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March 2026

Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighborhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks.

To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialized water organization, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking. That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and each waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility. You can learn more and get involved at communityactionforfreshwater.org.

As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them. When we connect local action to a global vision, we strengthen Rotary's ability to make lasting change. Together, by extending our reach and working side by side, we truly Unite for Good.

Pres. Francesco Arezzo
RI President, RY 2025-2026



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month

My dear fellow Rotarians of District 3860,

March reminds us of one of the most fundamental needs of humanity—Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). Clean water is not just a basic necessity; it is dignity, health, and opportunity. When communities have access to safe water and proper sanitation, children can go to school, families can thrive, and diseases can be prevented.

Across our district, I am proud to see our clubs actively responding to this call—implementing WASH projects that create lasting impact in schools and communities. These initiatives reflect the very heart of Rotary: sustainable solutions that uplift lives and restore hope.

This month was also marked by a significant milestone in strengthening our global connections. From March 14 to 16, District 3860 had the honor of hosting our first-ever District Friendship Exchange with Rotary International District 3310 (Singapore, Malaysia, and Brunei). Our dear Rotary friends visited Cebu and Bohol, engaging in club visits, witnessing our service projects, and sharing meaningful fellowship. Moments like these remind us that Rotary is truly a global family—bound not by geography, but by shared values and a common purpose to serve.

Closer to home, we also witnessed a historic first in our district. The first-ever Area 1 Area Coordination Meeting (ACOM) held in Siquijor, hosted by the Rotary Club of Siquijor Central, was a resounding success. Bringing district leadership and clubs together in the beautiful island of Siquijor reflects our commitment to inclusivity, collaboration, and strengthening every corner of our district.

On a personal note, March has been deeply meaningful for me. With my visit to the Rotary Club of Cebu on March 19, I am grateful to share that I have completed my visits to all 101 Rotary clubs in District 3860. What was once a goal has now become a journey etched in my heart—filled with stories of service, resilience, fellowship, and inspiration from each and every club. Thank you for welcoming me, for sharing your passion, and for showing me the true spirit of Rotary in action.

As we move forward, let us continue to build on this momentum. Let us sustain our service initiatives, strengthen our clubs, grow our membership, and deepen our impact through The Rotary Foundation. Every project we complete, every member we engage, and every life we touch brings us closer to the Rotary we envision.

Let us continue to serve with purpose, lead with heart, and act with urgency. Together, let us continue to Unite for Good—and ensure that the work we do today creates a healthier, more hopeful tomorrow for all.

Angel "Jong" G. Fernandez, Jr.

District 3860 Governor, RY 2025-2026





TO MY RCCGM FAMILY,



As we continue our journey of service, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the unwavering commitment each of you has shown to our club and to the communities we serve.

With just three (3) months left and my term as your President will end, your support, collective efforts and commitment is felt as we have successfully carried out initiatives that brought hope, support and positive change to many lives. The past month has been both meaningful and inspiring. From projects on environment, health care services, developing friendship and international partnerships to fellowship activities, each moment reminds us that even the smallest act of kindness can create a lasting impact and unite us for good.

This March, we successfully strengthened our bond of friendship with the Rotary Club of Kanuma, Japan through the exchange of club banners and the formal signing of a Friendship Agreement. We extend our sincere appreciation to AGR Myra V. Urbiztondo for representing our club during her visit. She attended the meeting and played a key role in fostering this partnership, culminating in the successful securing of a generous cash donation amounting to \$1,000.00 last March 26, 2026. The milestone not only deepens our international ties but also opens opportunities for meaningful collaboration and service projects in the future.

In the spirit of service, our club partnered with the Archdiocese Shrine of Pedro Calungsod in their “Gasa ni Pedro” Project which successfully benefited 500 individuals from the community. The initiative featured Medical & Dental Mission, Free Legal Consultation, Grooming Services and the distribution of gift packs to all beneficiaries.

In celebration of the Women’s Month, the ladies of RCCGM organized a delightful Afternoon High Tea Party gathering at Radisson Blu Hotel. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, camaraderie and appreciation of the invaluable role of women in our club and community. The group also took part in the hotel’s earth hour observance showing support for global efforts in environmental awareness and sustainability.

As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our mission. Let us continue to strengthen partnerships, expand our reach and inspire more individuals to join us in making a difference. Challenges may arise, but with unity and determination, there is nothing we cannot overcome.

I encourage everyone to stay engaged, share your ideas and actively participate in our remaining projects and activities left for this rotary year. Together, we can achieve more and continue to uplift those in need.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Rotary.

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
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 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)

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

RC Cebu South 54th Charter Anniversary

AGR/IPP Myra and Rtn. Alden Urbiztondo represented our club at the prestigious 54th Charter Anniversary of RC Cebu South held at Club Filipino Inc. de Cebu, celebrating decades of shared service and district fellowship.

The evening was graced by District Governor Jong and DES Kit Chua, featuring a memorable induction of new members into the Rotary family.



General Membership Meeting at Golden Prince

Our general membership gathered at Comedor to map out the final stretch of the Rotary Year. Key discussions included TRF updates, fundraising progress, and the club's accreditation with the CSO-CPSEMB to ensure continued organizational excellence.





MARCH 2026 EVENTS

Project Planning at PP Bessie's Residence

A productive coordination meeting was held at the residence of PP Bessie to deliberate on district resolutions and project milestones. The club also finalized key logistics for our highly anticipated Zumba fundraising event.



