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ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU SOUTH NEWSLETTER



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Month of August 2025



## **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 enterprises 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.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CEBU



The Rotary Club of Cebu South began as a visionary initiative, originally conceived by RC Cebu West President Joe Cavan and former District Governor Marianing Ilano in 1968. A feasibility study at the time revealed that there were as many as 92 classifications available in the southern territory of the sponsoring club. Despite these promising findings, the plan was not immediately pursued.

It was only during the presidency of Tom Espina that the initiative was revived, with strong encouragement from then District Governor Onor Lozano. This renewed effort culminated in the formal organization of the Rotary Club of Cebu South on January 8, 1972, during a meeting held at Cavan's Resort in Guadalupe, Cebu City. A Charter application was subsequently filed with Rotary International.

On March 5, 1972, Rotary International officially recognized the Rotary Club of Cebu South, issuing its Charter and designating it as the fourth club under RI District 385. The Charter Presentation and Induction Ceremony took place on May 27, 1972, at the Casino Español de Cebu, where President Munding Crystal accepted the Club Charter from District Governor Onor Lozano. At its inception, the club proudly counted 28 charter members.

Since its founding, the Rotary Club of Cebu South has continued to make a lasting impact through its dedicated service and commitment to Rotary's ideals. Its unwavering passion for service has been reflected in numerous awards and citations, elevating the club's prominence within the district and beyond.

To this day, the club remains active and vibrant, currently composed of 27 active members. One of its defining traditions is the annual transition of leadership, a reflection of the strength, capability, and unity of its members—each one ready and able to lead while upholding the club's legacy and identity.



## Francesco Arezzo

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### Rotary International President 2025-2026

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.



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## Atty. Rheneir P. Mora

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**RCCS President**  
**2025-2026**

This August, our club continued to strengthen its foundation through meaningful discussions, membership development, and active participation in district initiatives that advance Rotary's mission of service and growth. As the 54th President of the Rotary Club of Cebu South, I am pleased to present the highlights of a month focused on learning, collaboration, and organizational strengthening.

On August 15, we proudly participated in the District 3860 Area Coordination Meeting (ACOM) at City Sports Club, Cebu City, alongside District Membership Chair Gigi Espiritu, aligning our goals and reinforcing our commitment to district-wide cooperation and Rotary advancement.

These activities reflect our continued dedication to strengthening our membership base, improving engagement, and ensuring the sustainability of our club's service initiatives.

These activities reflect our unwavering commitment to Service Above Self and our dedication to health, education, and community service.

To our members, partners, and friends, thank you for your continued trust and commitment. Together, we move forward in building a stronger Rotary Club of Cebu South, united in service and purpose.

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# **Rotary Club of Cebu South**

AUGUST 2025 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SEMINAR SESSION

The Rotary Club of Cebu South conducted a Membership Updates Seminar on August 15, 2025, led by District Membership Chair Gigi Espiritu at the Club Filipino Clubhouse, Ayala FGU Building, Cebu City. The session provided valuable insights on membership growth, engagement strategies, and strengthening club participation, further enhancing the club's commitment to building a stronger Rotary community.



**August 15, 2025**

The Rotary Club of Cebu South participated in District 3860 ACOM with District Membership Chair Gigi Espiritu at City Sports Club Cebu City

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# ROTARY HYMN

by George Canseco

I want to be a Rotarian for the world,  
Make the Rotary flag be a flag of peace  
unfurled;  
I will serve my community,  
Help to seek international unity.  
Through Rotary, I will dedicate my all,  
World understanding shall be my  
cherished goal.

**Refrain:** With the Four Way Test  
I will pursue my quest  
And if 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 need my help;  
I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary  
And in Rotary ways I will train my family

**Refrain:** With the Four Way Test  
I will pursue my quest  
And if I, in a way help obtain  
Peace in the world  
Then I won't have lived in vain

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

**Refrain:** With the Four Way Test  
I will pursue my quest  
And if I, in a way help obtain  
Peace in the world  
Then I won't have lived in vain

**Peace be achieved,  
So we won't have lived in vain**

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