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A SEASON OF IMPACT

Service that strengthened
our community

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HOPED, LIVED AND SHARED



LA FUERZA reflects resilience in action, a moment when adversity revealed strength, unity, and the courage to rise and serve when it mattered most.

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



Angel "Jong" G. Fernandez, Jr.
District Governor

November 2025 Issue

Leading Rotary Forward with Purpose and Courage

The recent 2025 Genting Rotary Institute in Kuala Lumpur served as a powerful and inspiring experience, offering fresh perspectives on the future of Rotary. Insights shared by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and fellow speakers reinforced an important truth: while Rotary is more than a century old, its strength lies in maintaining a mindset that remains forward-looking and responsive to change.

As Rotary continues to evolve, tradition must be balanced with innovation. The message was clear progress requires courage, adaptability, and a willingness to rethink how Rotary grows and serves in a changing world.

Five key insights from the Institute stand out as guiding principles for the district moving into Rotary Year 2025–2026:

1. Rotary must have the courage to be revolutionary, following the example set by Paul Harris.
2. Member retention remains the strongest and most sustainable membership strategy.
3. Intentionality in membership growth is essential.
4. Building new clubs is necessary to meet the realities of a changing world.
5. Young and active Rotarians should be empowered to lead and establish new clubs.

These are not abstract concepts, but clear directions that will help shape the district's priorities and actions in the coming year. The same bold thinking that gave rise to Rotary in 1905 continues to be relevant today.

As the district moves forward, the challenge remains the same: to lead with purpose, embrace change, and ensure that Rotary remains vibrant, relevant, and impactful for generations to come.



DISTRICT'S VISION

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Serving with Purpose: The District Vision for December

As we enter December, District 3860 focuses on service with heart, fellowship in community, and joyful purpose in the season of giving. This month reminds us that Rotary's mission doesn't pause with the holidays it grows stronger, rooted in connection, compassion, and celebration.

December offers a chance to reflect on our achievements this year while looking ahead to the positive momentum we carry into 2026. It's a time to strengthen bonds within our clubs, uplift communities through meaningful service, and celebrate the fellowship that unites us as People of Action. Clubs across the district will continue initiatives that align with Rotary's strategic priorities: building healthy clubs, supporting vibrant communities, fostering leadership, and inspiring collective impact.

For many clubs, the month of December also signals opportunities for gatherings that bring joy and deepen relationships. These moments of fellowship whether a Christmas fellowship event, a club dinner, or end-of-the-year celebrations reaffirm why we serve together and remind us that Rotary isn't just something we attend it's something we live through shared purpose and joyful service.

Above all, December invites us to carry the spirit of gratitude and generosity into every project we undertake. As we celebrate holidays and community milestones, let us also continue to extend compassion to those in need bringing light, hope, and practical support to others as we close out the year with purpose.

Together, as one district united for good, we look forward to finishing the year strong and stepping into 2026 with renewed energy, deeper fellowship, and continued commitment to Service Above Self.



CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Josephus "Jojo"
Gonzales
Club President



CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Serving Forward with Purpose and Care

As TeamFort moves forward in alignment with the vision of District 3860, we are reminded that Rotary's strength lies in purposeful service and thoughtful leadership. This season invites us to reflect on our role as Rotarians, not only in delivering projects, but in shaping communities through compassion, relevance, and unity.

This month's focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment highlights one of Rotary's most fundamental commitments, protecting life and promoting well-being. Through education, early intervention, and access to care, we help reduce suffering and build healthier communities. Prevention and treatment are powerful expressions of service that uphold dignity and reflect Rotary's enduring mission.

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded that the spirit of the season mirrors the heart of Rotary service, generosity, humility, and hope. Beyond our programs, it is our fellowship, kindness, and willingness to serve that leave lasting impact. Christmas is a time to be grateful for the bonds we share and the collective good we create together.

