michael Bola and Spouse Jessibel Bola 6 PN Rhoda Dasalla 7 Rtn. Bobot Uy and Spouse Emp Uy 8 Rtn. Gladys Galinato-Tomas 9 Rtn. Rolan Fernandez	 KEY AGENDA ITEMS • Next Project BUKLOD meeting • MyRotary • RECASC Website • District Dues	


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 of Rotary E-Club of All Star CAMANAVA joined with us in our
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 at _____

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

STARLIGHT REPORT

HIP Dominic Recognized as Co-Author of SINEliksik Bulacan Heritage Book Vol. IV

From Heritage to the Next Generation: HIP Dominic Honored for Preserving a Bulakenyo Legacy

Through the written word, High Impact President Dominic Benedict Santos-Viola Faustino helps keep alive the story of a distinguished Bulakenyo architect and a legacy worth passing on.

History is not preserved only in museums, monuments, and archives. Sometimes, it lives in the stories families choose to tell and in the words carefully written for the generations that follow.

For High Impact President Dominic Benedict Santos-Viola Faustino, that story is deeply personal.

On September 14, 2026, HIP Dominic was honored by the Provincial History, Arts, Culture and Tourism Office (PHACTO) Bulacan during the 4th SINEliksik Bulacan Conference, held at Valencia Hall, Bulacan State University in Malolos, Bulacan.

This recognition came in connection with his contribution as a co-author of the *SINEliksik Bulacan Heritage Book Vol. IV*, where he chronicled the life and legacy of his grandfather, architect **Carlos Santos-Viola**, and his contributions as an *Alagad ng Sining*.

The conference, themed **"Alagad ng Sining na Bulakenyo. Dangal ng Lahing Pilipino,"** brought together individuals and advocates committed to preserving, celebrating, and promoting Bulacan's rich cultural heritage.

At the heart of the conference was the recognition that cultural heritage does not simply belong to the past. It becomes meaningful when its stories are documented, shared, and made accessible to the generations of today and tomorrow.

Writing a Family Legacy

Carlos Santos-Viola was one of the Philippines' prominent architects from the mid-1930s through the latter part of the 20th century. Among his most recognizable contributions was his work designing Iglesia Ni Cristo churches from the post-World War II era through the late 20th century.

For HIP Dominic, writing about his grandfather was therefore more than a literary exercise. It was an opportunity to document a significant chapter of his family history and, at the same time, contribute to the preservation of Bulacan's cultural memory.

HIP Dominic shared that his involvement in the project came through his membership in Pamana de Mayumo, a heritage and cultural organization in San Miguel, Bulacan, his grandfather's hometown.

The task, however, was not without its challenges.

Writing professionally in Filipino proved particularly demanding for HIP Dominic, who was more accustomed to speaking the language in less formal settings. The historical period he was writing about also required him to navigate multiple languages.

"Since his time is during the Spanish era up until the '80s, I have to mix Tagalog, English, and Spanish in my article," he shared.

Yet what initially seemed like a challenge eventually became an advantage. Growing up familiar with all three languages helped him tell his grandfather's story within the cultural and historical context in which it unfolded.

STARLIGHT REPORT

A New Horizon

When he learned that he would be receiving recognition for his contribution to the book, HIP Dominic admitted that he was ecstatic.

Although he already knew that he would receive an award, the recognition carried a special significance because it was his first for writing an article for an educational book.

"This came first with the Nakpil recipe book that I am planning to write along with my cousins, which is still down the pipeline," he shared.

For someone who had never written a book before, being part of the SINELiksik publication opened an entirely new avenue for creative and scholarly expression.

"For someone like me who never had any experience writing a book, although I am not the only writer for the SINELiksik book, this is a new experience that opened up for me. It is another horizon to explore," he said.

His recognition was made even more significant by the presence of the conference's guest of honor, **Virgilio S. Almario**, the country's National Artist for Literature. His participation underscored the conference's celebration of Philippine art, literature, history, and cultural heritage.

