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May 2026

Shoki Wafula did not know what to expect when he was forced to leave his birth country of Uganda for South Africa. What he found was a Rotary community that welcomed him with warmth and friendship. That experience inspired him to help create a Rotaract e-club where young leaders from around the world could connect, develop their skills, and serve together.

Today, that community includes members across multiple continents who collaborate on leadership development, peacebuilding, and service initiatives. For Wafula, the experience reinforced the lesson that meaningful service begins with people who feel connected, valued, and empowered to lead.

His story reminds us why Youth Service Month is so important. Through Rotaract and programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, young people build leadership skills, develop global understanding, and discover the impact they can make through service.



Rotary's Action Plan calls on us to enhance participant engagement. At its heart, that goal asks a simple question: How can we ensure that participation in Rotary is meaningful and fulfilling for everyone? Youth programs and Rotaract provide a powerful answer.

When clubs mentor Rotaractors, host exchange students, or support youth leadership initiatives, they create opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family.

They also create lasting pathways into Rotary. Thousands of young people complete Rotary programs each year, and they carry those experiences with them throughout their lives. Many remain eager to stay connected.

Organizations such as Rotex International, an association of former Youth Exchange students, help Rotary program alumni continue serving as mentors, leaders, and advocates for our youth programs. As Rotex co-founder Hans Lee wrote in a recent reflection on Youth Exchange alumni, "exchange doesn't end when you return home."

When we welcome these young leaders into our clubs and activities, we strengthen the continuity of Rotary across generations.

During Youth Service Month, I hope every Rotary club reflects on how youth programs can enhance engagement for new and longtime members. Collaborate on service projects and invite youth voices into your planning and decision making.

Rotary's message to the world is that we can Unite for Good. Youth programs show us how that happens in practice — when generations come together, share ideas, and work side by side in service.

When we invest in young people, we are not only shaping future leaders. We are building a stronger, more connected Rotary today.

Pres. Francesco Arezzo
RI President, RY 2025-2026

My dear fellow Rotarians of District 3860,

As we celebrate Youth Service Month, we honor the energy, passion, and leadership of the young people who continue to shape the future of Rotary and our communities. Across our district, our Rotaractors and Interactors remind us that service knows no age—that leadership begins wherever there is a heart willing to serve.

This month, we proudly celebrate the accomplishments of our Rotaractors under the leadership of District Rotaract Representative Jacob Erm Jericho Dolino, whose dedication and enthusiasm have inspired meaningful service, fellowship, and leadership development throughout the district. District 3860 Rotaractors likewise shone brightly during the Pilipinas MDIO GEAR Awards 2026, bringing pride and honor to our district by achieving eight exemplary district awards—a testament to their passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to service.

We likewise recognize our Interactors, guided by District New Generations Service Chair May Divino, District Interact Chair Elcasmer Acedo, and District Rotaract Chair Cathy Englis, for continuously living out Rotary values in their schools and communities.

I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to the team behind the successful hosting of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), led by President Gabriel Victor Pestelos and the Rotary Club of Tagbilaran, under the guidance of District RYLA Chair Chona Cejas. RYLA continues to be one of Rotary's most powerful platforms for shaping future leaders—empowering young people with confidence, character, teamwork, and a commitment to Service Above Self.

As we celebrate our youth, we are reminded that investing in young leaders is not simply about preparing the next generation—it is about strengthening Rotary today. Their ideas, creativity, optimism, and courage bring renewed life and purpose to our movement.

And as we move closer to the culmination of this unforgettable Rotary year, excitement continues to build for our upcoming District Conference on May 29–30, 2026 at NUSTAR Resort & Casino, Cebu City. DISCON is more than a conference—it is a celebration of our shared journey, our accomplishments, our fellowship, and the lives we have touched together throughout the year.

I truly cannot wait to see all of you once again—to celebrate, reconnect, and honor the incredible work of our clubs and district leaders. Together, let us finish this Rotary year strong, united by purpose and inspired by the impact we continue to create.

Thank you, dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors, for continuing to prove that when we empower young people, we empower the future of Rotary itself.