TeamFort remains committed to leading forward with purpose, courage, and heart. As we close the year, may this season bring peace to our homes, health to our families, and renewed strength to our service. Warm Christmas wishes to all, as we continue building a Rotary that is vibrant, relevant, and impactful.

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SPOTLIGHT

FACE OF SERVICE

*A portrait of service shaped by commitment, care,
and consistency.*



RTN. MARIA JANEL S.
OBNIMAGA





MARIA JANEL SENO OBNIMAGA

3860 DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF
AREA 1 - RY 2025-2026
EMPOWERING GIRLS AMBASSADOR
RY 2022-2023
CLUB PAST PRESIDENT
RY 2020-2021

CLASSIFICATION: LAWYER

COMPANY PROFILE:
A&O LAW OFFICE
TIMELESS ELITE CONCEPTS



We asked Janel about her experiences and personal reflections on service and partnership in Rotary. Here's what she had to say:

What advice would you give to someone considering joining Rotary?

Come in with an open mind and a genuine desire to serve. Rotary is so much more than meetings and projects - it is a community of people who believe that doing good, together, really matters. You will find opportunities to grow, to give back in meaningful ways, and to build friendships that go far beyond your own club or even your own country.

What's a quirky habit or fun fact about you?

I am definitely an organizing freak. I like things neat, planned, and properly labeled. Whether it be files, schedules, or project timelines, I find comfort in structure, especially when it helps things run more smoothly for everyone.

If you could instantly travel anywhere right now, where would you go?

Somewhere with history, culture, and a slower pace, where you can reflect, learn, and reconnect. Traveling reminds me how small the world really is and how Rotary's values of service and fellowship are shared everywhere.



Janel has been a Rotarian since 2018 and has found Rotary to be a natural extension of a lifelong commitment to service and leadership. In the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, Janel served in several officer roles before taking on the role of Club President in Rotary Year 2020–2021, right in the middle of the pandemic. Despite the challenges of that time, Janel helped keep the club active, connected, and focused on service, and continued to support club projects even after the presidency.

Beyond the club, Janel has been actively involved at the district level. During RY 2022–2023, Janel served as Empowering Girls Ambassador, leading programs for girls aged 6 to 15, driven by the belief that empowered girls grow into confident women who can lead and uplift their communities. Today, Janel serves as Chief of Staff for Area 1 of Rotary District 3860, covering Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor, with a strong focus on disaster response coordination and supporting the initiatives of clubs across the area.

Janel has also been hands-on in disaster response efforts during the Cebu earthquake and typhoon last October and November 2025, working alongside fellow Rotarians to respond where help was most needed. A legal professional by training, Janel brings the same sense of structure, organization, and purpose to Rotary service - believing that the best kind of leadership is one that quietly supports others and leaves a lasting, positive impact on the community.

A large, vibrant red poinsettia flower with green leaves, positioned behind the text.

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE



Rotary Knowledge: Disease Prevention and Treatment

December is recognized across Rotary International as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus that guide service and impact around the world. At its core, this area reflects Rotary's belief that good health care is a human right and that preventing disease and improving access to treatment creates stronger, more resilient communities.

Disease prevention goes beyond responding to illness after it occurs. It includes health education, vaccination campaigns, screening programs, awareness drives, and partnerships that help communities understand and manage risks before they become crises. From grassroots health initiatives to large-scale global efforts, Rotary members help stop the spread of life-threatening diseases and support vulnerable populations by improving access to essential health services.

Rotary's impact in this area is global and long-standing. The organization has played a pivotal role in the near-eradication of polio, helping drive the number of cases down by more than 99% worldwide through sustained vaccination and advocacy efforts. But Rotary's work doesn't stop there. Members also engage in projects that address malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and preventable childhood diseases all while supporting health education, maternal and child health, and routine screenings at the local level.

