

Cebu South
Rotary
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HABAGAT

**NEW GENERATION AND
BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH**



District Wide Rotary Days
**RIDE AND POLIO
VACCINATION**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
OFFICIAL VISIT**

**MANGROVE
PLANTING**

**BRIGADA ESKWELA
SA TULAY**



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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 & BETTER FRIENDSHIP** ?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

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 to 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.



Presidential Message

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
2023-24

The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward

peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact.

These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step. Let's see where it takes us.



ROZANNE
“Twinkle”
C. GAMBOA

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3860
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-24

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Create Hope in the World



District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am more than half way of my official club visits, and I value each club visit I made. I may have shared some significant Rotary information I personally learned from many trainings I got, but let it be known that I too learned from you the true meaning of what it is to be one in a Family of Rotary, the bonding, friendship and fellowship that can **CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD**.

From the onset of my visit, the invaluable support of the assistant governors stood out, ensuring each engagement within the clubs was seamlessly coordinated. Their meticulous attention to details created a foundation for success, evident in the thorough preparations of each club I had the privilege to visit.

It was indeed heartening to interact with club presidents, whose dedication and perseverance in meeting District challenges were both commendable and palpable. Their leadership and team cohesion were evident in the myriad of meaningful projects since July 1 of this year.

The One District, One Activity developed friendship and camaraderie among Rotarians in the area. Celebrations of the Rotary New year with the children brought forth the joyous spirit of the clubs, while the Bloodletting Activity showcased the clubs' commitment to community health. The Brigada Eskwela initiative highlighted their dedication to education, and the mangrove and tree planting activities in September underscored their reverence for the environment.

In totality, my visits painted a vivid picture of clubs that are not just community leaders but also passionate change-makers. Their diverse humanitarian service projects demonstrate a holistic approach to community service and growth, leaving me inspired and optimistic about the future undertakings of the District.

This month of September, we focus on the New Generation. Rotary's program on Basic Education and Literacy prepares them well in facing the challenges of the future. We start them young on leadership skills and community service. Rotary's programs on Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and RYLA all build upon the Youth's personal growth and leadership skills of youth and by youth, making them a rich source of future Rotarians. We instill on them Rotary's motto of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF** at a young age, letting them be familiarized with the ideals of Rotary service.

Here is wishing you all the best in all your undertakings, and know that my Hope Creating Team and I are here to support you all the way.

RCCS Presidential Message

Three months through our journey with the Hope Creating Rotarians make us think of our old concepts of community service. Whereas, what always comes to mind when the word “community service” is heard is the picture of one giving away some relief goods to those victims of natural and man-made disasters. As for RY2023-24, we aim to make a change of paradigm.

From mere giving of goods to giving HOPE for the beneficiaries to recover from the dire quagmire they have stuck into for quite some time. It is our aim to teach them sustainable economic and other endeavors to alleviate their plight. As a prerequisite, we need to understand their situation so we wont be tempted at giving them irrelevant solutions. We need to learn from them so we may able to impart life changing idea. As we always say, knowledge comes not from thin air but real and practical experience.

As we ford through the rest of the Rotary year, we must exert more effort to investigate, learn and impart newfound knowledge derived from the real experience in immersing ourselves in the lives of our beneficiaries. To become procreators with them and not mere occasional donors whenever disasters happen.

The seven areas of focus, when seriously, can be translated into effective and meaningful community-organizing work. Let us all then be the organizers who may effect quantum change in their lives.

Let us ignite hope in the hearts of our target beneficiaries as well as in ourselves.



EDWIN S. VILLAYER

ROTARY CLUB
CEBU SOUTH PRESIDENT
ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024





ROTARY CLUB CEBU SOUTH HISTORY

In the beginning, the Rotary Club Cebu South was just the proverbial “gleam-in-theeye” of RC Cebu West resident Joe Cavan, and former District Governor Marianing Ilano. The year was 1968, and a feasibility study showed that there were as many as, 92 classifications that could be availed of in the southern portion of the sponsoring club’s territory.

The matter was not pursued, however, and it was not until the incumbency of President Tom Espina that the move to form the new club was revived by then District Governor Onor Lozano.

On January 8, 1972 the Rotary Club Cebu South was formally organized at a meeting held at Cavan’s Resort in Guadalupe, Cebu City, and a Charter was applied for. On March 5, 1972, Rotary International gave its official sanction to the club and released its Charter as the Fourth Club in RI District 385.

On May 27, 1972, Rotary Club Cebu South held its Charter Presentation and Induction at the Casino Espanol de Cebu, with first President Munding Crystal accepting the Club Charter from District Governor Onor Lozano. There were 28 Charter Members then.