Together, let us continue to Unite for Good.

With warm Rotary regards,

Angel "Jong" G. Fernandez, Jr.
District 3860 Governor, RY 2025-2026





To MY RCCGM FAMILY,



With merely a month left as President of RCCGM and as we continue our journey, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support, dedication and commitment to our club's vision and mission. Through your active participation and generous hearts, we have able to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are delighted to share the successful conduct of the 1st Induction Ceremony of our first cause- based "Satellite Club of Cebu Gloria Maris - Dive & Clean Up Club" last May 19, 2026, at The Reef Resort in Mactan, Cebu with all eight (8) charter members present during this memorable milestone. The induction of new members was officiated by DG Jong while the charging was led by PDG Lilu. Following the ceremony, the newly inducted members actively participated in the underwater clean-up and diving session demonstrating their commitment to service and environmental stewardship from the very beginning of their rotary journey.

The club also celebrated our 34th founding anniversary on May 8, 2026, at the beautiful home of our PP Bessie Villamor. The celebration was made even more special as members came dressed in their finest floral outfits adding color and vibrancy to the occasion. The fellowship was further enriched by the delicious food and warm hospitality enjoyed by everyone present.

Twelve (12) members of our club proudly participated in the fabulous and one of the best Discon we have ever attended held at Nustar Resort and Casino on May 29-30, 2026. The event was not only inspiring and memorable but also a celebration of the accomplishments of clubs and Rotarians across the district, RCCGM was honored to receive the Club Excellence Award, a testament to the club's outstanding performance. The club was also recognized for its support to TRF and was given recognition for the successful chartering of our satellite club, further expanding our reach and capacity to serve.

In preparation for the transition to new leadership on July 1, 2026, we conducted the Strategic Planning Sessions for RY 2026-2027 spearheaded by our President-Elect Dorothy Borces held in 2 separate sessions on May 8 & 23, 2026 respectively. The sessions proved to be truly productive as members collaboratively mapped out the club's plans and goals for the upcoming rotary year. Key issues and concerns were openly discussed allowing the club to identify opportunities for growth and improvement. The new sets of Officers and Directors were also finalized, ensuring a smooth and organized transition of leadership.

We still have one more project to go, our WASH Project at Tejero Elementary School which we set to complete before my term ends as well as the induction of our newly chartered Interact Club of Cebu Gloria Maris.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on our upcoming projects and activities.

God bless us all and keep safe always.

Yours in service

Engr. Roxene R. Rosario
Club President, RY 2025-2026

CLUB OFFICERS



Engr. Roxene R. Rosario
PRESIDENT, RY 2025-2026

President-Elect/ Secretary
 Vice President
 Treasurer
 Auditor
 Sgt.-At-Arms

Dorothy O. Borces
 Rheswi C. Colina
 Socorro Marrietta R. Briones
 Christine L. Racaza
 Carmencita C. Raffiñan

