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Community Economic Development Month



October 2025 Issue

Francesco Arezzo Rotary International President

October is recognized as a "Community Economic Development Month," a time to reflect on the remarkable achievements that enable communities worldwide to thrive and build an economically secure future. We resonate deeply with the message being expressed by President Francesco Arezzo. Real leadership, challenging every sector of a community to be enterprising and productive, goes way beyond charity. It is at its core about empowering people with what they need to drive their own journey to transformation. This month is a wake-up call to break free from the model of temporary support and invest in the building blocks that are key to long-term success, such as leadership, training on new skills, and setting up your own enterprises.

Provocatively, in his thoughtful piece, President Arezzo refutes our traditional notions of "leadership," declaring that it is not "always about being visible." Instead, he explains that real leadership is a discipline of deep listening, shared alignment, and the elevation of others' voices. Indeed, it is essential to not only be relevant but also, critically, to be successful in any type of economic development.

Rotarians are heartily recommended to investigate their local community very carefully and pinpoint areas where new talent might go unnoticed and yet could be mentored into a circle of sincere caring. This will require the creation of dynamic and mutually supportive relationships with local businesses, existing vocational institutions, and community saving groups. And by doing so, we guarantee that our programs are not just locally anchored but also culturally adapted and thereby able to ignite the support of those whom we try to assist.

The month of Community Economic Development provides an important time each year for us to pause and consider our roles as leaders, as partners in this work we need to get on with. I hope we can commit together to bring forth deep intention and genuine leadings, our compassion and humanity, and the whole of ourselves in uplifting local leadership. When we approach these collaborations and empowerment, we can develop economies that work for all of us and result in community development projects that are sustainable and make a difference.





Josephus Gonzales Club President

DISTRICT'S VISION

Community Building and Economic Development: a combination for success

Rotary clubs shine a special spotlight on Community Economic Development every October. It is a reminder that our work is not only about results, but about building communities where everyone has a real chance to thrive. Strong local economies create strong families, strong neighborhoods, and a strong future.

At the core of this effort is our commitment to support small businesses, the lifeblood of our communities. Through simple actions like choosing to shop local, we help create jobs, keep money circulating in the neighborhood, and strengthen the relationships that hold our towns together.

This month encourages us to widen our reach, invest in local entrepreneurs, tutor aspiring business owners, share our professional skills, and partner with organizations that lift people up. Even small acts can create a ripple effect that leads to more opportunities and financial stability for many families.

Community Economic Development also connects with our other areas of focus, such as Basic Education and Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Clean Water and Sanitation. A healthy, educated workforce fuels local progress. When people are empowered with skills, knowledge, and good health, they can participate fully in economic growth.

CED is a shared mission among Rotarians, local leaders, and community partners. It begins with listening to the needs and dreams of our fellow Filipinos and responding with practical solutions that bring both immediate relief and long term transformation.

This October, let's reflect on how each of us contributes to our community's economic well being. Whether through volunteering, mentoring, or choosing a local shop over a big brand, every action matters. Together, we can help build a future where our communities do not just survive, but truly thrive — passing on to the next generation a legacy of growth, opportunity, and hope.

