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Month of September 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.



Rotary



Francesco Arezzo

Rotary International President 2025-2026

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's Unite for Good by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we Unite for Good.



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Atty. Rheneir P. Mora

**RCCS President
2025-2026**

September was a month of purposeful action—where service extended beyond communities to include both people and the environment. As the 54th President of the Rotary Club of Cebu South, I am proud to share our initiatives that highlight care, sustainability, and partnership.

On September 13, we participated in the District 3860 Vibrant Club Seminar at Montebello Hotel, Cebu City, where Rotarians gathered to strengthen club vibrancy and reinforce shared values of service and fellowship.

On September 27, in partnership with Rotaract Club of Cebu South, Mora Sanchez Menoza and Associates, and the Municipality of Oslob, we conducted an Optical Mission and Medical Consultation in Oslob, Cebu, providing free vitamins and slippers to beneficiaries.

On September 28, we successfully carried out “Project Blue Thumb,” a coral planting initiative in Barangay Gawi, Oslob, Cebu, promoting marine conservation and protecting coastal ecosystems.

These initiatives demonstrate our dedication not only to community health but also to environmental stewardship.

We thank our partners, members, and volunteers for making these efforts possible.

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SEPTEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

The Rotary Club of Cebu South proudly participated in the District 3860 Vibrant Club Seminar held on September 13, 2025, at Montebello Hotel, Cebu City. The event brought together Rotarians to strengthen club vibrancy, share best practices, and reinforce commitment to Rotary's mission of service and fellowship.



September 27, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu South, in partnership with Rotaract Club of Cebu South, Mora Sanchez Menoza and Associates, and the Municipality of Oslob, is happy to share the success of an Optical Mission and Medical Consultation with free vitamins and slippers for the residents of Oslob.



BLUE THUMB CORAL PLANTING

The Rotary Club of Cebu South, together with the Rotaract Club of Cebu South, successfully completed its coral planting project, "Project Blue Thumb," on September 28, 2025, in Barangay Gawi, Municipality of Oslob, Province of Cebu. The initiative supports marine conservation and coastal ecosystem restoration, reflecting the club's continued commitment to environmental sustainability and community service.



This activity helps strengthen marine biodiversity and protect coastal livelihoods in the community. It also encourages long-term environmental awareness and active participation among local stakeholders and youth volunteers.



TREE PLANTING ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Cebu South, in collaboration with PICPA Cebu Chapter, conducted a tree planting activity on September 20, 2025, in the mountain barangay of Tagbáo, City of Cebu. Fruit-bearing trees were planted as part of the club's continuing efforts to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.



September 23, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu South was invited by the Rotary Club of Port Center to a fellowship bowling tournament, where the club placed second with Pres. Rheneir, PP Edwin, PP Ely, PE Geopet, and Rtn. Robert.

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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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