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FOR
GOOD**

THE SMILE WE SERVE FOR

How Rotary turns compassion into
action, one child and one
community at a time

SERVICE THAT REACHES THE HEART

LA FUERZA reflects resilience in action, a moment when adversity revealed strength, unity, and the courage to rise and serve when it mattered most.

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

January 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Francesco Arezzo
Rotary International President

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In taking this vision forward, Rotarians are encouraged to highlight stories of vocational service, engage younger professionals, and deepen partnerships that empower individuals through mentorship, guidance, and skills development. By doing so, the district ensures that service is not only what we do but how we live, every day, in every profession, and throughout every community we touch.

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VISION DISTRICT'S

DISTRICT'S VISION

Living Our Professions in Service

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Vocational Service Month | January 2026

January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month, a meaningful reminder that our professions are not only a source of income, but also a powerful channel for service. At the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, we are proud to be a diverse community of professionals united by one purpose: to do good through what we know and what we do best.

Vocational service is integrity in our work, excellence in our craft, and compassion in how we use our skills to uplift others. It is the commitment to do what is right even when no one is watching. It is also the willingness to share our expertise, mentor others, and help create opportunities for people who need a hand to rise.

In a world where many feel uncertain about the future, vocational service reminds us that we can serve not only through donations or projects, but through our everyday work, our leadership, and our example. Each profession carries the power to influence, to inspire, and to restore dignity.

This month, may we reflect on how we can make our careers and businesses more purposeful, and how we can represent Rotary through the way we work, the way we treat people, and the values we uphold.

Together, we build hope.

Unite for Good.

**Josephus "Jojo"
Gonzales**
Club President





ROTARY KNOWLEDGE



Rotary Knowledge - Vocational Service Month

January is observed in Rotary as Vocational Service Month, a time to reflect on how our professions and daily work connect with Rotary's mission of service and leadership. Vocational Service is one of Rotary's core avenues of service, rooted in the idea that members bring their skills, ethics, and professional experience into projects and initiatives that uplift communities.

At its heart, Vocational Service calls for Rotarians to lead by example in their fields showing integrity, fairness, and compassion in everything they do. When clubs and individual members share their expertise, mentor others, and use their professions to address community needs, they embody Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

Why Vocational Service Matters

Rotary encourages clubs to use this month to highlight how work and service intersect. Vocational Service helps bridge community needs with professional strengths whether through skills training, career guidance, ethical leadership, or supporting youth in their career journeys.

How Clubs Can Celebrate This Month

- During Vocational Service Month, clubs are encouraged to:
- Share stories of members whose careers have had a community impact
- Organize mentorship or skills-building events for youth and professionals
- Host career talks or networking sessions with local schools and institutions
- Spotlight clubs' ongoing initiatives that connect the profession to service

By recognizing that service isn't separate from our daily work—but woven into it—Rotarians strengthen both their communities and the profession they represent.



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A YEAR-LONG PERSPECTIVE

Vocational Service isn't just a January theme—it's a reminder that how we conduct ourselves in our work matters as much as what we do in service projects. When professionalism, ethics, compassion, and service come together, Rotary grows not just in numbers, but in impact and purpose.

Building trust through vocational integrity.



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RCCFSP JOINS AREA 1 ACOM MEETING

January 24, 2026. Members of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro (RCCFSP) attended the Area 1 ACOM Meeting, a valuable gathering where clubs come together to share reports, current status, key updates, and plans for the Rotary year.

The meeting served as an important venue for alignment, collaboration, and strengthening communication among Area 1 clubs, ensuring that service initiatives remain coordinated and impactful.

Representing RCCFSP were COS Janel Obnimaga and PP Jess Rodinas, who actively participated in the discussions and updates shared during the session.

Through engagements like this, RCCFSP continues to stay connected, informed, and committed to united service across the district.



MILESTONES
& MOMENTS



JANUARY 10, 2026 – SIMPLE GATHERINGS, SHARED PURPOSE

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro recently came together for a simple dinner in celebration of Team Fort's charter anniversary. Held in a warm and relaxed setting, the evening was a reminder that meaningful connections are often strengthened in moments of togetherness, conversation, and shared meals.

Beyond the food and the venue, what truly stood out was the spirit of camaraderie among the members. It was a chance to reflect on the years of service, friendship, and collective effort that continue to define the club's journey.

As the club looks back on the lives touched and the memories made, this gathering also marked a quiet yet meaningful step forward, renewing the commitment to unity, gratitude, and service that binds Team Fort together.



TEAMFORT JOINS THE SINULOG FLUVIAL PARADE

Dawn of January 17

At the break of dawn on January 17, TeamFort proudly joined the Fluvial Sinulog Parade, one of Cebu's most iconic and meaningful traditions honoring the Señor Sto. Niño.

As the boats moved across the waters in prayer and celebration, we stood together not only as Rotarians and community leaders, but as Cebuanos united in faith, gratitude, and hope. The fluvial procession is more than a cultural event, it is a powerful reminder of what we carry as a people: devotion, resilience, and the strength of community.

