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PROGRAM FLOW

CALL TO ORDER

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The Rotary Club of Davao regularly meets every 12:00PM to 3:00 PM weekly on Thursdays at Cafe Tavera, Tavera corner Avancena St., Davao City.

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FACEBOOK PAGE

Rotary Club of Davao - RCD

INVOCATION

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.



“President Lester Suarez’s New Year Message”



As we wrap up 2022, this year brought exciting change and new growth to our club. We are bidding farewell to a year that gifted us our lives back. After two years of lockdown, we all resumed normalcy. Rotarians may have busy schedules and different commitments outside of Rotary but I commend each and every one for your dedication to our regular luncheon meetings and various projects.

Twenty-four (24) service projects and activities have been implemented since the start of Rotary Year last July 2022 until January 2023. I am truly humbled and honored to serve as your president this Rotary Year and I am looking forward to opening more opportunities for the last 6 months of my term for 2023.

As the New Year approaches us with hopes anew, here is to wishing you and your family a wonderful and prosperous year ahead!

LESTER JONES S. SUAREZ

President, Rotary Club of Davao
Rotary Year 2022-2023



**INCOMING VITAL OFFICERS FOR
ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024**

May Divino

President-Elect

Zarah Joan Gallardo

Secretary-Elect

Lester Jones Suarez

Incoming Assistant Governor, Area 2A

NEW THEME

**FOR ROTARY YEAR
2023-2024**

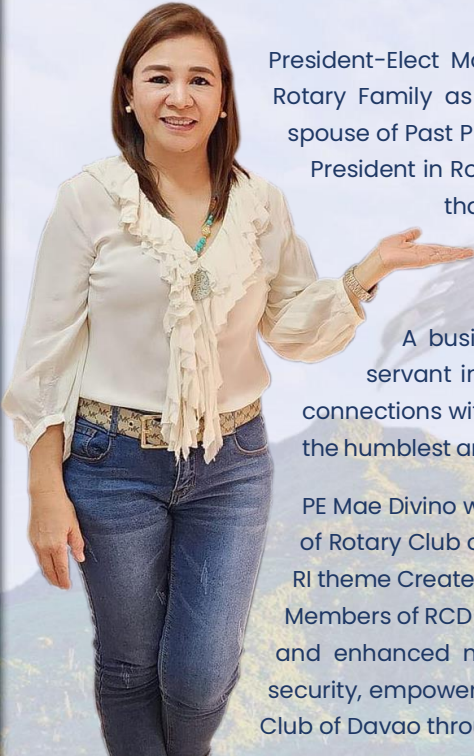


**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

RI Theme 2023-24



BELL AND GAVEL FEATURE



President-Elect May Divino started her membership into the Rotary Family as a RotaryAnn in 2006. She is the beautiful spouse of Past President Filomeno Divino who served as Club President in Rotary Year 2017–2018 which was also the year that she was inducted into the club as a Rotarian. She is a mother of 7 and a grandmother of 3 adorable children.

A businesswoman by vocation but a community servant in spirit. PE May loves to travel and establish connections with people from all walks of life. Learning from the humblest and a staunch supporter of philanthropic work.

PE Mae Divino will make history as the first woman president of Rotary Club of Davao during its 85th year serving with the RI theme Create Hope in the World for Rotary Year 2023–2024. Members of RCD will expect more community service projects and enhanced member participation. Her key focuses are security, empowerment and sustainability as she takes Rotary Club of Davao through her term.

President-Elect May is defined by her colleagues as a strong willed woman, dynamic and flexible with a firm principle always ready to help. Her affiliations to several civic organizations are proof of her desire to serve the community and as she juggles her time to be one of RCD's most active members, a successful businesswoman, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a friend and many others, PE May is a force to be reckoned with. Her term will surely be one to surprise and make its own dent in RCD's great history.

“By creating a partnership between our club and our chosen communities, in the sense that the partner communities play an active role in the improvement of their own communities. Through this, we not just inspire them, but we empower them.”

PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY DIVINO



ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS

Obu-Manuvu Learning Center Rehabilitation

January 9, 2022 | **Project Cost: P75,000**

The Rotary Club of Davao donated construction materials and labor to repair and rehabilitate the Macatabo Learning and Livelihood Center located in Purok 1A, Sitio Macatabo, Brgy. Carmen, Baguio District, Davao City.

The learning and livelihood center is used not only as a learning shelter for about 200 Obu- Manuvu children during weekends but also as a meeting place for the Obu-Manuvu community members and several organizations. The center is also used as receiving quarter/center for the eco-tourist who wants to visit Mount Karilongan where the eco-cultural tourism project of the community and EGIP Foundation is situated. It is also used as a venue for several medical missions, conflict resolutions among the community members, and other activities within the tribe.

The Rotary Club of Davao is also the one who constructed the center since 2015 and after it was accidentally burned down last October 2017.