CICO
 Learning Facilitator

Mary Rose N. Rafols
 Floramay B. Gonzales

DIRECTORS

Membership

Jodelyn May Seno
 Torifel Gumapac
 Christine Tan Ashby
 Gay Marie Tiu

Community Service

The Rotary Foundation
 Public Image

Mary Catherine Englis
 Hazael Tailla Urbiztondo
 Bernadette Ponce

DISTRICT OFFICERS FROM RCCGM



PDG LILU ALINO
 Rotary Public Image
 Coordinator (RPIC)
 Adviser



MARY CATHERINE ENGLIS
 District Rotaract Chair



CHRISTINE ASHBY
 Assistant Governor
 Area 1 A



MYRA URBIZTONDO
 Assistant Governor
 Representative
 Area 1 A

MEMBERS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLASSIFICATION
Abella	Cherryl	HR (Manufacturing)
Alino	Lilo	Advertising & Marketing Solutions
Ashby	Christine	Travel Agency
Borces	Dorothy	Business Process Outsourcing
Briones	Socorro Marrietta	Int'l Hotel Operations Consultancy
Caballes	Ruperta	Print Media
Colina	Rheswi	Legal Services
Du	Maribel	Pediatric Surgery
Dyhongpo	Vivian	Optometry
Englis	Mary Catherine	Construction (Project management)
Fajatin	Marie Ernestine Denise	Private School Administration
Gonzales	Floramay	Education (Public Elementary)
Gumapac	Torifel	Insurance (Non-life)
Maquiling	Jabemarie	Education (Public Secondary)
Mercader	Evelyn	Bookkeeping
Ponce	Bernadette	Transportation and Logistics
Pricillas	Bertoldo	Real Estate
Que	Benedict	Hospitality Business
Que	Teresa	Jewelry
Racaza	Christine	Entrepreneur- Cakes and Pastries
Raffiñan	Carmencita Feliciana	Music Education
Rafols	Mary Rose	Insurance (Medical)
Rosario	Roxene	Civil Engineer
Seno	Jodelyn May	HR Solutions
Tiu	Gay Marie	Marketing Global Distribution
Urbiztondo	Hazael Tailla	Fashion Jewelry Retail (B2C)
Urbiztondo	Jose Pelayo	Marketing (Insurance)
Urbiztondo	Myra	Insurance Consultancy
Villamor	Bessie	Property Management
Rallon	Maria Dianne	Community Development
Demicillo	Ludy Vilma	Events Planning
Gerangaya	Josephine	HR (Power Transmission)

MAY 2026 EVENTS

Strategic Planning Prep with Facilitators at Tamp Cafe & Co.

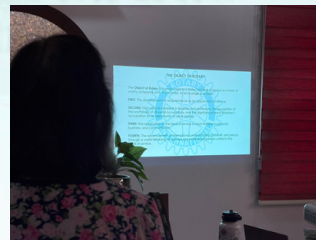
On May 1, PE Doth gathered with PN Atty. Rheswi, PP Mayet, and PP May at Tamp Cafe & Co., Banilad Town Center for a preparatory meeting. Facilitators PP May and PP Mayet led the session, setting the agenda and aligning objectives ahead of the club's upcoming strategic planning workshops.



From left to right: PP Mayet, PP May, PE Dothy and PN Atty. Rheswi

RCCGM 34th Founding Anniversary & RY 2026–2027 StratPlan — Part 1

On May 8, members celebrated the 34th founding anniversary of RCCGM while beginning the first part of the Rotary Year 2026–2027 strategic planning at PP Bessie's residence. The event combined anniversary festivities with focused discussions to shape the club's goals and priorities for the coming year.



Reviewed and updated bylaws (membership, finances, grants, projects, admin), revisited vision and SWOT, and selected club and district goals.

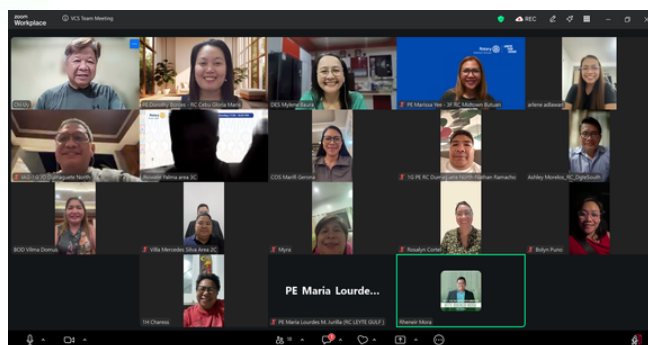
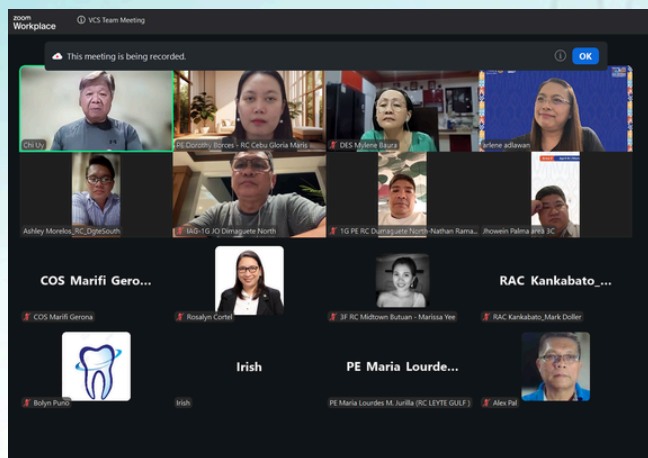


The RCCGM ladies celebrated their 34th founding anniversary in floral dresses.