For TeamFort, participating in this sacred dawn journey was a moment of reflection and renewal. It reminded us that service begins with humility, and that our mission to uplift lives is deeply rooted in the values that make Cebu strong.

With hearts full and spirits renewed, we continue our Rotary work with deeper purpose, inspired by the faith and unity that Sinulog brings to our island every year.

Viva Pit Señor!

From TeamFort, with love and service.



JANUARY 27, 2025 - AID THAT TRANSCENDS BOUNDARIES

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is pleased to announce the official chartering of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, following formal confirmation and recognition from Rotary International.

With the issuance of its charter, the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is now an officially recognized Rotaract club within the Rotary family. This milestone reflects the dedication of its charter members, the guidance of its sponsoring Rotary club, and the support of district leadership.

Although the formal Chartering and Induction Ceremony will be held at a later date, the club has already begun engaging in Rotary activities and service initiatives, demonstrating its readiness to serve and collaborate in advancing Rotary's mission.

Composed of committed young professionals and emerging leaders, the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro is expected to contribute fresh energy, leadership, and innovation through community service, professional development, and fellowship.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro takes pride in sponsoring and mentoring this new Rotaract club and looks forward to a strong and meaningful partnership in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the charter members of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro! May this club grow in service, leadership, and fellowship in the true spirit of Rotary.





TRABAHO FAIR 2026 THIS FEBRUARY: A ROTARY WEEK FOUNDATION

In celebration of Rotary Week 2026 and the 121st Anniversary of Rotary International, Rotary District 3860 proudly presents TRABAHO Fair 2026, happening this February 28, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at SM Seaside, Cube Wing.

This meaningful event brings together Rotarians, partner organizations, and job seekers in a shared mission to create opportunities, empower lives, and strengthen communities through employment and livelihood access.

Led by Rotary Club of Mandaue East and Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, TRABAHO Fair 2026 is a celebration of service in action, where Rotary helps open doors to a better future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary District 3860 UNITE FOR GOOD

ROTARY WEEK 2026

121ST ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2026

Rotary District 3860 UNITE FOR GOOD

TRABAHO FAIR 2026

A ROTARY WEEK CELEBRATION

AREA 1

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SM SEASIDE, CUBE WING

LEAD CLUBS

Mandaue East Rotary Club Cebu Fort San Pedro Rotary Club

PELS-SELS/ DTLs REGISTRATION OPENS SOON...

Get ready, District 3860! Registration for PELS-SELS / DTLs 2026 (Club Leadership & Grants Management Learning Seminars) officially opens on February 5, 2026.

This is a key learning event for Presidents-Elect, Secretaries-Elect, District Officers, and Club Officers, designed to strengthen leadership, deepen Rotary knowledge, and equip clubs with essential skills in grants management and effective service planning.

Join us at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato, as we prepare to lead with purpose and create lasting impact.



The poster features the Rotary logo and 'District 3860' at the top left, with the slogan 'CREATE LASTING IMPACT' to the right. The main title 'PELS-SELS / DTLs 2026' is prominently displayed in the center, with '2026' in a large orange box. Below this, it lists the target audience: 'PRESIDENTS-ELECT SECRETARIES-ELECT DISTRICT OFFICERS CLUB OFFICERS'. The event title 'CLUB LEADERSHIP GRANTS MANAGEMENT LEARNING SEMINARS' is written in bold blue letters. A large graphic at the bottom reads '4 DAYS TO GO' in white on a dark blue background, with silhouettes of a lighthouse and a boat. At the bottom, it states 'REGISTRATION OPENS February 5, 2026' and provides the location: 'The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato'. The background of the poster has a pattern of interlocking gears.

DISCON 2026 AT NUSTAR CEBU (MAY 2026)

Get ready for an exciting two-day District Conference as DISCON 2026 happens this May 2026 at NuStar Cebu.

This year's conference brings together Rotarians from across the district for a meaningful combination of learning, fellowship, and celebration. Expect inspiring plenary sessions, valuable leadership insights, and opportunities to connect with fellow Rotary leaders and clubs.

More than a conference, DISCON 2026 is also a time to honor excellence through a special Awards and Recognition Night, celebrating clubs and individuals who have made outstanding impact through service.

Join us as we gather, learn, and celebrate the Rotary spirit, together in Cebu.








DISCON
CEBU 2026

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 29-30 | NUSTAR Resort & Casino, Cebu City


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 DISCON 2026
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ROTARY CALENDAR YEAR 2025-2026

JUL 2025 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

JULY 01 - BEGINNING OF ROTARY YEAR

AUG 2025 MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

SEP 2025 BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

OCT 2025 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

OCTOBER 24 - WORLD POLIO DAY

NOV 2025 ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

DEC 2025 DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

JAN 2026 VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

FEB 2026 PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

FEBRUARY 23 - ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARY

MAR 2026 WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH

APRIL 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

MAY 2026 YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

JUN 2026 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, TAIPEI

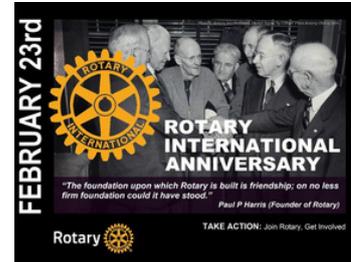


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For January 2025, the Rotary International exchange rate is set at \$1 = ₱59. This monthly rate serves as an important guide for clubs as they plan, budget, and account for contributions, grants, and project-related expenses. By following the official exchange rate, clubs across District 3860 can ensure consistency and accuracy in their financial reporting.