LOOKING BEYOND THE HERE AND NOW: ROTARY'S DISASTER RESILIENCE IN ACTION



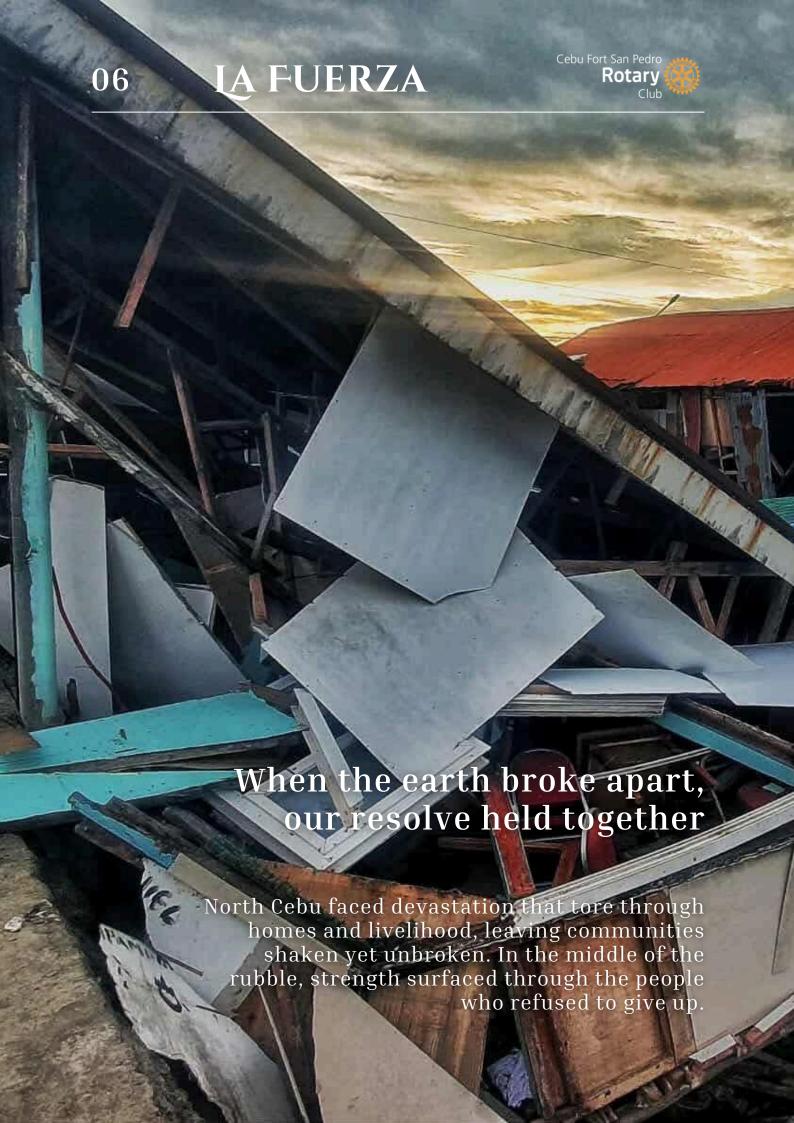
A Charge in Times of Trouble

The Philippines, home to the majestic wonders of nature and deep strength, but it is also a place that nature has tested again and again. From ferocious typhoons racing over the Visayas, to the abrupt and devastating jolt of a 6.9 earthquake that happened recently.

The recent tremor that occurred with its epicenter in Bogo, Cebu weaves a stark reminder of this hapless state. Headlines that zero in on the tremor and its immediate destruction, the Rotarians of District 3860 quickly shift focus to a deeper, longer mission, Disaster Response And Community Resilience that endures.

The time has come for us to strive to shift our focus towards lending real, sustained support to the families and communities that have been so negatively impacted. And now, the call of Rotary District 3860 is to all members, clubs and their partners to galvanize the most massive and coordinated relief operation.

In order to make sure donations are received effectively and with full transparency, the District is building a central Donation Drop-Off Center in Cebu City. Even during the first days after a disaster, when food and water are urgently needed, many more supplies are required to help families through the critical weeks that follow an event. The establishment of a central pickup point is essential to maintain the Rotary level of accountability. All incoming donations will be logged, sorted and aligned with the needs reported by our Rotarians on the ground in the affected areas".



