

## **2019 ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU HUMANITARIAN PROJECT MALAPASQUA ISLAND, CEBU PROVINCE, PHILIPPINES**

**DATES:** You must arrive in Cebu by Sunday March 17 but Saturday March 16 is better so that you can observe a program that feeds street children and see a few sights in Cebu City. The on site work days will be Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 22, 2019. We take an R & R day on Malapasqua on Saturday, March 23 and return to Cebu City on Sunday March 24. You can schedule your flight out of Cebu starting in the Monday, March 25. You will be met at the airport and returned to the airport by our hosts.

We are offering an optional organized excursion to Singapore after the project. We will depart Cebu and arrive in Singapore on Tuesday March 26 and then have three days of organized activities on March 27, 28 and 29. Participants would be free to depart or pursue their own itinerary on Saturday, March 30. You may also schedule additional alternative personal days before or after the project days if you want.

### **PROJECT & OPTIONAL TOUR SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday/Sunday, March 16 or 17** - Arrive in Cebu, stay at Cebu YMCA, observe feeding program for street children on Sunday morning.

**Monday, March 18** - 8:30 AM departure for Malapasqua, settle in, Welcome Dinner

**Tuesday, March 19** - Work day

**Wednesday, March 20** - Work day

**Thursday, March 21** - Work day

**Friday, March 22** - Work day

**Saturday, March 23** - R & R day on Malapasqua

**Sunday, March 24** - Depart for Cebu City, Farewell Dinner

**Monday, March 25** - Participants free to depart, start optional Singapore tour or begin own itinerary.

### **OPTIONAL SINGAPORE TOUR:**

**Tuesday March 26** - Fly Cebu to Singapore (Try for Philippine Airlines Flights 1850 & 501)

**Wednesday, March 27** - Tour Day

**Thursday, March 28** - Tour Day

**Friday March 29** - Tour Day

**Saturday, March 30** - Depart for home or own itinerary

**COSTS:** Your financial responsibilities will include your airfare to and from Cebu (usually \$700 to \$1,000) plus a Participation Fee of \$240 which will cover all ground transportation, meals, lodging and misc. costs. Make your check for the \$240 Participation Fee payable to "The Rotary Club of Honolulu" and give to Don Anderson or Rotary Administrator, Martha German. The optional Singapore tour cost will be provided in the near future.

**NOTE:** At the time of this writing a booked on Expedia Honolulu/Cebu/Singapore/Honolulu for \$1,063 on Philippine Airlines.

**LOCATION:** We will improve a public school on tiny Malapasqua Island which lies about half way between Leyte and Cebu Islands. There are several small resorts on the island and the area is known for its "diving with thrasher sharks" excursions. The plan is to build a classroom building, build walls paint roofs and concrete some on the school grounds. To get to there we will need to

drive from Cebu City about 100 miles to the northern tip of Cebu Island and then take a two hour boat ride to Malapasqua. The school is quite rundown and currently has 5 classrooms for 286 students. They hang a curtain in the middle of the rooms and put a class on each side. The school is right on the beach.

**LIVING CONDITIONS:** This project will be one of our "camping out" type projects. We will sleep on cots in school classrooms with toilet facilities but bathing will be with buckets of water or jumping in the ocean. Roughing it a little bit is an important part of the experience. Hundreds of our participants have managed this and no one has died yet. Chances are you won't be the first.

**MISC:** Our group from Hawaii will be joined in the project by about 20 young adults from Hiroshima, Japan and a similar sized group from Cebu, Philippines giving us an anticipated 70 workers on site. Our host is Cris Caparoso who is director of the Cebu YMCA and is an active Rotarian. No special skills are required to be a contributing member of our project team. Skilled workers will be on site to direct our activities. What is required is decent general health and a good attitude. We will stay at the Cebu YMCA when we are in the city before and after the project. The Y is located in the heart of the city. There are many beach resort and casino type hotels around Cebu for those who might wish to add an upgraded extension. It is nice to do that or do the optional Singapore tour after a week of spartan living.

**EXPECTED ROTARIANS TO DATE:** Amberger, Anderson, Chou, Cloward, Griggs, Harrow, Rosenswike, Shanahan.

**EXPECTED FAMILY & FRIENDS (including 9 students) TO DATE:** Andres, Arellano, Chiya, Guo, Kawamata, Knox, Lam, Le, Lopera, Melton, Nacorda, Nelson, Samatra, Shanahan, Takashige (2), Tsushima.

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