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# The Magic of Rotary

CEBU GLORIA MARIS Rotary Club



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The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris Inducts its 32nd President

# MYRA URBIZTONDO

TAKES OATH AS THE 32<sup>ND</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU GLORIA MARIS



President Myra Villarosa-Urbiztondo takes oath as the 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the prestigious Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris during its Induction and Handover Ceremonies on July 14, 2025 at the Prince Hall of the Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City. The Charging was done by the club's very own Past District Governor Lilu Alino while the Induction was done by the Irresistible District Governor Caroline Lee-Andrade.

Together with her in this celebrated moment is her family, an embodiment of a true blooded Rotarian involving and training her family in Rotary at the very onset.

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF IS ALIGNED TO GOD'S MISSION FOR US!



"Rotary's 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' is very much aligned to what our God has instructed us to do and this is the very reason why taking on the role as President of our club is not at all a burden to me. It did sound daunting at first but as soon as I opened the Bible and saw the word of God, I realized that it is in our very nature to serve others in order to please our Lord!" These are the words that echoed the halls as President Myra made her speech.

"To serve in Rotary is a privilege and an honor as it is not for everyone, it is only for a chosen few. Therefore, I am very deeply honored to not only be a



has tasked me to do. I now enjoin my club members and friends from the other clubs to have a paradigm shift in serving others knowing that, indeed, to give is better than to receive.

We look at the best example of a servant, JESUS! He served us all even if He is the Son of God, not counting the costs! If He served us, why can't we serve others!

If this is our mindset, serving others would be like the air we breath. Thus we go and SERVE and be BLESSED!"



Rotarian but be the President of the club of honorable Rotarians. I am certain that in so doing, I am not only doing my society a service but also honoring my Maker, my Lord God! The best way to honor HIM is to serve others! All the talents, skills, events that have happened in each of our lives happen for a reason, and all the roads lead to this day. As for me, I will fulfill that which God





The Club Members enjoying dance and laughter during the night of awards and recognition

## Celebrating 32 Years of Service: The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris Shines Bright

#### BY DIR. DOROTHY BORCES

ON JULY 14, 2024, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU GLORIA MARIS CELEBRATED ITS 32ND ANNIVERSARY WITH A JOYOUS TURNOVER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD AT THE GOLDEN PRINCE HOTEL AND SUITES. THE EVENT, THEMED "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY," WAS A TESTAMENT TO THE CLUB'S RICH HISTORY AND ITS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY.

#### The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris: A Legacy of Service

FOUNDED IN 1992, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU GLORIA MARIS HAS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE FOR CHANGE IN CEBU, PHILIPPINES. AS PART OF THE GLOBAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NETWORK, THE CLUB HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO ADDRESSING IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS AUTISM, BREAST CANCER, DENGUE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND EDUCATION THROUGH ITS ABCDE ADVOCACY PROGRAM.

OVER THE YEARS, THE CLUB HAS COLLABORATED WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING CASTO TRAVELS, TO IMPLEMENT IMPACTFUL PROJECTS LIKE THE "AMOMA SA KAUGMAON" INITIATIVE IN BALAMBAN, CEBU. IN 2023, THE CLUB PARTNERED WITH THE RURAL HEALTH UNIT IN BALAMBAN TO LAUNCH THE "BALANCING NUTRITION PROGRAM" DURING THE 49TH NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATION, PROVIDING FREE HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES TO MALNOURISHED CHILDREN AND PREGNANT MOTHERS.



#### A Celebration of Unity and Dedication

THE TURNOVER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION, WITH THE CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS TAKING THEIR OATHS AMIDST A CELEBRATION THAT INCLUDED A PERFORMANCE BY THE CLUB'S MEMBERS. THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB'S SISTER ROTARY CLUBS, ROTARACTORS, FRIENDS, AND ESTEEMED GUESTS AND PARTNERS, ALL OF WHOM CAME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE CLUB'S CONTINUED EFFORTS.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU GLORIA MARIS' RICH HISTORY AND ITS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AS THE CLUB EMBARKS ON ITS 32ND YEAR, IT REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS MISSION TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE AND A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.

