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Month of October 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

As we observe Community Economic Development Month, we are called to reflect on one of Rotary's most transformative areas of focus—the power to uplift lives by strengthening livelihoods, enabling entrepreneurship, and building resilient local economies.

In our communities, economic challenges are not merely about income—they are about opportunity, dignity, and hope. As Rotarians, we are uniquely positioned to respond. Through our collective expertise and service-driven leadership, we can help create pathways for sustainable growth—whether by supporting small businesses, mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs, promoting financial literacy, or enabling skills development.

This month, I encourage each of us to take a more active role in advancing inclusive economic progress. Let us not only provide aid, but empower individuals and families to become self-reliant and future-ready. Our projects must aim for long-term impact—initiatives that create jobs, improve productivity, and stimulate local enterprise.

Let us also strengthen partnerships—with local government units, private sector stakeholders, and fellow Rotary clubs—to amplify our reach and effectiveness. True economic development is collaborative, and together, we can create ecosystems where communities thrive.

Above all, let us remember that every livelihood restored, every skill taught, and every opportunity created is a step closer to a more equitable and prosperous society.

Together, let us continue to Unite for Good—transforming lives, one community at a time.



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Atty. Rheneir P. Mora

**RCCS President
2025-2026**

This October, our club remained committed to service through disaster response, community support, and active participation in Rotary's global health advocacy. As the 54th President of the Rotary Club of Cebu South, I am pleased to present the key highlights of a month that demonstrated unity, compassion, and swift action in times of need.

We began on October 5 with a relief operation in Sitio U&I, Barangay Lamintak Sur, Medellin, Cebu, as lead club of Cluster 3 under District 3860 DMI North Cebu Relief. We assisted earthquake-affected families by distributing food and water kits, rice, ICB tanks, and tarpaulins to help address immediate needs and temporary shelter concerns.

On October 18, together with our partners, we conducted "Tabang sa Masbate" in Cawayan, Masbate, reaching typhoon-affected communities in Brgy. Talisay, Brgy. Looc, and Brgy. Punta Batsan. Relief assistance included rice, drinking water containers, and essential supplies to support recovery efforts.

On October 26, we carried out "Bangon North Cebu" in San Remigio, Cebu, where we provided Psychological First Aid and distributed relief goods to affected families, addressing both emotional and physical recovery needs. On October 27, we had the honor of welcoming Rotary International District 3860 Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez Jr. during the Governor's Visit, strengthening fellowship and aligning club efforts with district direction.

We concluded the month on October 29 by joining the district-wide celebration of World Polio Day, reaffirming our commitment to the End Polio Now campaign and supporting Rotary's mission to eradicate polio worldwide.

These activities reflect our continued dedication to service, resilience, and global responsibility. To our members and partners, thank you for your unwavering support as we serve together with purpose and unity.

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OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



SMALL ACTS BIG IMPACT DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Cebu South, as lead club of Cluster 3 under District 3860 DMI North Cebu Relief, conducted a relief operation on October 5, 2025, for earthquake victims from Sitio U&I, Barangay Lamintak Sur, Medellin, Cebu. The team distributed more than 200 kits of food and water, sacks of rice, ICB tanks, and tarpaulins with rope to support affected families.

Through this initiative, the club provided essential resources for immediate recovery and temporary shelter needs. It also reflects the strong spirit of service and collaboration in responding to communities affected by natural disasters.



October 18, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu South, together with Cebu Logistics Golf Club, OPASCOR, and Power Systems, distributed sacks of rice, 5-gallon drinking water containers with faucets, and relief goods to typhoon victims in Brgy. Talisay, Brgy. Looc, and Brgy. Punta Batsan, Municipality of Cawayan, Province of Masbate.



GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT

The Rotary Club of Cebu South extended a warm welcome to Rotary International District 3860 Philippines Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez Jr., together with his spouse, Chief of Staff Atty. Janel Obnimaga, and Area 1A Assistant Governor Representative Myra Urbiztondo, during the Governor's Visit on October 27, 2025. The visit served as an opportunity to strengthen fellowship, align club initiatives with district goals, and reinforce Rotary's mission of service.



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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 Tagbao, City of Cebu. Fruit-bearing trees were planted as part of the club's continuing efforts to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.



October 26, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cebu South conducted Psychological First Aid and distributed relief goods to typhoon victims in Brgy. Sab-a, San Remigio, North Cebu.



WORLD POLIO DAY PARTICIPATION

The Rotary Club of Cebu South participated in the district-wide celebration of World Polio Day on October 29, 2025, in support of Rotary's global initiative to end polio. The activity highlighted the importance of immunization and collective action in protecting communities from preventable diseases, while reinforcing awareness and unity among members and the community in advocating for a polio-free world.



Through this participation, the club reaffirmed its commitment to the End Polio Now campaign and strengthened awareness among members and the community in advocating for a polio-free world.

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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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