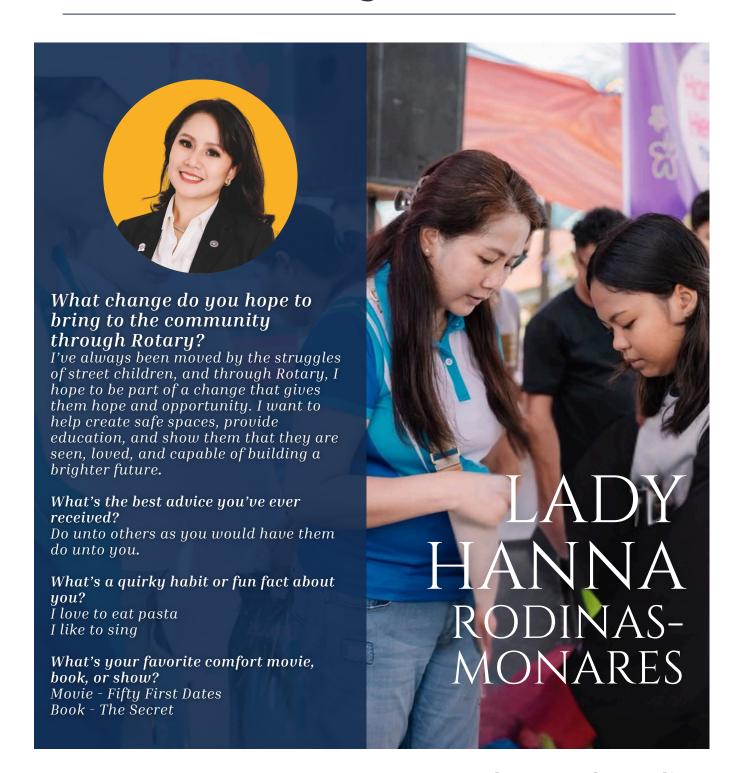




With every act of relief and every hand extended, recovery slowly takes shape. Partners, volunteers, and survivors move forward side by side, rebuilding hope one community at a time.







Lady Hanna Shen Rodinas - RCCFSP Vice President RY 2025-2026

Company Profile: Formel Club President at Rotary Club and Board of Director/Corporate Secretary at Welstand Development Corporation Lady Hanna Shen Rodinas is the Vice President of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro and a Board Director at Wellstand Development Corporation. A nurse by profession and a devoted Rotarian, she has served in various leadership roles with a passion for service and community development. Originally from Bayugan, Agusan del Sur, and now based in Cebu City, Lady Hanna continues to inspire others through her dedication, compassion, and commitment to Rotary's mission of serving humanity.





PINK OCTOBER

October 1, 2025

This October, we come together to spread awareness, hope, and courage for everyone whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. We honor those who continue to fight, the survivors who inspire us with their courage, and the families whose love and support never waver. Breast Cancer Awareness Month reminds us how important early detection, regular checkups, and community support truly are. Even small acts like encouraging someone to get screened, wearing pink, or sharing helpful information can make a real difference. As Rotarians, we stand united in compassion and service. Let's keep spreading love, promoting wellness, and reminding everyone to Think Pink, Stay Aware, and Save Lives.













HELPING NORTHERN CEBU RISE, ONE DROP AT A TIME

October 4, 2025

Water for Life Project Brings Urgent Relief to Earthquake-Hit Northern Cebu

Following the recent earthquake, northern Cebu communities faced a shortage of safe drinking water. The IPI Foundation Inc.'s "Water for Life Project" responded quickly, providing muchneeded clean water to the affected areas. A mobile water filtration system helps turn contaminated water into clean, drinkable water, offering immediate relief to families in need.

A special thanks goes to Past President Jess Rodinas of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, along with the IPI Foundation and International Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (IPI), for making this possible. With the support of the Province of Cebu under Governor Pamela Baricuatro and the local government units (LGUs) of Tabuelan, San Remigio, Daanbantayan, Medellin, and Bogo, the project was able to reach the hardest-hit areas.

The project continues its mission of delivering not just clean water, but also hope and support, to the people of Cebu.













HOPE ON THE GROUND IN CAMPUTATAN SUR

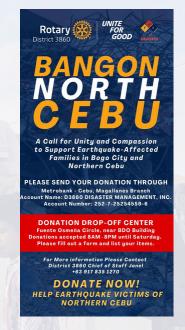


October 5, 2025

Relief efforts continued in Camputatan Sur, Medellin, where Rotary District 3860 and Rotary District 3860 Disaster Management Inc., together with the Provincial Government, the Logistics and Distribution Cluster, and the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, delivered essential goods to families affected by the recent earthquake.