Donated Construction Materials and Labor

- Cement
- Coarse sand
- Marine plywood
- Plain gutter
- Hardiflex
- GI corrugated sheet
- Lavatory
- #3 PVC
- #3 Elbow
- Faucets
- Toilet Bowls
- #2 PVC Pipe
- #2 Elbow
- T connector
- Solvent
- 3 rolls #1/2 water hose
- Connector
- #2 tube
- Receptacle
- Light Bulb
- Accredited Installer (Davao Light)
- Labor

DONORS:

- ❖ President Lester Suarez
- ❖ Past President Arnold Navales
- ❖ Past President Fil Divino
- ❖ President-Elect May Divino
- ❖ Secretary-Elect Zee Gallardoe
- ❖ Rtn. Dr. Joselle Villafuerte
- ❖ Rtn. Councilor Enzo Villafuerte
- ❖ Rtn. Faith Liban
- ❖ Rtn. Andrea Escobal
- ❖ Rtn. Elgem Tormis
- ❖ Rtn. Ronald Caharian





ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS

Shelter Kits for the Victims of Bagyong Paeng

January 2, 2023 | **Project Cost: P191,450**

The year has just started but duty calls right after the 1st day of the year. On January 2, 2023, the Rotary Club of Manila (the Mother Club) and the Rotary Club of Davao answered the call to come together and provide assistance. Shelter kits were curated to help rebuild houses affected by the devastation of Bagyong Paeng. Construction materials such as plywood, coco lumbers, G.I. corrugated sheets, wood saw, hammers, nails, etc. were donated and sent from the Rotary Club of Manila and was facilitated by the Rotary Club of Davao which were delivered to Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental.

The last 2 months of 2022 brought about several disasters affecting Mindanao. From Bagyong Paeng that washed out houses in Datu Odin to the shear line that affected most of Mindanao with heavy flooding washing away houses in coastal areas, displacing families and damaging millions worth of livelihood and properties. The holiday season was not celebrated as happy as it should.

A total of 50 families were the recipients of the said shelter kits. Disaster resilience is indeed a call that we should heed to. As Rotarians, we commit to always be prepared to help, respond and rebuild lives, families and communities

DONORS

- ❖ Rotary Club of Manila (major donor)
- ❖ President Lester Suarez
- ❖ Past President Atty. Dadz Mahipus
- ❖ Past President Arnold Navales
- ❖ Past President Fil Divino
- ❖ President-Elect May Divino
- ❖ Secretary-Elect Zarah Gallardo
- ❖ Rotarian Faith Liban
- ❖ Rotarian Joseph Magno






ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS


Project C.O.R.E Communities

December 22, 2022 | **Project Cost: P20,000**

The Rotary Club of Davao and Rotaract Club of Davao launches Project CORE Communities in lieu of the Mid-Year Assembly. 50 families were served before Christmas. The activity was initiated and facilitated by the Rotaract Club of Davao.



Davao Rotary Club  **IMAGINE ROTARY**

Rotaract Club of Davao 

C.O.R.E. COMMUNITIES

Creating Opportunities, Reviving and Enriching Communities

New Ecoland, Barangay Sto. Nino Tugbok District, Davao City

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS

Project Hope Beyond Bars

December 21, 2022 | **Project Cost: P80,000**

P80,000 worth of grocery items to PDLs in Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Region XI Davao City Jail, Maa, Davao City were formally turned over by The Rotary Club of Davao, Rotaract Club Of Davao, NCCC Cares & CKC Events and Brand Management. The donation drive was initiated and facilitated by the Rotaract Club of Davao.



Rotary Christmas Fiesta

December 10, 2022

The Rotary Club of Davao which was represented by the vibrant Rotaract Club of Davao participated during the Rotary Christmas Fiesta hosted by the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao at SM City Davao Annex Ecoland.



We won 1st place in "Star of Hope" Parol Making Challenge and 3rd place in Kumukutiku-Tiktok Christmas Dance Challenge.

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS

Amuma Cancer Support Group Foundation, Inc.

December 4, 2022 | **Contribution: P10,000**

In commemoration of its founding anniversary, Amuma Cancer Support Group Foundation, Inc. had its annual medical and dental mission at Malagos, Davao City. The Rotary Club of Davao donated monetary assistance for this mission. There were around 500 patients who have been provided with vitamins, medicines and medical services. There were surgeons who performed minor operations for those who were in need of it.





ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PROJECTS

Maragusan Medical Mission

December 1, 2022 | **Project Cost: P20,000**

Volunteering is a great way to explore various interests that entail good will and selfless deeds.

Combined efforts were exerted by different organizations and institutions within the far-flung area at Brgy Langgawisan, Maragusan, Davao De Oro which was participated by the Rotary Club of Davao, Rotary Club of Davao 2000, Hope Kababaihan, DOH, DSWD, DepEd, SPMC, DMSF, LGU and others.

