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Rotary**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March heralds a thrilling chapter for our club as we embark on a wondrous journey filled with global partnership opportunities.

In our cherished community, sincerity, integrity, and unwavering commitment flourish. The bonds of camaraderie and friendship flow abundantly among our members. We take pride in our unity and genuine service!

As we extend our warm welcome to prospective local members and global allies, we promise to uphold these steadfast values.

**We are devoted Rotarians, embodying the mantra:
SERVICE ABOVE SELF!**



Our Projects

A compilation of projects by Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris for the Rotary Year

Strengthening Global Bonds:

RC Kanuma, Japan Visits RCCGM for AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon



DATE:

2 March 2025

LOCATION:

Magallanes Room, City Sports Club,
Cebu Business Park, Cebu City

Rotary transcends borders, and this was beautifully exemplified through the recent visit of our esteemed friends from Rotary Club of Kanuma, Japan!

It all began in May 2024, when President Myra Urbiztondo and Secretary Roxene met with fellow Rotarians in Marina Bay, Singapore, introducing our flagship project, AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon. Their discussions ignited interest in supporting our mission of empowering underprivileged youth.

Fast forward to March 2, 2025, RC Kanuma officially reached out via their club's social media, expressing their intent to visit Cebu and explore collaboration opportunities. Their commitment came to fruition when a distinguished delegation, led by Deputy Secretaries Takehiro Sakurai and Kiyoshi Kawanabe, along with member Takahiro Ugajin, arrived on March 17, 2025.

On March 18, 2025, RCCGM warmly welcomed our Japanese counterparts at the Magallanes Room, City Sports Club, Cebu Business Park. Immediate Past President Gay Marie Tiu eloquently presented AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon, further strengthening the potential for international support and partnership.

The evening was made even more special as we also celebrated the birthday of Past President Christine Lee Racaza, a reminder that Rotary is not just about service—it is about fellowship and shared joy.

Thank you, RC Kanuma, Japan, for your unwavering dedication to Service Above Self! We look forward to building a lasting partnership for the future of AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon.









Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris – PODCAST interview

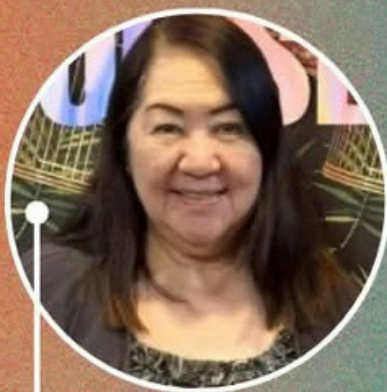
Learn from the Charter Members on why they joined THE ROTARY, its impact on their lives, and how SERVICE ABOVE SELF has greatly benefited them.

Host:



Dothy Borces

Charter Members:



Dr. Belle Du

Pediatric Surgery



**Dr. Vivian
Dyhongpo**

Optometry

8:00pm

Friday, 21 March 2025 at
RCCGM Podcast

33 years of Service Above Self



Our FIRST PODCAST

Collection of District and Area events participated by the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris

A Dose of Inspiration for Your Day!

We're thrilled to invite you to our first podcast episode! 🎙️

In this episode, we have two incredible women:

Dr. Maribel Du, *Cebu's first female surgeon*, and
Dr. Vivian Dyhongpo, *an Optometrist who has
driven our club's most impactful events.*

Why You Should Tune In:

Hear their Rotary Journeys: Discover what inspired them to join Rotary and how their backgrounds shaped their approach to service.

Leadership Insights: Learn about the challenges they faced as leaders and how they broke barriers in their professions and in Rotary.

Inspiration Guaranteed: Be moved by Dr. Maribel's stories of life-changing surgeries and Dr. Vivian's vision for service.

This episode is packed with wisdom, heartwarming stories, and a powerful reminder of what it means to live a life of service.

Let us know what you think in the comments! 🙋

What inspires you to serve?

Our Participation



JULY 2024 - MARCH 2025

Collection of District and Area events participated by the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris

***Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris
Shines at Les Classiques:
A Night of Elegance, Unity, and
Service***

DATE:
22 March 2025

LOCATION:
Events Space, Mabolo,
Cebu City



On March 22, 2025, Rotarians from Area 1 gathered at The Events Space, Mabolo, Cebu City for Les Classiques, a French-inspired celebration hosted by Rotary District 3860 for the highly anticipated Area 1 Governor's Night. With its timeless theme, light summer vibes, and white semi-formal dress code, the event brought together Rotary clubs for a night of elegance, unity, and fellowship.

Our club was proudly represented by President Myra Urbiztondo, Secretary Roxene Rosario, Incoming District Rotaract Chair and Past President Catherine Englis, and our newest member Bernadette Ponce, all dressed in beautiful white attire, exemplifying the grace and commitment we stand for.





This unforgettable evening was not just about glamour—it was a celebration of the power of service, leadership, and collaboration. Les Classiques was a chance to connect with fellow Rotarians, share ideas, and strengthen bonds, reminding us all that Rotary’s work continues to make a real difference around the world.



The event beautifully embodied Rotary’s core values: leadership, service, and fellowship. As the night ended, every participant left with a renewed sense of purpose and unity, knowing that together, we are stronger and can create lasting change.

Together, we are Rotary. Together, we Unite for Good.

Unite for Good: Rotary District 3820 President's Ball and PESECLF Learning Seminar



DATE:

22 March 2025

LOCATION:

BAI Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu

On March 23, 2025, the vibrant city of Cebu hosted a landmark event that brought together Rotary leaders and visionaries from across the region. The Rotary District 3820's President's Ball and Presidents Elect, Secretaries Elect, and Club Learning Facilitators Learning Seminar (PESECLF) took place at the elegant Bai Hotel, where Rotarians gathered under the theme *Unite for Good*—a celebration of leadership, service, and collaboration.



The event was not only an evening of camaraderie but also an enriching learning seminar for incoming Presidents Elect, Secretaries Elect, and Club Learning Facilitators. This seminar empowered participants with the skills and insights needed to lead their respective clubs toward greater impact and meaningful service in their communities.



One of the evening's standout moments was the performance by the renowned Filipino band, ASIN, whose heartfelt music created an atmosphere of unity and reflection. Their performance was a fitting accompaniment to the spirit of Rotary: collective action for the greater good.



The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris was honored to be represented by our Assistant Governor, Christine Tan Ashby, whose presence illuminated the evening. Dressed in a stunning blue gown, Christine embodied the leadership and dedication that define our club. Although not a member of District 3820, our club's support and engagement in the event exemplified our commitment to Rotary's mission and our continuous collaboration with fellow Rotarians in District 3820.

This event reminded us all of Rotary's unyielding power to bring people together—leaders, clubs, and communities united by a shared commitment to service. Through collective effort, we can make a profound difference in the lives of those in need, as we continue to Unite for Good.

As Rotarians, we understand that our work is never done, but every step we take toward unity and service brings us closer to a better tomorrow. Together, we are Rotary. Together, we are a force for good. Thank you for your business and I pray for God's blessings upon you and your endeavors!



**THANK
YOU!**