2024-2025 OFFICERS

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# **District Governor 3860:** Caroline "Caycay" Lee-Andrade

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROLINE LEE-ANDRADE, OR CAYCAY AS SHE IS FONDLY CALLED BY FRIENDS, WILL MAKE HISTORY FOR TACLOBAN CLUBS TO SERVE AS THE FIRST LADY GOVERNOR FROM HER AREA. AND IS THE SIXTH LADY GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 3860. DG CAYCAY JOINED ROTARY IN 2006 AND WAS INDUCTED TO ROTARY CLUB OF KANDAYA, TACLOBAN. SINCE HER INDUCTION, SHE HAS HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE CLUB LEVEL AS DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, CLUB ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC IMAGE, CLUB TREASURER, AUDITOR, AND VICE PRESIDENT. SHE SERVED AS CLUB PRESIDENT IN RY2012-2013 WITH THE THEME. "PEACE THROUGH SERVICE" AND HAS GARNERED SEVERAL DISTRICT AWARDS, NOTABLE OF WHICH AS OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT AND OUTSTANDING CLUB DURING HER TERM. SHE SERVED A SECOND TERM AS CLUB PRESIDENT IN RY 2013-2014 WHEN THE DEVASTATING SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA STRUCK TACLOBAN CITY. BEYOND THE CLUB. SHE HAS GENEROUSLY EXTENDED HER TIME AND TALENT TO SERVE IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES AS ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHILIPPINES ROTARY MAGAZINE, DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR. DISTRICT ENDOWMENT AND MAJOR GIFTS ADVISER. DISTRICT EMPOWERING GIRLS CHAIR, AND AS DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SINCE 2006 WHEN SHE BECAME A PAULHARRIS SOCIETY MEMBER PRIOR TO BECOMING A ROTARIAN, DG CAYCAY AND SPOUSE BOBBY, ARE MAJOR DONORS LEVEL 4 WITH A NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND. IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS A BRAND AMBASSADOR AS "MRS. MCDONALDS" BEING THE FIRST FRANCHISEE TO OPEN THE FIRST RESTAURANT IN TACLOBAN CITY. TO DATE, SHE HAS GROWN HER BUSINESS IN THE REGION AND **OPERATES SEVERAL RESTAURANTS. HER** MANAGEMENT STYLE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THROUGH THE YEARS AND HAS GARNERED HER NUMEROUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS. TO NAME A FEW, THESE ARE RAY KROC PRESS ON AWARD, COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD, GEORGE T. YANG LEADERSHIP AWARD, PEOPLE AWARD, REGIONAL FRANCHISEE AWARD FOR VISAYAS, NATIONAL FRANCHISEE AWARD AS AWARDED BY PHILIPPINE FRANCHISING ASSOCIATION FRANCHISING EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND THE MOST COVETED FRED L. TURNER GOLDEN ARCH AWARD, AN AWARD GIVEN TO THE TOP 1% OF MCDONALD'S FRANCHISEES OF MORE THAN 38,000 RESTAURANTS ACROSS THE GLOBE. DG CAYCAY IS MARRIED TO ROBERT "BOBBY" ANDRADE. A PAST PRESIDENT FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF TACLOBAN. THEY ARE BLESSED WITH FIVE CHILDREN - CARL, A SPECIALLY GIFTED CHILD; TANYA, A LAWYER; MEGGY, A GRADUATE OF HOTEL RESTAURANT AND INSTITUTION MANAGEMENT; SEAN, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT; AND YOUNGEST DENISE, AN INCOMING COLLEGE STUDENT.

# Our Projects

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

#### **ROTARY BABY:** RCCGM's way of Celebrating the RY New Year



DATE: LOCATION:

1 JULY 2025 Saint Anthony Mother and Child Hospital, Cabreros Street, Cebu City

The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris has a wonderful tradition of sponsoring a newborn baby at Saint Anthony Mother & Child Hospital every July 1st, marking the start of the new Rotary year.

This year, we welcomed a baby boy and also brought gifts for the 1-year-old, Scarlett, our 2023 Rotary baby. The event was a collaborative effort, with participation from Area 1A clubs including the Rotary Club of Cebu East, Cebu South, and Talisay, as well as support from MM Tan Bookkeeping Services Corporation.

This annual celebration exemplifies the Rotary spirit of service, fellowship, and commitment to supporting the local community.



#### **ROTARY BABY Year 2** Baby Boy Evander



#### **ROTARY BABY Year 1** Baby Girl Scarlet











