

Cebu South
Rotary
Club



RCCS OFFICIAL
MONTHLY LETTER

November 2023 Issue

HABAGAT



TREE PLANTING
CARING AND PROTECTING
MOTHER EARTH

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
NIGHT**

Rotary



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

This month, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region.

In November, Rotary and District 2420 are hosting a signing ceremony for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahcesehir University in Istanbul.

The ceremony is the first in a series of events recognizing the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced - coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe - peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda - are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow

who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaounde International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.



EDWIN S. VILLAYER

ROTARY CLUB
CEBU SOUTH PRESIDENT
ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

RCCS Presidential Message

For this month of December, it is worth noting that Rotary International's efforts are focused on peacebuilding.

When one talks of peacebuilding, what readily comes to mind is the picture of the persons of authority administering peace and order activities as well as conflict resolution initiatives. May they be police officers or military personnel, they always figure prominently in our imagination.

But as Rotarians, we have to realize that we have the bigger potential to take a bigger role towards this endeavor. Yes, we don't have the instruments and devices that these persons in authority have in their arsenal, but our stature, credibility, and influence in society can do wonders that could not possibly be attained by their military and police powers.

Our voices against the proliferation of hate speech, fake and misleading information can do much to attain societal peace. By staying critical and exerting efforts at vetting information that comes our way instead of mechanically sharing and spreading them to our own circle of friends and other persons within our sphere of influence, we can indeed contribute towards promoting peace.

Spreading true and correct information could even be more effective than the usual ways and state instrumentalities in attaining peace.



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.

Tree Planting Caring and Protecting Mother Earth

November 12, 2023

"He who plants a tree. Plants a hope."

On November 12, 2023, Rotary Club Cebu South, PICPA-Cebu, Rotaract Club of Cebu South and Tagba-o ES Teaching force convene in Sitio Lubris, Tagbao, Cebu City to conduct a Tree Planting activity in support of Caring and Protecting Mother Earth.



ENVIRONMENT



The Rotary Foundation Night - Davao

November, 2023



Committee Meeting

November, 2023



Fellowship Meeting

Overnight Camping at Tagbao Farm



Fellowship Night with family and Birthday Celebration of Pres. Edwin Villaver

Regular Meeting

November, 2023





Secretary's Desk

DENNIS T. LERCANA
Secretary
RY 2023-2024

DECEMBER UPCOMING PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES

December 1, 2023

Regular Meeting

December 8-10, 2023

Rotary Institute at Kaoshiung City, Taiwan

December 15, 2023

Fellowship Meeting

December 18, 2023

Gift Giving / Bundles of Joy at Tulay Daycare Center, Minglanilla, Cebu

December 19, 2023

RCCS Christmas Party

December 20, 2023

Committee Meeting for Medical Mission with Opascor at Polambato, Bogo City, Cebu

December 22, 2023

Regular Meeting

December 29, 2023

Fellowship Meeting (Year-end)

TBD

Peace and Conflict Resolution Project (Year End Project)

Regular/Fellowship/ Projects/Activities

November 6, 2023 (Committee Meeting)

6/40

November 11, 2023 (Fellowship Meeting)

8/40

November 12, 2023 (Tree Planting)

10/40

November 17, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

17/40

CLUB ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

RY 2023-2024



EDWIN S. VILLAVER
President



GLEN B. RIVAREZ
President-Elect



RICHARD D. CABALUNA
Immediate Past President



DENNIS T. LERCANA
Secretary



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Treasurer



RANDY N. VASQUEZ
Auditor



AARON FRANCISCO RECLA
Sergeant at Arms



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Membership Chair



JACK P. TORREJOS
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HELBERT P. ESPINOSA
Public Image Chair



GEOPETER T. MAYHEW
Club Administration Chair



ARCILE S. PADRIGAO
Community Service
Projects Chair



ATTY. EDWARD BAUZON
Vocational Chair



ATTY. ELIAS L. ESPINOZA
International Service Chair



JOSHUA MIGUEL REBANO
Youth Service Chair



GRIFFINS C. MALAZARTE
DEI Officer

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

RY 2023-2024



Pres. Edwin S. Villaver



PE Glen B. Rivarez



IPP Richard Cabaluna



RTN Dennis T. Lercana



RTN Rheneir P. Mora



PP Randy N. Vasquez



PP Aaron Francisco Recla



PAG Manuel C. Gordon



PP Jack P. Torrejos



PAG Helbert P. Espinosa



RTN Geopeter Mayhew



RTN Arcile S. Padrigao



PP Edward R. Bauzon



PP Elias L. Espinoza



RTN Joshua Miguel Rebano



Past DRR Griffins Malazarte



RTN Ronnie Aguilar



PP Carlos Valente L. Apuhin



PAG Felix R. Asoy



PP Reynaldo M. Baclig



RTN Levin Dela Calzada



RTN George Canlom



RTN Benjamin T. Fazon Jr.



RTN Fritz A. Kubo

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RTN Darwin L. Pitogo



PP Tomas A. Rivalal



RTN Felix E. Ruiz II



PP Danilo G. Singco



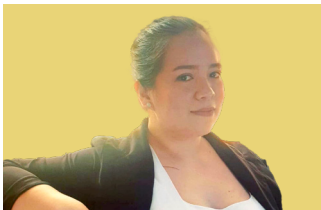
RTN Marlon R. Ubaldo



RTN Josephine S. Villapaz



RTN Jerbey Shan Luangco



RTN Pamela Rulona



RTN Jacinto Pechan



RTN Romy Paredes



RTN Orvilla Bacalso



RTN Margarito Callao



RTN Hezekiah Anthony Bon
Magdalera



RTN Vincent Nelson Olaivar



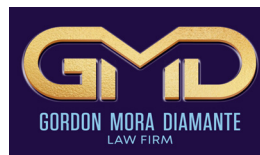
RTN Florentino Impas



RTN Fritz Canono



RTN Democrito Diamante



December Celebrants



AARON FRANCISCO RECLA

December 9



RANDY N. VASQUEZ

December 19

*Happy
Birthday*