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THE STORY OF US



How Membership Builds Purpose
and Connection

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

ORDINARY PEOPLE, CREATING EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT.



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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

**Membership
and New Club
Development
Month**



Francesco Arezzo
Rotary International President

As we celebrate Membership & New Club Development Month with great enthusiasm this August, we keep at the top of our list growing and uniting as one strong community. As Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo so poignantly said, "When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead and to make a difference that will last." This powerful statement captures the heart of what we do.

Multiplying members goes beyond just numbers, it represents stepping through the door to opportunities. It's essentially about inviting people who are willing to dedicate their time and energy and heart to something that is greater than themselves. When we fully embrace new members into our membership ranks we are not only bringing in a new way of thinking and new ideas. Action throughout our club is flourishing and we are keeping the club fresh and the community energized. Each and every one, whether a new member or a long-term Rotarian, has an essential role to play in this game-changing journey.

The "Beauty of Rotary" is that we are an organization that embraces a variety of clubs, in many entry points into our fine organization. The incredible freedom we have in creating non-typical models such as satellite clubs, puts us in a position to really reach a wider and wider audience and push farther into uncharted territory for us.

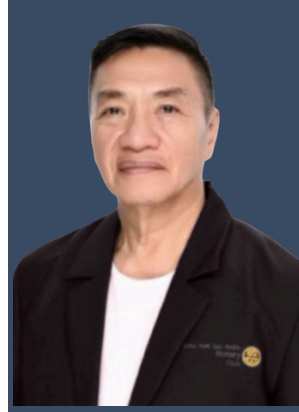
Our "Unite for Good" message is heartfelt and what better way to bring our theme to life than to put the highest priority on the value of membership. Together, let us stand and work together to plant, and exist as a strong force for good in our communities. From President Arezzo as he says so well, "There is no one that owns a Rotary club. It's a treasure we hand down to the next generation." Let's all work to cultivate that amazing gift!...and let's invite others to share in this remarkable journey with us!

Source: <https://my.rotary.org/en/who-we-are/office-of-the-president/presidential-message>



CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Our diversity is
our strength,
our unity is our
power.”



Josephus Gonzales
Club President

August reminds us of what truly makes Rotary thrive: our people. Membership and club development are not just about growth in numbers but about nurturing the heart of our Rotary family.

Like any Filipino family, we draw strength from our diversity. Each member brings stories, skills, and experiences that make our service richer and our impact deeper. Together, we have accomplished great things—and together, we can do even more.

This month is an invitation to invite. Think of friends, family, or colleagues who live out service above self in their daily lives. A simple conversation could open the door for them to find meaning, friendships, and purpose through Rotary.

Club development is not the task of one leader but the shared responsibility of all. Every new member strengthens our future. Every connection we spark adds more light to our service.

Let's make this August a turning point. Not just in growing our club, but in deepening the family we already are—committed, vibrant, and united in making a difference.



ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU FORT SAN PEDRO ACTIVITIES

Lighting the path for others through
GUIDANCE and CARE.



CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

August 8, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro celebrated friendship, music, and stories during its fun Fellowship Night with members and friends. The night highlighted the spirit of Rotary apart from service projects, giving members a chance to form stronger connections welcome visitors and mark achievements. It was a fun filled evening of laughter, friendship and renewed commitment to the spirit of service above self.





CLUB MEETINGS



August 15, 2025
Regular Meeting
Big Hotel



August 29, 2025
Regular Meeting
Grand Residences Clubhouse

AREA 1 COORDINATION MEETING

August 16, 2025

Rotary Club Cebu Fort San Pedro joined the Area 1 Coordination Meeting last August 16, 2025 with the theme. The gathering took place to align strategies and deepen cooperation among the District Rotary leaders and members, to ensure that club projects are in line with the needs and priorities of the district and Rotary International.







Streams of Change.

From a single faucet flows more than water, it carries hope, renewal, and the promise of healthier lives. Rotary's work in water and sanitation transforms simple streams into lifelines, turning everyday access into lasting change for communities in need.



THE NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome our new members, bringing fresh ideas, energy, and commitment to service. Together, we grow stronger and create greater impact.



RICHARD ANTHONY BADAYOS

Company Profile: ODRAUDE BUILDERS
Engage in Structural Designs and Constructions
What advise you can give:
Focus on things that can be controlled



Salt + fin

RANELL BLANCO



Company Profile: USANA
Engage in Health and Wellness
What advise you can give:
Growth is the Only Evidence of Life. ~ John Henry Newman



THE RETURNING MEMBERS

They may have stepped away for a while, but their heart for service never left.



HAIDE CASTRE CAÑETE

Company Profile: Airland Cargo Movers Inc.

Engage in Pharmaceuticals and Logistics

What advise you can give:

Rotary journey is not only a path of service, but also a journey of friendship, growth that can impact locally and globally.