The distribution was conducted on October 5, 2025 and reached residents from Purok Mahogany, Purok Tugas, and Purok Talisay in Sitio Buayahon. Special thanks go to BINI's Aiah for her thoughtful donation that helped bring comfort to the community.

In moments of uncertainty, the generosity of partners and volunteers reminds our brothers and sisters in the north that they are not alone. Small acts of care can lift spirits and help communities take one step closer to rebuilding their lives.

















HELP FOR LAMBUSAN, SAN REMIGIO

October 5, 2025

As we observe Rotary Foundation Month this November, the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro continues to embody Rotary's mission through heartfelt service. The club recently organized a relief effort in Lambusan and Sitio Tigib, San Remigio, providing food packs and essential supplies to families affected by the recent earthquake.

This simple yet meaningful act captures the true essence of the Rotary Foundation turning generosity into tangible help and hope. Every contribution, every volunteer effort, and every moment of service reflects our shared purpose: creating lasting change where it's needed most.

Through the combined dedication of Rotarians, donors, and volunteers, District 3860 once again shows what it means to Unite for Good. It's through partnerships like these that compassion grows into empowerment and service becomes a living legacy.

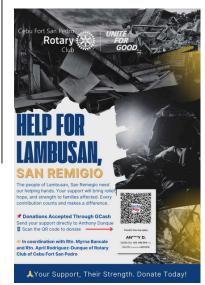
Together, we celebrate not only the relief delivered but also the enduring spirit of Rotary a reminder that the Foundation's work continues every day, transforming care into action and hope into lasting impact.





















AREA 1 COORDINATION MEETINGS

October 18, 2025

The Area I Coordination Meeting, held last October 18, 2025, at Seda Central Bloc Cebu, brought together Rotarians with a shared purpose to serve and to unite for good. With the theme "When Service Meets Readiness: The Rotary Role in Disaster Resilience," the gathering highlighted how compassion and preparedness go hand in hand, especially in times of crisis. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Wyben R. Briones for his inspiring talk on how Rotary can help build stronger, more resilient communities. As one Rotary family, we continue to serve with purpose and readiness, turning challenges into opportunities to create lasting change.









HANDS THAT HELP, HEARTS THAT HEAL

October 24, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, in partnership with Cebu Children's Paradise Montessori School, successfully carried out The Girl Project an outreach program held in Barangay Olivo, Tabuelan.

This initiative brought together volunteers, educators, and community leaders to extend compassion and support to the people of Cebu Norte. The program emphasized the power of collaboration and service, creating a day filled with learning, care, and hope.

Special thanks to everyone who made this meaningful activity possible, including the dedicated staff of Children's Paradise Montessori School led by Directress Marivic Bathan, the officials and staff of Barangay Olivo, Tabuelan LGU, Tabuelan Rural Health Unit, and the active participation of parents, teachers, and children.

Through shared effort and genuine concern, this project became a testament to what can be achieved when we come together to serve one helping hand, one hopeful heart at a time.



















WORLD POLIO DAY

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE HISTORY BY ENDING POLIO FOR GOOD!

October 24, 2025

This World Polio Day, we join Rotarians around the world in raising awareness and supporting the ongoing fight to end polio. For more than 30 years, Rotary has been at the heart of this mission, helping vaccinate millions of children and protecting communities everywhere from this disease.

