

Cebu South  
**Rotary**  
Club



RCCS OFFICIAL  
MONTHLY LETTER

December 2023 Issue

# HABAGAT



**RCCS CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**2023 KAOHSIUNG  
ROTARY INSTITUTE**

# 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

In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors — such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods — for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

RCCS Presidential Message

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

When one talks of peace building, 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 the 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 exert 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.



**EDWIN S. VILLAYER**

ROTARY CLUB  
CEBU SOUTH PRESIDENT  
ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024





## ROTARY CLUB CEBU SOUTH HISTORY

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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.

# 2023 Kaohsiung Rotary Institute

December



Rotary International (RI) holds the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) every year. This year's RLI, dubbed as the **2023 Kaohsiung Rotary Institute**, was conducted at the iconic Grand Hi-Lai Hotel in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan from Dec. 8 to 10.

The RLI is a grassroots coalition of Rotary Districts implementing a leadership development program for “potential” leaders of Rotary Clubs. This was established in 1992 and has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every major continent. RLI believes that excellent CLUB leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and have not considered what leadership skills are necessary to move Rotary forward.

In this 2023 Kaohsiung Rotary Institute, five officers and directors of Rotary Club Cebu South were able to attend, President Edwin Villaver, President-Elect Glen Rivarez, Past President Ellie Espinoza, Secretary Dennis Lercana and Treasurer Rheneir Mora.



# RCCS Christmas Party 2023

December 19, 2023

The Rotary Club Cebu South held its 2023 Christmas party last Dec 19, 2023 at Club Filipino Clubhouse, 16th Flr FGU Bldg., Cebu Business Park, Cebu City where the majority of the members were present. It was a double celebration since we also celebrated the birthday of PP Randy Vasquez, one of the pillars of the club. We also have guests from the friends of the port. The celebration was indeed a Merry Christmas for everyone.



# Regular Meeting



# Partner's Meeting - LGU







# Secretary's Desk

**DENNIS T. LERCANA**  
Secretary  
RY 2023-2024

## UPCOMING PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2024

**January 5**

Regular Meeting

**January 12**

Fellowship Meeting

**January 14**

Medical, Dental, Optical Mission  
- Polambato, Bogo City, Cebu

**January 14**

Peace and Conflict Resolution Seminar

**January 19**

Regular Meeting

**January 26**

Fellowship Meeting

## 2023 Regular/Fellowship/Projects/Activities

**December 1** (Regular Meeting)

7/40

**December 8** (Rotary Institute)

5/40

**December 19** (Fellowship/Christmas Party)

21/40

**December 20** (Meeting LGU Partner)

3/40

**C L U B A T T E N D A N C E**

# 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



**ATTY. RHENEIR P. MORA**  
Treasurer



**RANDY N. VASQUEZ**  
Auditor



**AARON FRANCISCO RECLA**  
Sergeant at Arms



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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 Reban



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

# ROSTER OF MEMBERS

## RY 2023-2024



RTN Janelito Marquez



RTN Darwin L. Pitogo



PP Tomas A. Rivalal



RTN Felix E. Ruiz II



PP Danilo G. Singco



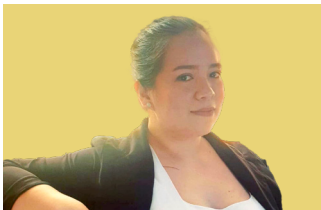
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RTN Josephine S. Villapaz



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



# January Celebrants



ENGR. JOSHUA MIGUEL REBANO

*January 19*



DOC. DARWIN L. PITOGO

*January 20*



ATTY. EDWARD BAUZON

*January 27*

*Happy  
Birthday*