PRIMITIVO DEIPARINE III

Company Profile: Primitivo Deiparine Atelier and Construction Design
Engage in Interior and Furniture Design, Construction and Fit-Outs, Hospitality Business

What advice you can give:

To always uphold service above self by working together to address local needs with integrity and compassion. To encourage fostering peace, goodwill, and sustainable solutions that uplift everyone, especially the most vulnerable. As a Creative Designer, I hope to create spaces that are not only beautiful but also functional, sustainable, and inclusive for all. And to also encourage choosing designs and materials that promote well-being, harmony, and a stronger sense of community.



LIWAYWAY DE LA PIEZA

Company Profile: Rollway Customs Brokerage Services

Engage in Customs Brokerage and Transport business

What advise you can give:

Rotary is Service Above Self and a great way to meet like minded professional and build trust and friendship with a sense of purpose.

RECOGNITION



RCCFSP RECEIVES THE 2024–2025 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

2024-25 Club Excellence Award

Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro has earned the 2024-2025 Club Excellence Award for our dedication towards an exceptional member experience and living Rotary's core values. We accept this award on behalf of the passionate, tireless and relentless work our Rotarians do to make a contribution in our world.



ROTARY CALENDAR YEAR 2025-2026

JUL
2025MATERNAL & CHILD
HEALTH MONTHJULY 01 - BEGINNING OF
ROTARY YEARAUG
2025MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTHSEP
2025BASIC EDUCATION &
LITERACY MONTHOCT
2025COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MONTHOCTOBER 24 -
WORLD POLIO DAYNOV
2025ROTARY FOUNDATION
MONTHDEC
2025DISEASE PREVENTION &
TREATMENT MONTHJAN
2026VOCATIONAL SERVICE
MONTHFEB
2026PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT
PREVENTION MONTHFEBRUARY 24 -
ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARYMAR
2026WATER, SANITATION &
HYGIENE MONTHAPRIL
2026ENVIRONMENTAL
MONTHMAY
2026

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

JUN
2026ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION, TAIPEI

LOOKING AHEAD

SAVE THE DATES

September 13 – Vibrant Club Seminar**September 20** – Area 1 Coordination Meeting
(Dumaguete)**September 20** – Area 1G & 1H Governor's Night**September 27** – Tree planting activity**October 11** – International Day of the Girl Child**October 18** – Area 1 Coordination Meeting**October 22-24** – Mount Kinabalu Climb to End
Polio**October 24** – World Polio Day**November 8** – The Rotary Foundation Recognition
Night, Summit Galleria Cebu**November 15** – Area 1 Coordination Meeting**November 26** – United in Harmony: A Rotary
Dinner Concert for a Cause. Sky Hall SM Seaside**November 28-30** – Genting Rotary Institute,
Genting International Convention Center,
Malaysia**December 6** – Area 1 Coordination Meeting and
Christmas Party



ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

LEARNING CORNER



Rotary Insights

Deepening our understanding of Rotary's history, programs, and impact.

What is a satellite club?

Think of a satellite club as Rotary's way of being both flexible and forward-looking. It's designed for emerging communities, busy professionals, and younger leaders who want to serve but may find the traditional Rotary setup a challenge.

A satellite club mirrors its sponsoring Rotary club but runs on its own schedule, often in a more relaxed and informal style. Meetings might be shorter, held at different venues, or even blend in modern formats that fit the lifestyle of today's members.

This model is especially appealing to professionals balancing demanding careers and to younger individuals seeking a more dynamic, engaging experience. It's Rotary without losing tradition, but with added flexibility that makes participation easier and more inviting.

Most importantly, satellite clubs expand our reach, strengthen our service, and grow our membership. They are a living example of how Rotary adapts to the changing needs of our times—always keeping service at the center while making space for new ideas and new people.

As we celebrate Membership and Club Development Month, let's keep our eyes open. Maybe there's a new community, a workplace, or a group of friends just waiting for an opportunity like this. A conversation you start today could spark the next satellite club tomorrow.



ROTARY NEWS

LATEST UPDATE



Olayinka “Yinka” Hakeem Babalola – RI President 2026-27

Rotary International has announced that Olayinka “Yinka” Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, will serve as President of Rotary International for 2026-27. He will be only the second African to lead our global organization, following Jonathan B. Majiyagbe (2003-04).

Babalola’s Rotary journey began in Rotaract in 1984 and later the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994. He has since held key leadership roles, including District Governor, RI Board Director, and RI Vice President. He has also been deeply involved in Rotary’s End Polio Now campaign and remains an adviser to Nigeria’s National PolioPlus Committee.

Professionally, Babalola has decades of leadership experience in the oil and gas industry, including senior management at Shell PLC. He also leads companies in technical services and executive consulting.