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District 3860 Vibrant Seminar Preparations

On May 15, President-Elect Dothy and Area 1 A Assistant Governor Representative Myra represented Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris as the host for the Cebu-Bohol leg in a planning meeting with District 3860 officers and other host clubs to prepare the Vibrant Seminar.



Cebu Gloria Maris - Dive and Clean Up Club (Rotary Satellite Club) 1st Induction

A milestone 1st Induction for the Rotary Satellite Club of Cebu Gloria Maris - Dive and Clean Up at The Reef Island Resort, Mactan! Founded by Rotarian Ludy Demecillo as a diving group, this team has officially stepped up into Rotary. Sponsoring RC Cebu Gloria Maris, DG Jong Fernandez Jr., and PDG Lilu Aliño joined the celebration.



Past District Governor Lilu Aliño delivers a powerful and inspirational message.

President Roxene Rosario welcomes everyone with her opening remarks.



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District 3860 Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez Jr. officially inducts the newest members into the Rotary International family.



Bringing a memorable event to a close. President-elect Dorothy Borces delivers the closing remarks, leaving everyone inspired for the journey ahead.



A new chapter of service begins! The newly inducted members of the Rotary Satellite Club of Cebu Gloria Maris - Dive and Clean Up share a memorable moment with District Governor Jong Fernandez Jr. This dynamic team is ready to combine fellowship with environmental advocacy and take action for our coastal communities!



One big Rotary family! District Governor Jong with the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris and their Dive and Clean Up Satellite Club.



Demonstrating an immediate commitment to service, the newly inducted Rotary Satellite Club proceeded directly to their Dive and Clean-Up activity right after the induction ceremony.

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RC Cebu Gloria Maris Finalizes Strategic Plan for RY 2026-2027

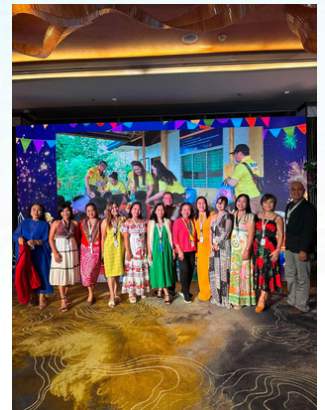
The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris successfully concluded the second phase of its Strategic Planning Session at the Golden Prince Hotel & Suites. Members refined club goals, aligned budgets, and finalized upcoming service projects, including the AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon flagship program. With discussions also covering the upcoming District Governor's Visit and Handover Ceremony, the club enters the new Rotary year united, organized, and ready to serve.



We reviewed club/district goals, RY 2026–2027 budget and service pipeline; covered AGR Myra's RC Kanuma visit (sister club funding AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon); and prep for Governor's Visit and Induction/Handover.

RC Cebu Gloria Maris and Dive & Clean Up Satellite Club Represent at DISCON 2026

The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris (RCCGM) demonstrated its vibrant spirit of fellowship and commitment to service during the District 3860 Conference (DISCON 2026) held at NUSTAR Cebu. The multi-day event gathered passionate Rotarians from across the district to celebrate a year of impactful community initiatives and to align on future goals for the organization.



From left to right: RCCGM-Dive and Clean Up Club (DCC) Satellite Club Chairman, Paolo Nepomuceno, RCCGM President-Elect Dorothy Borces, President Roxene Rosario, and Assistant Governor Representative Myra Urbiztondo

The leading ladies of RC Cebu Gloria Maris! Leading with grace, passion, and a shared commitment to Service Above Self.

