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April 2026

Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we Unite for Good, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.



Pres. Francesco Arezzo
RI President, RY 2025-2026

My dear fellow Rotarians of District 3860,

April calls us to reflect on our shared responsibility to protect and preserve the environment—our home, our future, and our legacy. As Rotarians, we are called not only to serve today, but to ensure that what we build will continue to benefit generations to come.

Last April 17, on the sidelines of the Club Leadership Learning Seminar in Koronadal, we launched the Bamboo Reforestation Program of Rotary District 3860 – Area 2H, led by the Rotary Club of Koronadal Central under Gamechanging President Allan Claudio de Lima, in the presence of Rotary International Director Nominee Edna Sutter.

This initiative directly supports local farming communities and nearby residents—helping protect their land from soil erosion, strengthening climate resilience, and opening future livelihood opportunities through sustainable bamboo production. Together with DGE Arlene Juele Adlawan, DGN Edwin Valencia, and your District Governor, we stood united—reminded that leadership is not just about what we start, but about what continues long after we leave.

In many ways, this same principle applies to how we grow Rotary.

What started as a vision back in April last year—membership growth, one satellite club at a time—is now unfolding before our very eyes.

Last April 11, 2026, in General Santos City, I had the privilege of serving as inducting officer for the Rotary Satellite Club of Dadiangas – GSC Service Pioneers, led by Charter Chairman Elena Tionson, with 29 new Rotarians—far exceeding the required charter strength. Even before their formal induction, they had already completed the Seven Areas of Focus District Challenge, a powerful testament that they were already living Rotary values.

What struck me most that evening was not just the number—but this realization: They were already Rotarians... they just didn't know it yet.

Many of the members come from the same professional circle. They have worked together, grown together, and built trust long before Rotary entered the picture.

The relationships were already there. The values were already aligned. Rotary simply provided a platform—a shared direction—to turn that trust into service.

This milestone did not happen by chance. Behind it is the quiet persistence of Assistant Governor Mark Jerome “Bong” Tionson, who believed that this vision could become a reality. To the sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Dadiangas, led by President Hannah Miranda Mamon, now among the largest clubs in the district and a model of RAGG growth from Green to Gold, this is your story as well. Our gratitude also to District Membership Chair Gigi Galvez Espiritu and the entire team for their unwavering support.

We extend our sincere thanks to our partners, especially DDC Land, Inc., and to our district leaders—AG Denmark Bulan, AG Bong Tionson, AG Mari Cel, DES Mary Christine Chua, and DLF Arcel Dela Cruz—and to everyone who showed up to plant, to serve, and to believe.

Partner Rotarians, whether we are planting bamboo or building new clubs, the message is clear: What we begin today must continue to grow.

This is how we Unite for Good—one community, one purpose, one lasting impact at a time.

Angel "Jong" G. Fernandez, Jr.

District 3860 Governor, RY 2025-2026



TO MY RCCGM FAMILY,



I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. Thank you all for your continued support, friendship and dedication to our club projects and activities as we move towards the end of my term.

With only two (2) months left of my Presidency, we were still able to continue our journey of service above self, I am proud to say that we remain united in fellowship and in making a positive impact in our community.

This month, we are proud and happy to inform everyone of the successful charter our first cause-based “Satellite Club of Cebu Gloria Maris – Dive & Clean Up Club” which was officially approved by Rotary International last April 23, 2026 with eight (8) members joining the club.

We are planning to hold their induction on May 19, 2026, at The Reef in Mactan, Cebu. It will surely be a unique and memorable experience as the event will also feature diving and underwater clean up sessions following the induction ceremony.

It was also a month of training and learning for our club members as we sent six (6) of our club members, PE Dorothy Borces, IAG Gay Marie Tiu, AGR Myra Urbiztondo, Rtn. Dianne Rallon, Rtn. Alden Urbiztondo and our PDG Lilo Alino to the PELS/SELS/DTLS/CLLS last April 16-18, 2026, at Koronadal and two (2) representatives, Alexa Abanggan and Johnmike Guaca to RYLA last April 24-26 at Baclayon, Bohol. The activities provided valuable opportunities for leadership development, fellowship, and learning as we continue to strengthen our club and prepare future leaders of Rotary.

We managed to participate another dive and clean up drive together with our newly chartered satellite club on April 18, 2026 as well as conducted several meetings in preparations to our Strategic Planning, inductions for RY 2026-2027 and the Vibrant Club Seminar, a district wide training to be hosted by RCCGM in the next rotary year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on our upcoming projects and activities.

God bless us all and keep safe always.

Yours in service

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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 Socorro Marrietta R. Briones
 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