He and his wife, Preba (Precy), are generous supporters of The Rotary Foundation, members of the Arch Klumph Society, and endowment donors. Among his many recognitions are the Service Above Self Award and the Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Babalola’s election as RI President is a proud moment for Africa and a reminder of the strength of Rotary leadership worldwide. His vision emphasizes service, peacebuilding, and continuing the fight to end polio.



August 12- Rtn. Myrna
 August 14- Rtn. Cherryl
 August 16- Rtn. Hanna



A Toast to Our August Celebrants!

"We raise a toast to our August birthday celebrants whose presence brings warmth, fellowship, and inspiration to TeamFort. May this new year in your lives be filled with joy, purpose, and blessings."



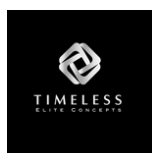




Last Name	First Name	Classification
BANCALE	MYRNA	Shells – Import/Exporting
CATARATA	MARY GRACE	Engineer – Construction Services
LAO	ELIZIR	Customs Broker
MERCADO	DANIEL	Petroleum Products Distributor
MONARES	ELDEIN	Real Estate – Marketing
NERI	REY	Transportation – Logistics
OBNIMAGA-MIRAL	MARIA JANEL	Legal Services
PESTANO	KHRISTINA	Real Estate Marketing Consultant
RIZON	FREDERICK	Hotel and Real Estate
ROBLES	CHERYL	Restaurant – Management
RODINAS	JESUS JR.	Real Estate Development
RODINAS-MONARES	LADY HANNA SHEN	Real Estate – Management
GERONA	MARIFI	Real Property – Leasing
TAN	RIZZA MAY	Construction
GONZALES	JOSEPHUS	Health
RODINAS	LILIA	Land Developer
VELAYO	FLORDELIZ	Public Servant
RODRIGUEZ	APRIL JANE	Real Estate
CAÑETE	HEIDE CASTRE	Pharmaceuticals
DE LA PIEZA	LIWAYWAY	Customs Brokerage
DEIPARINE	PRIMITIVO	Interior and Furniture Design
BLANCO	RANEL	Health and Wellness
BADAYOS	RICHARD ANTHONY	Architectural Services



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Allied Organizations

Club partners, organizations, and companies are valued collaborators who share resources, expertise, and support to help achieve common goals. Through joint initiatives, sponsorships, and active participation, they strengthen programs, expand reach, and create greater impact in the community.

Hotel Partners

Community Beneficiaries

Our community beneficiaries and supported organizations represent the heart of our mission. These groups, institutions, and communities are the focus of our programs and outreach efforts. Through sustained support, resources, and collaborative initiatives, we aim to uplift lives, strengthen capacities, and create lasting positive change.



CLUB AT GLANCE

Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

Chartered: January 10, 2010

Club ID: 82846

Meeting Schedule: Friday, 6:00 PM

Venue: Big Hotel, Mandaue City

Club Email: rccfsp@gmail.com

Facebook Page: Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Josephus Gonzales

President-Elect: Dean Monares

President-Nominee: Rizza May Tan

Vice President: IPP Mary Grace Catarata

Secretary: Rizza May Tan

Assistant Secretary: Dean Monares

Treasurer: Marifi Gerona

Auditor: Myrna Bancale

Sergeant-at-arms: Rey Neri

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership & Vocational Service: Frederick Rizon

Public Image: April Jane Dunque, Khristina Pestaño

Community Service: Jesus Rodinas, Jr.

International Service: Daniel Mercado

The Rotary Foundation: Mary Grace Catarata

Club Administration: Lady Hanna Shen Monares

Learning Facilitator: Khristina Pestaño

Young Leaders Contact: Cherryl Robles

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Myrna Bancale - PHF

Mary Grace Catarata - PHF+1

Marifi Gerona - PHF+8

Josephus Gonzales - PHF

Elizer Lao - PHF

Daniel Mercado - PHF+4

Eldein Monares - PHF

Lady Hanna Shen Monares - PHF

Rey Neri - PHF

Janel Obnimaga - PHF+1

Khristina Pestaño - PHF

Frederick Rizon - PHF+2

Cherryl Robles - PHF

Jesus Rodinas, Jr. - PHF+1

Lilia Rodinas

April Jane Dunque

Rizza May Tan

Flordelis Velayo

Primitivo Deiparine

Haide Cañete

Liwayway De La Pieza

Ranell Blanco

Richard Anthony Badayos





"I am April, 28 years old, and I joined Rotary because I wanted to do more than just watch change happen, I wanted to be part of it. Moments like this, sharing laughter and joy with children, remind me why service matters. Rotary has taught me that even the simplest acts of love and presence can create an impact far greater than ourselves."



—— April Jane Rodriguez-Dunque



Ready to make a difference? Join Rotary today.

Rotary is built on the stories of members whose passion and service create extraordinary change.