In District 3860, Rotarians and Rotaractors continue to find meaningful ways to bring this focus to life in their communities. Through partnerships, clinic missions, blood drives, educational talks, and health-related support services, clubs strengthen the health and well-being of the people they serve. This December, as clubs spotlight Disease Prevention and Treatment, members are encouraged to share stories of impact, highlight local health initiatives, and deepen awareness of how preventive care creates lasting change.

By understanding disease prevention and treatment as both a global priority and a local responsibility, Rotary helps communities become healthier, better informed, and more prepared to face future challenges a true embodiment of Service Above Self and the power of collective impact.

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ROTARY FOCUS

CARING BEFORE CRISIS



HOW DISEASE PREVENTION STRENGTHENS ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month highlights how Rotary's Areas of Focus work together rather than in isolation. Across District 3860, many health-related projects naturally support other priorities, creating broader and more sustainable impact.

Efforts in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene help prevent disease at its source through clean water access and hygiene education. Maternal and Child Health initiatives strengthen communities by supporting early care, nutrition, and preventive interventions for families. Basic Education and Literacy further reinforce disease prevention by empowering people with the knowledge needed to protect their health and recognize risks early.

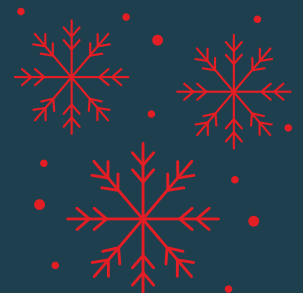
What becomes clear is that Rotary's Areas of Focus are deeply interconnected. During Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, these links are especially visible, reminding us that progress in one area strengthens the whole, helping build healthier, more informed, and more resilient communities across the district.

Caring for Children, Strengthening Communities





MILESTONES & MOMENTS





A NIGHT OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE

December 15

This Christmas season invites us to pause with gratitude and quiet joy.

During the United for Harmony Dinner for a Cause on November 26, a particularly moving moment unfolded when Past President Bong Dieparine offered a heartfelt rendition of O Holy Night. It became more than a musical performance. It was a prayer, a gentle reminder, and a shared stillness that drew everyone present into a moment of unity.

Noël, a word that signifies birth, Christmas, and new beginnings.
“Oh night, oh night divine...”

In that moment, the true meaning of Christmas came into focus. Beyond celebration, it is a season of renewal the birth of hope, the awakening of compassion, and a renewed call to serve others with love and humility.

As this video is shared, so too is a simple wish: may the light of this holy season bring peace to your homes, gratitude to your hearts, and purpose to your days. May we continue to find harmony in service and joy in giving, now and always.

From our Rotary family to yours,
Merry Christmas and a hope-filled New Year.
Service Above Self.





ROTARACT CLUB OF CEBU FORT SAN PEDRO OFFICIALLY CHARTERED



The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is pleased to announce the official chartering of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, following formal confirmation and recognition from Rotary International.

With the issuance of its charter, the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is now an officially recognized Rotaract club within the Rotary family. This milestone reflects the dedication of its charter members, the guidance of its sponsoring Rotary club, and the support of district leadership.

Although the formal Chartering and Induction Ceremony will be held at a later date, the club has already begun engaging in Rotary activities and service initiatives, demonstrating its readiness to serve and collaborate in advancing Rotary's mission.

Composed of committed young professionals and emerging leaders, the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is expected to contribute fresh energy, leadership, and innovation through community service, professional development, and fellowship.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro takes pride in sponsoring and mentoring this new Rotaract club and looks forward to a strong and meaningful partnership in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the charter members of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro! May this club grow in service, leadership, and fellowship in the true spirit of Rotary.





TRABAHO FAIR 2026: A ROTARY WEEK CELEBRATION

Rotary District 3860 brings back the TRABAHO Fair as part of the 2026 Rotary Week celebration an event dedicated to opening doors to opportunity and strengthening connections between job seekers, employers, and partner institutions. Set to take place on February 28, 2026, at the GMail of Cebu, the fair reflects Rotary's continuing commitment to community development and economic empowerment.

