

# South Pacific & Philippines Office

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Committed to Serving Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and the Philippines

## COVER

A few more days and we would be celebrating Rotary's 116<sup>th</sup> birthday. As staff of Rotary, we have always celebrated this day amongst ourselves with cake as we do when any of us celebrates our birthdays. This year, in writing this cover, I felt the compulsion to delve deep into the mind of our illustrious founder. What kind of person can start a movement, an organisation that now spans the whole world, doing immeasurable good, 116 years later?

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## MEMBERSHIP

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Starting new clubs is a way to grow Rotary but it's equally important to ensure these new clubs have the support and tools to thrive and become sustainable. [Nurturing new clubs course](#) in the Learning Centre is the second in Rotary International's new club development series. New club supporters can learn their roles for helping new clubs achieve success and hear best practices for guiding new clubs during their formative years.

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## FINANCE

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Invoices may be paid online through MyRotary via credit card. This is the *preferred* method of payment. For clubs in Australia and New Zealand, the amounts due are automatically converted in the local currency using the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the Online Transaction. For Philippine and other Pacific Island clubs, dues can only be charged in US Dollars.

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## CLUB & DISTRICT SUPPORT

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**Congratulations** to our District Governors-elect for their active participation in the historic first ever online International Assembly for 2021! We hope that you have been inspired and are excited to be the “Change-maker” governors for the year 2021-22. We look forward to supporting you to make this a successful year for your District and for yourselves!

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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Isla Verde, an island of Batangas City, Philippines is known as the Center of Marine Biodiversity of the world but considered poor as there is no electricity and no potable water.

After a multi-club initiative was introduced by the Rotary Club of Tanauan, a water system was installed and now thousands of residents are enjoying a normal life with water coming right in to their own homes.

Learn more about this amazing project today.

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## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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The infrastructure that Rotary and our partners have created to end polio does more than vaccinate children. An article just published by the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative* describes how the COVID-19 epidemic has highlighted the vital role that this network plays in global health security.

Click more to have a read.

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