We've come a long way, but our work isn't done yet. Every action, every donation, and every shared message helps bring us one step closer to a world where no child will ever have to suffer from polio again















DISTRICT 3860 EXTENDS A HELPING HAND TO TABOGON





UNITE FOR GOOD

BANGON NORTH CEBU

A Call for Unity and Compassion to Support Earthquake-Affected Families in Purok Buayahon, Caputatan Sur Northern Cebu











October 26, 2025

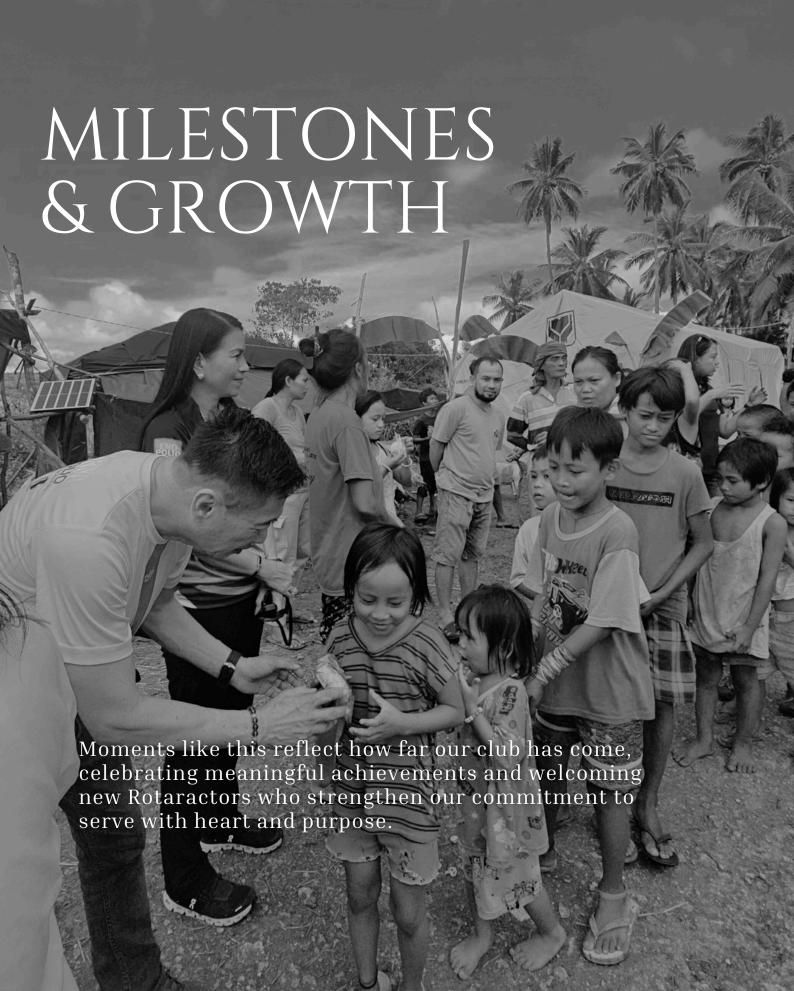
On the last day of October, the Disaster Management team of Rotary International District 3860, together with ShelterBox Operations Philippines, made their way to North Cebu to reach families affected by the recent earthquake.

District officers spent time visiting temporary relocation sites where they met with residents still recovering from the quake. Beyond distributing aid, the visit was a gesture of comfort and reassurance, a reminder that they are not alone in their journey to rebuild. Rotary volunteers, working side by side with ShelterBox, helped distribute essential shelter kits tarpaulins, toolkits, nails, hammers, and solar lights to help families repair and strengthen their homes. To lighten the day, Dunkin' Donuts joined in by sharing snacks with the families, bringing a few smiles amid the challenges.

The effort showed once again how Rotary's partnerships make a real difference. ShelterBox provides the expertise, while Rotary brings the people, coordination, and heart that keep everything moving. Clubs that joined the activity included RC Cebu, RC Mandaue East, RC Cebu Fort San Pedro, and the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro. Together, they showed what "Service Above Self" truly means helping not just with supplies, but with genuine care and compassion.









CELEBRATING A YEAR OF MILESTONES AND MEANINGFUL SERVICE

October 17, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro marks another meaningful year of service and teamwork, highlighted by multiple recognitions at the Rotary District 3860 Awards for Rotary Year 2024 to 2025. These achievements reflect the heart of the club's mission, the strength of its members, and the shared purpose of uplifting communities.







AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Distinguished Club Award Bronze A recognition of the club's consistent drive for impactful service and organizational excellence.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD Awarded to Past President Mary Grace Catarata for exemplary leadership.

DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY AWARD Awarded to Secretary Eldien Monares for dedication and outstanding service.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT AWARD Given for the G.I.R.L. Project, a program that empowers young girls and provides support where it is needed most.

POLIO PLUS AWARD

Recognizing the club's contribution of one thousand five hundred dollars to Rotary's global fight against polio.

PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL TIME HIGH GIVING

Honoring the club's contribution of five thousand four hundred six dollars to The Rotary Foundation.

100 PERCENT FOUNDATION GIVING CLUB Every member contributed at least one hundred dollars, reflecting strong unity and commitment to Rotary's global initiatives.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Presented to AG Marifi S. Gerona for inspiring leadership and dedicated service across the district

These milestones are more than awards. They represent collective effort, countless acts of kindness, and the deep commitment of members who continue to serve with heart. They remind us that Rotary's impact grows when people come together with sincerity, purpose, and compassion.



HONORING AG MARIFI S. GERONA: A LEADER WHO SERVES WITH HEART

October 17, 2025

In observance of Community Economic
Development Month, the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort
San Pedro proudly congratulates Assistant
Governor Marifi S. Gerona for receiving the
Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is a
reflection of AG Marifi's steadfast dedication,
exemplary leadership, and genuine commitment
to empowering communities through Rotary
service. Her efforts in guiding clubs across Area 10
have inspired meaningful collaboration and
fostered initiatives that strengthen local
economies and improve lives.

Her achievement stands as a reminder that when Rotarians serve with purpose and compassion, we help build resilient communities where opportunity and progress can thrive.



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ROTARACT BASIC ORIENTATION SEMINAR



October 26, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro successfully held the Rotaract Basic Orientation Seminar on October 26, 2025, at Psalms Coffee & Pastry Cebu. The session was led by Rotaractor JN Vianney Dagandan, who guided participants through the fundamentals of Rotaract, its purpose, structure, and the important role it plays in creating positive change within our communities. It was an inspiring afternoon filled with learning, fellowship, and a shared commitment to service above self. Our sincere thanks to everyone who joined and helped make this event a success. Together, let us continue to unite for good and make a lasting difference.











UNITED IN HARMONY: Why This Concert Matters

United in Harmony was created as a way for the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro to bring people together during a time when many communities continue to face hardship. The recent earthquakes and floods in Cebu have left families struggling to rebuild their lives. At the same time, children battling cancer at Everlasting Hope and young girls under the care of Home of Love continue to rely on steady support and a safe, nurturing environment.

This dinner concert for a cause is our response to these ongoing needs. Music becomes a bridge that connects compassion, fellowship, and service. Through this event, we aim to honor the resilience of these communities and sustain programs that provide comfort, healing, and hope.

United in Harmony reflects our shared commitment to stand with those who are recovering, hurting, and rebuilding.

NOVEMBER 26













ROTARY CALENDAR YEAR 2025-2026



MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

July 01 - Beginning of Rotary Year



MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MONTH

OCTOBER 24 -WORLD POLIO DAY



Rotary Foundation Month



DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH



Vocational Service Month



PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

February 24 -Rotary's Anniversary



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month



Environmental Month



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



Rotary International Convention, Taipei

LOOKING AHEAD

SAVE THE DATES

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 22 – The Rotary Foundation Recognition Night, Summit Galleria Cebu November 15 – Area 1 Coordination Meeting

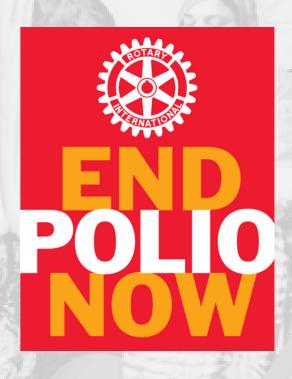
November 26 – United in Harmony: A Rotary Dinner Concert for a Cause. Sky Hall SM Seaside

November 28-30 - Genting Rotary Institute, Genting International Convention Center, Malaysia

December 6 – Area 1 Coordination Meeting and Christmas Party



ROTARY KNOWLEDGE



Eradicating Polio: Our Final Push

For more than 35 years, Rotary has been at the forefront of eradicating polio. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have helped drive wild poliovirus cases down by over 99.9 percent since our first vaccination campaign in the Philippines more than 40 years ago.