Led by the Rotary Clubs of Mandaue East and Cebu Fort San Pedro, the initiative highlights collaboration across clubs in Area 1, working together to create a space where skills meet opportunity. Through this fair, Rotary continues to support individuals seeking employment while encouraging inclusive growth within the community.

TRABAHO Fair 2026 stands as a reminder that service extends beyond immediate relief it also includes helping people build sustainable livelihoods. By connecting people to work, Rotary helps strengthen families, communities, and the local economy, truly living the spirit of Service Above Self and Unite for Good.

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TRABAHO FAIR 2026

A ROTARY WEEK
CELEBRATION



AREA 1

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
9:00 AM-5:00 PM
GMAIL OF CEBU



LEAD CLUBS

Mandaue East
Rotary
Club

Cebu Fort San Pedro
Rotary
Club



LOOKING AHEAD

ROTARY CALENDAR YEAR 2025-2026

JUL 2025	MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH
	JULY 01 - BEGINNING OF ROTARY YEAR
AUG 2025	MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH
SEP 2025	BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH
OCT 2025	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH
	OCTOBER 24 - WORLD POLIO DAY
NOV 2025	ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH
DEC 2025	DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH
JAN 2026	VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH
FEB 2026	PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH
	FEBRUARY 23 - ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARY
MAR 2026	WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH
APRIL 2026	ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH
MAY 2026	YOUTH SERVICE MONTH
JUN 2026	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, TAIPEI



December Exchange Rate Advisory

For December 2025, the Rotary International exchange rate is set at \$1 = ₱59. This monthly rate serves as an important guide for clubs as they plan, budget, and account for contributions, grants, and project-related expenses. By following the official exchange rate, clubs across District 3860 can ensure consistency and accuracy in their financial reporting.

This update also helps maintain alignment with Rotary International standards, especially for programs supported by The Rotary Foundation. Whether preparing club dues, funding service initiatives, or coordinating grant requirements, using the prescribed exchange rate keeps all transactions transparent and uniform.

Staying updated with these monthly advisories allows clubs to plan more confidently and focus on what matters most: strengthening service, supporting communities, and working together for lasting impact.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

December is a season of gratitude, warmth, and quiet joy, and today we celebrate the wonderful people who bring heart and strength to TeamFort.

December 2, 2025

Grace Catarata

Warmest birthday wishes, Grace. May this year bring steady growth, good health, and moments that truly make you smile. Thank you for the dedication and positivity you share with the team.

December 2, 2025

Elizer Lao

Happy birthday, Elizer. Wishing you a year filled with clarity, confidence, and meaningful wins, both personally and professionally. Your commitment and teamwork are truly appreciated.

December 14, 2025

Janel Obnimaga

Today we celebrate not just a birthday, but a leader and a friend. Thank you, Janel, for leading with heart, listening with empathy, and inspiring those around you. May the year ahead return to you the same strength, kindness, and generosity you so freely give. From your TeamFort family, happiest birthdays and best wishes for the year ahead





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 LAPIEZA	LIWAYWAY	Customs Brokerage
DEIPARINE	PRIMITIVO	Interior and Furniture Design
BLANCO	RANELL	Health and Wellness
BADAYOS	RICHARD ANTHONY	Architectural Services



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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

Service that leaves a lasting mark.

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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President-Nominee: Rizza May Tan

Vice President: IPP Mary Grace Catarata

Secretary: Rizza May Tan

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Sergeant-at-arms: Rey Neri

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Myrna Bancale - PHF

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Marifi Gerona - PHF+8

Josephus Gonzales - PHF

Elizer Lao - PHF

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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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WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE,
MAY THIS SEASON BRING PEACE TO
YOUR HEARTS, JOY TO YOUR HOMES,
AND RENEWED PURPOSE IN SERVICE.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU GIVE,
AND FOR THE LIVES YOU CONTINUE TO
UPLIFT.
WARMEST GREETINGS TO ALL
ROTARIANS.

Merry Christmas!

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