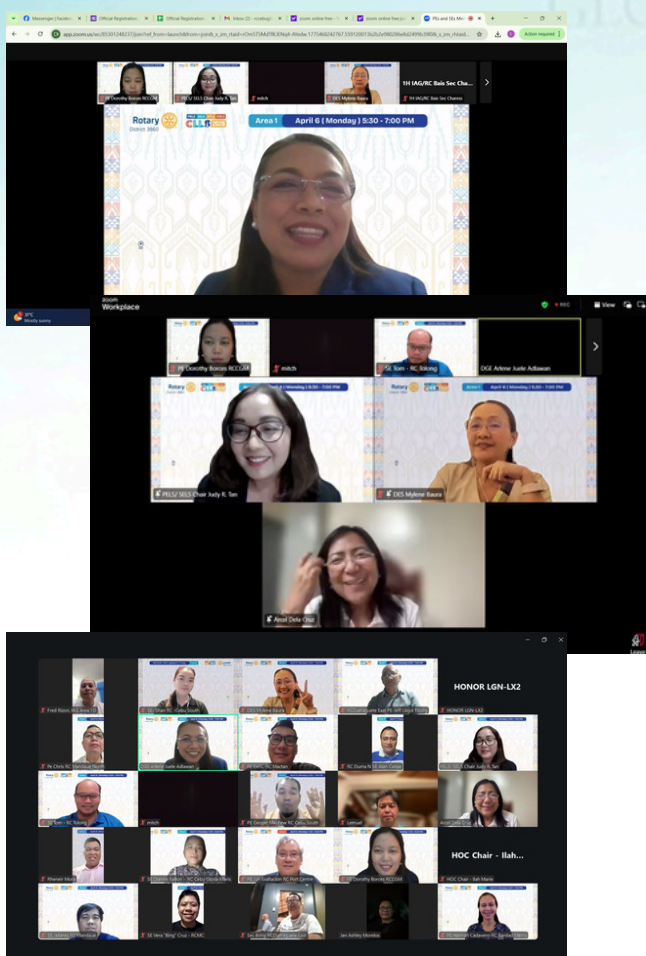
MEMBERS

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)

APRIL 2026 EVENTS

Area 1 Presidents & Secretaries Meet-and-Greet

On April 6, Area 1 president-elects and secretary-elects joined District Governor Arlene Adlawan and district officers — including DES Maria Lina Baura, Learning Facilitator Arcel dela Cruz, and PELS-SELS Chair Judy R. Tan — for an engaging online meet-and-greet ahead of PELS-SELS in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.



District 3860 Leadership Training at The Farm

From April 16–18, District 3860 club officers, president-elects, secretary-elects, and district leaders attended PELS-SELS/DTLS/CLLS 2026 at The Farm at Carpenter Hill, South Koronadal.

Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris was represented by incoming Assistant Governor Gay Marie Tiu, District Membership Engagement Chair Myra Urbiztondo (accompanied by her husband, Ways & Means Chair Alden Urbiztondo), President-Elect Dorothy Borces, and Rtn. Maria Dianne Rallon.



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APRIL 2026 EVENTS



Assistant Governor Atty. Rheneir Mora with the dynamic women of Area 1A



President-Elect Dorothy Borces and fellow club presidents during the banner presentation.



Strategic Growth: DMEC Myra Urbiztondo at the post-membership workshop, focusing on District 3860 engagement initiatives.



Strengthening Community Impact: Incoming Assistant Governor Gay Marie Tiu participating in the service projects workshop.



Securing the Future: President-Elect Dorothy Borces at The Rotary Foundation (TRF) workshop.



Operational Excellence: Rtn. Maria Dianne Rallon at the Club Administration workshop.

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APRIL 2026 EVENTS



The 2026-2027 Club Presidents during the formal District 3860 MOU ceremony.



Official group portrait of District 3860 Governor Arlene Adlawan and president-elects at The Farm.

Clean-Up Dive at Bato Marine Sanctuary

On April 18, 2026, RCCGM proudly supported the Dive and Clean Up Club's marine conservation effort at Bato Marine Sanctuary, Toledo City, alongside Aboitiz and DENR, with Dir. Evelyn, Dir. Floramay, Asst. Secretary Jabe, and Rtn. Ludy, DCC Founder.



APRIL 2026 EVENTS

April General Membership Meeting

On April 23, members gathered at Comedor for a General Membership Meeting to discuss club updates and upcoming activities.



Vibrant Seminar Preparations with COS Marifi

Initial planning was held at Golden Prince, attended by AGR Myra, PE Doth, PP Bessie, PP Gay, Dir. Bernadette, Dir. Evelyn, and Rtn. Ludy.



APRIL 2026 EVENTS

12th RYLA 2026: Youth in Action, Leading Positive Change

From April 24–26, the 12th Rotary Youth Leadership Awards was held at Alta Bohol Resort & Convention Center in Baclayon, Bohol, with participants Alexa Abanggan and Johnmike Guaca representing the club. Past District Governor Lilu Aliño also joined the event and met with the club's participants.



Our RYLA participants with Past District Governor Lilu Aliño at the 12th RYLA 2026, sharing a meaningful moment of leadership, learning, and inspiration.



Our RYLA participant Alexa was part of the team that won Most Outstanding RYLA Group, proudly standing second from the right in a white outfit with a red blazer.



President Rox and Past President/Sergeant-at-Arms Baybee met with Alexa and Johnmike, our RYLA representatives to Bohol, on April 22 at Golden Prince Hotel before their trip.

APRIL 2026 EVENTS

Induction Pre-Planning at Tamp Cafe & Co.

On April 25, club leaders gathered at Tamp Cafe & Co., Kasambagan for induction pre-planning, with Pres. Rox, Past President /Treasurer Mayet, PE Doth, VP Atty. Rheswi, Dir. Floramay, and Rtn. Ludy in attendance.



Service Projects Meeting

On April 29, club core group gathered at Q Cafe, Golden Prince Hotel & Suites to discuss impactful service projects for Rotary Year 2026–2027, with AGR Myra, PE Doth, VP Atty. Rheswi, Dir. Evelyn, Dir. Bernadette, Asst. Sec. Jabe, Rtn. Ludy, and Rtn. Dianne in attendance.



*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  | UNITE FOR GOOD
 District 3860

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 



Rotary  | DISCON 
 District 3860 CEBU 2026

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 GOOD

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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Rotary Year 2025-2026