When Heritage Becomes Inspiration

Beyond documenting the life of his grandfather, HIP Dominic hopes that the stories featured in the SINELiksik Heritage Books will inspire Bulacan's younger generation to recognize the achievements of people who came before them.

"This is actually the 4th Volume already. I hope people, especially the students of Bulacan, can be proud of these people featured in the books. May they become their inspiration in fulfilling their destiny and going through their endeavors with confidence," he said.

In this way, his contribution becomes more than a family story.

It becomes a bridge between generations.

Through his writing, HIP Dominic helps preserve not only the story of Carlos Santos-Viola, but also a piece of Bulacan's collective cultural memory. His grandfather's work as an architect demonstrates how a person's craft, values, and contributions can continue to resonate long after the work itself has been completed.

Heritage, after all, survives when people choose to remember, document, and share it.

A Rotarian's Avenue for Lasting Impact

For HIP Dominic, the recognition also carries significance in his role as a Rotarian.

He sees heritage education as another avenue through which he can reach young people, particularly students who may find inspiration in discovering that a distinguished architect once came from their own province.

"This is important for me as a Rotarian because it gives me another avenue to reach students by allowing me to introduce an architect who was born and is a native of their province," he explained.

More importantly, he hopes that students will see in Carlos Santos-Viola not only professional achievement, but also the values behind it.

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"A person who reached the peak of his career with humility and integrity in the quality of work he rendered to his clients."

For HIP Dominic, this connects directly with the Rotary year's message of Creating Lasting Impact.

"Making the lessons reach every generation of today and tomorrow is a way to create lasting impact," he said.

The recognition at the 4th SINEliksik Bulacan Conference therefore represents more than an award for writing. It is a reminder of the power of storytelling to preserve identity, honor those who came before, and inspire those who will come after.

From the architectural legacy of Carlos Santos-Viola to the written account of his life by his grandson, a Bulakenyo story has found another way to endure.

And through that story, heritage continues to speak.



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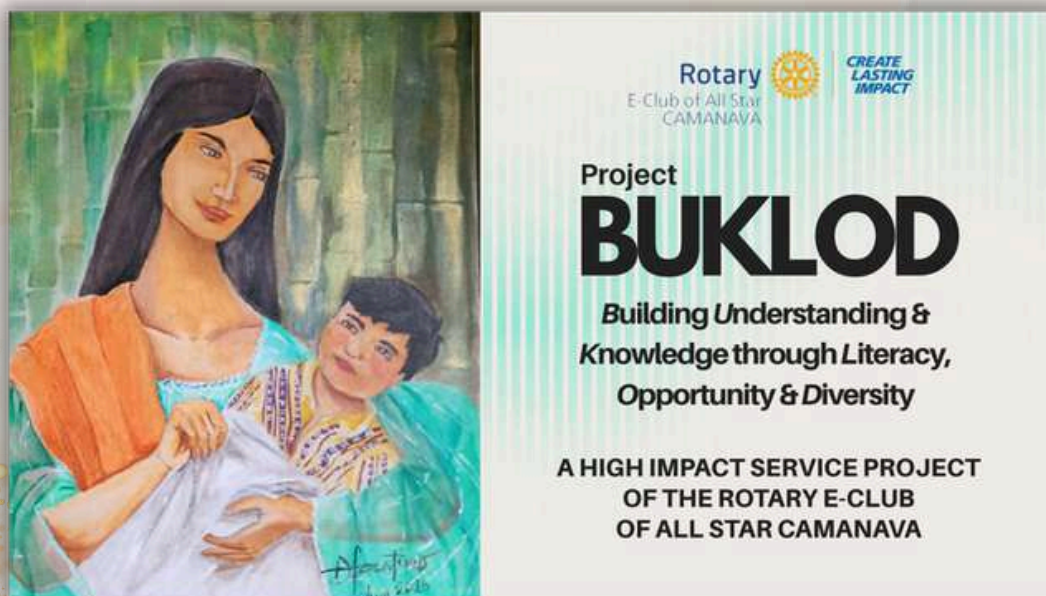
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