Fellowship & Fun in Mactan

A night of camaraderie saw members enjoying a fun-filled session at Watever Family KTV in Mactan, followed by a cozy coffee break at Tom N Toms. In attendance were PP Cathy, Sec. Dot, Asst. Sec. Jabe, Dir. Bernadette, Dir. Evelyn, Rtn. Ludy, and Rtn. Dianne.



MARCH 2026 EVENTS

AG Learning Seminar

PP Gay traveled to Siquijor to participate in the Assistant Governor Learning Seminar, engaging in advanced leadership training and strategic planning to support the district's upcoming initiatives.



Zumba Site Inspection

Preparations for our grand fundraiser hit a new milestone as Event Chair PP Dr. Vivian, Program Head Jabe, and Sec. Dot conducted an ocular visit at the G Mall Atrium to finalize the event layout and logistical requirements.



MARCH 2026 EVENTS



Japan Goodwill Visit:

Strengthening our international sisterhood, AGR Myra visited the Rotary Club of Kanuma, Japan. This diplomatic mission was highlighted by the personal turnover of a \$1,000 grant dedicated to AMOMA Sa Kaugmaon, our club's flagship program combating childhood malnutrition.



MARCH 2026 EVENTS

Gasa ni Pedro Outreach

RCCGM partnered with the Archdiocesan Shrine of Saint Pedro Calungsod for a massive multi-service mission at San Nicolas de Tolentino, serving 859 beneficiaries with the help of 140 volunteers. The initiative provided medical and dental care, cancer screenings, legal consultancy, and the distribution of essential medicines and Gasa bags. Present were Pres. Rox, Sec. Dot, Asst. Sec. Jabe, Dir. Evelyn, Dir. Bernadette, and Rtn. Floramay at the GMall Atrium to finalize the event layout and logistical requirements.



Community Synergy in Action: RCCGM ladies are pictured here alongside Pedro Calungsod and Red Cross volunteers during the mission. Notably, Red Cross volunteer nursing students from the University of San Carlos expressed a keen interest in expanding their service journey by joining the Rotaract Club of Cebu Gloria Maris.

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

Strategic Partnership with Americares

President Rox and Sec. Dot met with the Americares Philippines leadership team—Ms. Meng Bravo, Humanitarian Head Ed Buena, and Country Director Paul Gwyn Pagaran—at the Holiday Inn to discuss impactful future collaborations. The productive session concluded with a fellowship dinner at Cafe Laguna, Ayala, further strengthening the bond between both organizations.



GMM & Birthday Celebrations

Our general membership gathered at the Golden Prince Hotel PDR for a comprehensive briefing on the WASH project, RYLA, and upcoming district events like DISCON and PELS-SELS. Beyond the strategic updates and financial reports, the evening was filled with warmth as the club also honored and celebrated our March birthday celebrants.

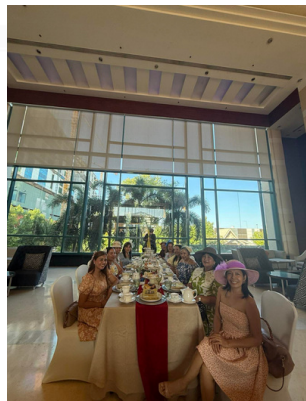


Honoring Our March Birthday Celebrants: We joyfully celebrate the birthdays of our dedicated members this month. Joining us in another year of service are Past President and Auditor Christine Racaza, Director Torifel Gumapac, Rotarian Alden Urbiztondo, and Rotarian Dianne Rallon. Wishing you all a year of continued impact and inspiration!

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

High Tea Fellowship at Radisson Blu

An afternoon of elegant mentorship and camaraderie was held at Radisson Blu Hotel. The gathering was graced by PDG Lilu, together with Pres. Rox, PP Cathy, Dir. Evelyn, Dir. Bernadette, Asst. Sec. Jabe, Rtn. Ludy, and Rtn. Dianne.



Discovery Dive for Women

In a vibrant tribute to Women's Month, RCCGM partnered with the Dive and Clean-up Club (DCC) for a Discovery Dive at Reef Island Resort. The event, which combined female empowerment with marine advocacy, was attended by Dir. Bernadette, Asst. Sec. Jabe, and Rtn. Ludy, founder of DCC. A special thank you to Sec. Dot for her generous financial contribution toward the divers' snacks.



Discovery Dive Participants: Taking the plunge for marine conservation, Director Bernadette Ponce and Asst. Sec. Jabemarie Maquiling represented the RCCGM ladies during the Women's Month Discovery Dive.

*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 District 3860

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Show up in your Club Uniform

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Rotary District 3860

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON TRILOGY

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Rotary District 3860

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

PELS-SELS / DTLS 2026

PRESIDENTS-ELECT SECRETARIES-ELECT DISTRICT OFFICERS CLUB OFFICERS

CLUB LEADERSHIP GRANTS MANAGEMENT LEARNING SEMINARS

Plan Your Travel

SAVE THE DATE April 16-18, 2026

Koronadal City, South Cotabato

Rotary District 3860

UNITE FOR GOOD

RYLA

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

"Youth in Action, Leading Positive Change"

APRIL 24-26, 2026 BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

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Rotary District 3860

UNITE FOR GOOD

Save the Date

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Recognition RY 2025-2026

"Unite for Doing Good in the World"

May 29, 2026 | 9 AM to 1 PM | Fili Ballroom,
Nustar Resort & Casino, Cebu City.

The Rotary Foundation

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Rotary District 3860

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MAY 29-30 | NUSTAR RESORT & CASINO, CEBU CITY

SCAN TO REGISTER AND BE PART OF DISCON 2026
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UNITED IN PURPOSE. UNITED IN ACTION. UNITE FOR

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