Through the years, the club continues to create footprints and impact in the service of the rotary. Its passions for service were manifested by the countless awards and citations as it rises to prominence and importance.

The club prided itself for having a new President every rotary. This is just among the qualities of its members who can be the leader of the Club that can continue its legacy and identity.

District Governor Official Visit

September 30, 2023

The Rotary Club Cebu South officers and members were honored and privileged as they welcomed Hope Creating District Governor of District 3860, Rozanne “Twinkle” Gamboa with spouse, District Trainer Archie Gamboa. Together with them, District Secretary Edward Vincent Ang, Assistant Governor Rhea Mae Judilla and District Chief of Staff - Visaya Philip Estocada.

RCCS President Edwin S. Villaver proudly presented the accomplishments of the club for the past three months, the plans and programs which were highly commended by the District Governor and District Officers. The event was a remarkable experience as the District Governor, District officers, and RCCS members were fully engaged in an insightful and productive discussion.

RCCS was very grateful to District Governor Rozanne “Twinkle” Gamboa and District Officers as well, for the continuous inspiration and motivation. Thankful also to the RCCS officers and members for their dedication and enthusiasm to serve the community.



Brigada Eskwela sa Tulay 2023

RCCS Service Project/s | September 02, 2023

The outset of September - Basic Education and Literacy Month, Rotary Club Cebu South conducted Brigada Eskwela 2023 project on its long time adopted Tulay Daycare Center in Tulay, Minglanilla, Cebu.

RCCS was able to donate two (2) ceiling fans, painting and cleaning materials, and conducted school clean-up and beautification together with the parents of Tulay Daycare Center. Also, a pledge to repair the playground facilities.



Ride and polio vaccination: Bike and Vaccinate to End Polio

District Wide Rotary Days of Service | September 10, 2023

RCCS together with the other clubs of Area 1 joined the Rotary Club of Cebu, the mother club and event leader, and RI District 3860 in support of Rotary International's global campaign to end polio.

The event Ride and Vaccinate to End Polio aims to increase awareness of the dangers of polio and the ease of fighting the disease through vaccination.

The mass vaccination program was conducted in Dumlog Brgy. Health Center, Dumlog, Talisay City, Cebu and Tuyan Brgy. Health Station, Tuyan, Naga City, Cebu.



Mangrove Planting: Caring and Protecting Mother Earth

District Wide Rotary Days of Service | September 17, 2023

An inside look at the beauty and benefits of mangroves:

1. Mangroves are climate heroes
2. Mangroves protect against extreme weather and disasters
3. Mangroves are a haven for threatened animals
4. Mangroves boost food security
5. Mangroves can bounce back naturally



Club Regular Meeting

September 01, 2023



Club Fellowship Meeting

September 08, 2023



Club Regular Meeting

September 15, 2023



Club Fellowship Meeting

September 22, 2023



Area/Cluster Coordination Meeting

September 30, 2023





Secretary's Desk

DENNIS T. LERCANA
Secretary
RY 2023-2024

UPCOMING OCTOBER 2023 ACTIVITIES / PROJECTS

- October 7, 2023** - Maternal and Child Care Project in Tagbao
 - Giving of Vitamins
 - Giving of Toothbrush and Toothpaste and Orientation
 - Giving goods and items
- October 15, 2023** - Deadline of TRF Giving to be recognized on Nov 18 TRF Night in Davao
- October 18, 2023** - RCCS Delegates to Japan - Reaffirmation of Club Partnership with RC Yotsukaido Japan
- October 22, 2023** - District-Wide Rotary Days of Service: Breast Cancer Awareness - PINK OCTOBER
- October 24, 2023** - District Wide Rotary Days of Service: PATAK POLIO
- TBD** - Turnover of External Drives to PNP Forensic Dept - Peace and Conflict Resolution
- TBD** - Membership Health Check

CLUB ATTENDANCE

MEETINGS / FELLOWSHIP

September 1, 2023

14/40

September 8, 2023

8/40

September 15, 2023

10/40

September 22, 2023

10/40

Governor's Visit

24/40

District Wide Rotary Days of Service:

Ride and Vaccinate to End Polio

6/40

Mangrove Planting

12/40

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RY 2023-2024



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Magdalera



RTN Vincent Nelson Olaiivar



RTN Florentino Impas



RTN Fritz Canono



RTN Democrito Diamante



October Celebrants



Griffins C. Malazarte

October 16



Romy Paredes

October 22

*Happy
Birthday*