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MAY 2026 EVENTS

Day 1: May 29 (Friday)

The conference kicked off on May 29 with an action-packed agenda at The Grand Ballroom, featuring the Bridge to Business Networking Opening Ceremony and the highly anticipated 3860 District Awards. Representing the club on this momentous first day were Past District Governor Lilu Aliño, District Rotaract Chair Cathy, President Roxene, President-Elect Dorothy, and Assistant Governor Representative Myra Urbiztondo alongside her husband, Rotarian Alden. They were proudly joined by DCC Satellite Club Chairman Paolo Nepomuceno and DCC founder Rotarian Ludy. Celebrating into the evening for the "Rotarians Got Talent" welcome party were President-Nominee Atty. Rheswi, Director Hazael, Director Bernadette, Assistant Secretary Jabe, and Rotarian Dianne.



Area 1 A Club Presidents on receiving the Leadership Awards



Unite for Good! Satellite Club Chairman Paolo Nepomuceno receives the Rotary Satellite banner.



Leadership excellence! Huge congratulations to the Area 1 Assistant Governors on their DISCON 2026 Leadership Award, featuring Area 1A's AGR Myra Urbiztondo.

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From left to right: Rtn. Ludy Demecillo, Dir. Hazael Urbiztondo, PE Dorothy Borces, PN Atty. Rheswi Colina, and Asst. Sec. Jabemarie Maquiling



Pure talent and amazing fellowship! Our Rotarians cheering on and sharing a photo with the incredible Rotarians Got Talent contingencies. What a show!



Our very own Rtn. Alden Urbiztondo representing Cebu Clubs at the Rotarians Got Talent competition. Let's go!



Stunning the crowd! Director Hazael Urbiztondo, radiant as one of the highlighted beauties of the evening.



RCCGM delegation and DCC Satellite Club Chairman Paolo Nepomuceno enjoying the high-energy 'Rotarians Got Talent' festivities.

MAY 2026 EVENTS

Day 2: May 30 (Saturday)

The momentum carried over into Day 2 on May 30, which focused on key leadership assemblies, business insights, and plenary sessions. RCCGM's delegation actively participated in the day's strategic discussions, further strengthening ties with district leaders. Notably present alongside the host club's leadership for Saturday's milestone events was the RCCGM-Dive and Clean Up Club (DCC) Satellite Club Chairman, Paolo Nepomuceno, marking a proud moment of unified growth and collaboration across both the main and satellite clubs. The inspiring two-day conference culminated in the elegant Governor's Gala and The Rotary Foundation Night, leaving the delegation inspired to continue creating positive waves of change.



Leading with grace! Past District Governor Lilo Aliño during the processional ceremony at DISCON 2026



DRC Mary Catherine Englis and district officers stand for the Rotary Hymn.



President Roxene Rosario proudly raising the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris flag.



RCCGM members fully engaged during the inspiring plenary sessions.



Rtn. Darren Park of RC Cebu together with the Daegu Murim Rotary Club President

MAY 2026 EVENTS



Photo highlights: RCCGM members capturing beautiful memories and fellowship during DISCON 2026.



A proud moment for our club! President Roxene Rosario receives a Plaque of Appreciation from District 3860. Thank you for your exceptional leadership and dedicated service this year!

The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris takes the stage to receive The Rotary Foundation Award. This recognition belongs to every member who dedicated their hearts to serving to change lives!



*R*KEY 2026 ROTARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Theme: "Unite for Good" (2025-2026)

- **January 2026:** Vocational Service Month.
- **February 2026:** World Understanding Month.
- **March 2026:** Literacy Month.
- **April 2026:** Magazine Month.
- **June 10, 2026:** Rotary Children's Fun Day.
- **June 13-17, 2026:** Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.
- **June 2026:** Fellowships Month.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY HYMN

Composed by: George Canseco
Commissioned by: PDG Jess Tabora

I want to be, A Rotarian for the world
 Make the Rotary flag, be the flag of
 peace unfurled
 I will serve my community
 Help to seek international unity
 Thru Rotary, I will dedicate my all
 World understanding shall be my
 cherished goal
 Refrain: With the Four Way Test
 I'll pursue my quest
 And I in a way help obtain
 Peace in the world
 Then I won't have lived in vain.