This update also helps maintain alignment with Rotary International standards, especially for programs supported by The Rotary Foundation. Whether preparing club dues, funding service initiatives, or coordinating grant requirements, using the prescribed exchange rate keeps all transactions transparent and uniform.

Staying updated with these monthly advisories allows clubs to plan more confidently and focus on what matters most: strengthening service, supporting communities, and working together for lasting impact

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU FORT SAN PEDRO

Today, we proudly celebrate the anniversary of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, founded on January 10, 2010, a date that marked the beginning of a journey rooted in service, fellowship, and purposeful leadership.

From the very start, our club has stood as a strong force for good in Cebu, committed to uplifting communities, responding to needs, and creating lasting impact through meaningful projects. Over the years, we have grown not only in membership, but in heart, unity, and the depth of our service.

This celebration is more than a birthday, it is a reminder of what we represent: people coming together with one shared mission, to serve above self. To every past and present member, partner, and supporter, thank you for being part of this story.

Happy Anniversary, TeamFort!
May we continue to serve with passion, integrity, and love for many years to come.



Last Name	First Name	Classification
BANCALE	MYRNA	Shells – Import/Exporting
CATARATA	MARY GRACE	Engineer – Construction Services
LAO	ELIZIR	Customs Broker
MERCADO	DANIEL	Petroleum Products Distributor
MONARES	ELDEIN	Real Estate – Marketing
NERI	REY	Transportation – Logistics
OBNIMAGA-MIRAL	MARIA JANEL	Legal Services
PESTANO	KHRISTINA	Real Estate Marketing Consultant
RIZON	FREDERICK	Hotel and Real Estate
ROBLES	CHERYL	Restaurant – Management
RODINAS	JESUS JR.	Real Estate Development
RODINAS-MONARES	LADY HANNA SHEN	Real Estate – Management
GERONA	MARIFI	Real Property – Leasing
TAN	RIZZA MAY	Construction
GONZALES	JOSEPHUS	Health
RODINAS	LILIA	Land Developer
VELAYO	FLORDELIZ	Public Servant
RODRIGUEZ	APRIL JANE	Real Estate
CAÑETE	HEIDE CASTRE	Pharmaceuticals
DE LAPIEZA	LIWAYWAY	Customs Brokerage
DEIPARINE	PRIMITIVO	Interior and Furniture Design
BLANCO	RANEL	Health and Wellness
BADAYOS	RICHARD ANTHONY	Architectural Services

Diverse careers. Shared commitment.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Allied Organizations

Club partners, organizations, and companies are valued collaborators who share resources, expertise, and support to help achieve common goals. Through joint initiatives, sponsorships, and active participation, they strengthen programs, expand reach, and create greater impact in the community.



Hotel Partners



Community Beneficiaries



Our community beneficiaries and supported organizations represent the heart of our mission. These groups, institutions, and communities are the focus of our programs and outreach efforts. Through sustained support, resources, and collaborative initiatives, we aim to uplift lives, strengthen capacities, and create lasting positive change.

CLUB AT GLANCE

Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

Chartered: January 10, 2010

Club ID: 82846

Meeting Schedule: Friday, 6:00 PM

Venue: Big Hotel, Mandaue City

Club Email: rccfsp@gmail.com

Facebook Page: Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Josephus Gonzales

President-Elect: Dean Monares

President-Nominee: Rizza May Tan

Vice President: IPP Mary Grace Catarata

Secretary: Rizza May Tan

Assistant Secretary: Dean Monares

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Auditor: Myrna Bancale

Sergeant-at-arms: Rey Neri

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Community Service: Jesus Rodinas, Jr.

International Service: Daniel Mercado

The Rotary Foundation: Mary Grace Catarata

Club Administration: Lady Hanna Shen Monares

Learning Facilitator: Khristina Pestaño

Young Leaders Contact: Cherryl Robles

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Myrna Bancale - PHF

Mary Grace Catarata - PHF+1

Marifi Gerona - PHF+8

Josephus Gonzales - PHF

Elizer Lao - PHF

Daniel Mercado - PHF+4

Eldein Monares - PHF

Lady Hanna Shen Monares - PHF

Rey Neri - PHF

Janel Obnimaga - PHF+1

Khristina Pestaño - PHF

Frederick Rizon - PHF+2

Cherryl Robles - PHF

Jesus Rodinas, Jr. - PHF+1

Lilia Rodinas

April Jane Dunque

Rizza May Tan

Flordelis Velayo

Primitivo Deiparine

Haide Cañete

Lwayway De La Pieza

Ranell Blanco

Richard Anthony Badayos

Good that stays.

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