This progress reflects Rotary's unwavering commitment. We have raised more than 2.1 billion dollars, contributed millions of volunteer hours, and helped protect nearly 3 million children in 122 countries. Our advocacy has also inspired governments and global institutions to invest over 10 billion dollars toward this fight.

But the mission is not finished. Polio can reemerge quickly and with devastating consequences. If we stop now, up to 200,000 children could be paralyzed every year within a decade. That is a future we cannot allow.

We must stay focused and keep pushing forward. Every vaccine given, every dollar invested, and every volunteer hour brings us closer to a world where polio exists only in history books. Together, let us make sure future generations grow up safe, healthy, and free from this preventable disease.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Name	Area	Club	Birthdate
Ralph Waldy J. Soguilon	2G	Metro Dadiangas	October 2
Carina Lim	2C	Calinan Davao	October 3
Erico Francisco Jr. B. Uy	2F	Midtown General Santos	October 4
Earliz Claire Uyking	2C	Central Davao	October 6
Erwin C. Curva	2G	Metro Dadiangas	October 7
Segismundo Jr. F. Exaltacion	1B	Cebu Port Centre	October 8
Hannah R. Cadavero	1C	Banilad Metro	October 9
Daniel Abelardo Victor Adonis T. Tan	2C	West Davao	October 9
Franklin P. Chan	2G	Uptown General Santos	October 11
Irene P. Obong	ЗА	Calbayog	October 14
Ella P. Ong	2F	Gensan Tuna Port	October 16
Maria Real Lane Lagunay Horfilla	2C	Downtown Davao	October 17
Rex C. Jabel	2A	North Davao	October 21
Fritzel Ann R. Tumbagahan	2H	Metro Koronadal	October 24
Vincent I. Caday	ЗН	San Francisco	October 28
Allan C. De Lima	2H	Koronadal Central	October 28
Dennie James O. Cabardo	1E	Mandaue	October 29
Gerome Cristian P. Lim	3D	Biliran Island	October 29

October 28, 2025 - Marifi Sismar Gerona's Birthday



Happy Birthday to our TeamFort Superstar, PAG Marifi Simar Gerona!

Today, we celebrate you, your kindness, leadership, and the joy you bring to everyone around you. Thank you for inspiring us with your passion for service, boundless energy, and genuine heart in everything you do. You continue to make a difference not just through your work, but through the warmth and laughter you share with those around you. We're truly grateful to have you as part of our Rotary family.

Wishing you more blessings, happiness, & meaningful moments in the years ahead.

With love and gratitude, TeamFort



Last Name	First Name	Classification
BANCALE	MYRNA	Shells – Import/Exporting
CATARATA	MARY GRACE	Engineer – Construction Services
LAO	ELIZI R	Customs Broker
MERCADO	DANIEL	Petroleum Products Distributor
MONARES	ELDEIN	Real Estate – Marketing
NERI	REY	Transportation – Logistics
OBNIMAGA-MI RAL	MARIA JANEL	Legal Services
PESTANO	KHRISTINA	Real Estate Marketing Consultant
RIZON	FREDERICK	Hotel and Real Estate
ROBLES	CHERYL	Resta urant – Ma nag ement
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 Serva nt
RODRIGUEZ	APRIL JANE	Real Estate
CAÑETE	HEIDE CASTRE	Pharma œuticals
DE LAPIEZA	LIWAYWAY	Customs Brokerage
DEIPARINE	PRIMITIVO	Interior and Furniture Design
BLANCO	RANELL	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.

















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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.



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

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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

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