I'll observe Service Above Self
 Lend a hand to all who'll need my help
 I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
 And in Rotary ways, I will train my family
 (Repeat Refrain - substitute "I" with "We")
 Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth
 Strengthened by nothing but the truth
 Let's join our hands, there's no reason to
 divide
 We shall all understand, while the good
 Lord is our guide
 (Repeat Refrain - substitute "I" with "We")
 CODA: Peace be achieved
 So we won't have lived in vain.



HISTORY

THE MAKING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU GLORIA MARIS

Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, the only all-ladies Rotary Club in Cebu was chartered on May 8, 1992. Its mother club, the Rotary Club of Cebu East made it possible amidst apprehension and skepticism of conventional Rotarians.

The club's formative years served to strengthen the determination of its members to accept the challenge and enjoy the privilege in Rotary service.

After twenty-five wonderful years of spreading the ideals of Rotary and sharing its vision with the community, Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris is proud and happy that its performance and accomplishments have served as a barometer for wider acceptance of female Rotarians in Cebu.

Through the years, Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris has garnered several awards which include the much coveted Most Outstanding Club Award, Most Outstanding President, Public Relations Project and Most Outstanding Community Service.

VISION

To be a professional group of women, leading in our fields of endeavor who would like to assist and share their fields of expertise to help empower women; address children's concerns and develop young leaders for community service.

MISSION

A dynamic, professional and service-oriented group who would like to make a difference in their communities and the world.

RCCGM CLUB PROFILE

May 30, 1992 was the beginning of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris. Amid apprehension and skepticism, the Club's sponsor, Rotary Club of Cebu East chartered this all-ladies club in pursuit of Rotary's vision for the community. Since then, Gloria Maris has been at the forefront of various Rotary projects and acted as a barometer for the wider acceptance of female Rotarians in Cebu.

Energized by the Rotary spirit, the Club has started off civic projects like:

- The 1st Cebu Inter-Secondary Drum and Bugle Corps Competition
- Free Medical/Surgical Mission in coordination with the Philippine Medical Association of Metro Washington DC and the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center
- The Rotary Village Corps of Calamba
- The Day Care Center in Calamba
- The Eye Care program in coordination with Rotary Clubs of Cebu West, Cebu Mabolo and Metro Cebu
- The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in coordination with Rotary International's thrust of Building Rotary for the New Generation

Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris is continually dedicated to bringing its unique sense of Rotary service to its community and the world at large.

PAST PRESIDENTS

The following ladies have led us through the years...

Myra Urbiztondo	2024-2025
Gay Marie Tiu	2023-2024
Christine Ashby	2022-2023
Rhea Senining Judilla	2021-2022
Joaquina Campoy	2020-2021
Cherryl Abella	2019-2020
Herica Climaco	2018-2019
Amor Tomakin	2017-2018
Mary Catherine Englis	2016-2017
Ava Maureen Sanchez	2015-2016
Bernie Lumapas	2014-2015
Russell Makiling	2013-2014
Nilda Ravina	2012-2013
Marybeth Chan	2011-2012
Baybee Raffiñan	2010-2011
Peachy Pegarido	2009-2010
Lilu Aliño	2008-2009
Bel Grandea	2007-2008
Tita Caballes	2006-2007
May Seno	2005-2006
Benjie Diaz	2004-2005
Bessie Villamor	2003-2004
Christine Racaza	2002-2003
Judith Villacrusis	2001-2002
Elizabeth Go	2000-2001
Alice Sanchez	1999-2000
Mayet Briones	1998-1999
Maribel Du	1997-1998
Liza Corro	1996-1997
Vivian Dyhongpo	1995-1996
Evelyn Tibon	1994-1995
Brenda Tangararong	1993-1994
Dandy Delantar	1992-1993

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Cebu Gloria Maris



Rotary Year 2025-2026