Services Rendered:

1. Minor Surgical Procedures (Tuli & Mass Excisions)
2. Medical Consultations
3. Dental Services (Tooth Extraction)
4. Complete set of school supplies for the students
5. Parasitologic Assessment & Deworming
6. Other services (immunization, gupit, et.al.)

Courtesy call with Maragusan Mayor Lito Cabalquinto who was also present and hands on during the activity.





FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

Fellowship Dinner at Paramount

December 1, 2022

A great dinner fellowship must include not only good food, but good conversation as well. 6 Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club Of Davao (youth club of RC Davao) also joined the dinner fellowship at Bani Grilling Station at Paramount Garden Complex, Davao City.



FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

Rotary Club of Davao Christmas Party

December 8, 2022

A Merry White Christmas indeed! The Rotary Club of Davao celebrated its White Christmas-themed party last December 8, 2022, at Arezzo Place Davao. A night full of fun and laughter, and most significantly, a fellowship of happy and genuine people all wrapped up in the presence of each other.





FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

Governor's Visit

December 15, 2022

The much-awaited Governor's Visit was held last December 15, 2022. RC Davao was visited by Rotary International District 3860 Governor Lilo Aliño, District Secretary Jong Fernandez, and Assistant Governor Ethel Caceres. Past District Governor Salvador "Bading" Angala also graced the occasion with his presence.

RC Davao's mid-year achievements are yet the tip of the iceberg of what the club will be facing moving forward.

As we have gone away from the pandemic and face a renewed and vibrant club, we will work tirelessly to meet the challenges that our beloved Governor has set for us and even hope to do more. Our Rotary Foundation contributions spearheaded by our TRF Past President Chairman Ferdie Marañion and our continuing drive to develop programs will continue and will be stronger as we commit to supporting various causes.

Our support for the Rotaract Club Of Davao is evident as we continue to strengthen our Rotaractors. The strong bond and partnership between the Rotarians and the Rotaractors are unfazed.

Rotary's areas of focus will be our northern star and the Four Way Test our anchor. With every member of the club grabbing an oar, we sail our ship towards our goal.



Davao Rotary Club  

24th Regular Meeting and Governor's Visit



DG Lilo I. Alino
 DISTRICT GOVERNOR RY 2022-2023
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3860

December 15, 2022
 Cafe Tavera, Tavera Corner Avanceña St., Davao City



FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

Governor's Night

December 16, 2022

A night of celebration and accomplishment. District Governor Lilo Aliño has completed the Governor's Visit for ninety-nine (99) Rotary Clubs in District 3860 in a span of less than 6 months!

District 3860 is spread across different islands of the Visayas and Mindanao region. From Cebu, Negros, Bohol, Leyte and Samar island in Visayas to Mindanao.



FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

Christmas Party at Angel's Hideaway

December 21, 2022

Fellowship Christmas Party of Past President Diosdado Angelo Mahipus Sr. at his Angel's Hideaway Resort. A night filled with music, friendship, and lots and lots of raffle prizes 'til dawn!



7th ACOM

January 5, 2023

Area 2A's 7th ACOM was held on the first Thursday of 2023 at Roadway Inn, Bajada, Davao City.



FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

25th Luncheon Meeting

January 12, 2023

January is Rotary International Vocational month. The Guest Speaker is none other than Rtn. Zarah Joan "Zee" Gallardo who had her Classification Talk.



FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

25th Luncheon Meeting

January 12, 2023





FELLOWSHIPS & MEETINGS

PLANNING FOR THE ROTARY CONCERNS FORUM 2023

January 12, 2023

Had a meeting with Past District Governor Rodel "Riz" Reyes at Roadway Inn for the planning of the Rotary Concerns Forum 2023 which will be held on February 8-12, 2023.





**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT (SOA) IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR THE 2ND SEMESTER.
ROTARIANS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO PAY OUR DUES ON TIME.**

**NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (RI)
EXCHANGE RATE**

RI EXCHANGE RATE

PHP 56.00

January 2023



REASONS TO GIVE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

#1. Orders of Magnitude – The Foundation SHARE program allows smaller clubs to do larger projects that they could never become involved in on their own; by banding together and including DDGF and the World Fund match into the budget, large projects are possible.

#2. Recognition Points – Donations to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and PolioPlus give members and clubs recognition points that can be used to acknowledge club members and community members, too, for their volunteer work.

#3. Tax Deduction – who doesn't love a tax deduction!

#4. End Polio Now! We're just a few years away from total eradication – For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio and with the help of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. The infrastructure developed to facilitate both immunizations and eradication is being used to fight and protect against other diseases as well. For example, the method known as contact tracing was critical to containing an Ebola outbreak in Nigeria in 2014.

#5. Quality – The Rotary Foundation has received its 9th straight 4-star rating from Charity Navigator

#6. Accountability – About 90 cents of every dollar donated to TRF goes directly to work on the ground.

#7. Influence the Future – Donors to the Rotary Foundation are a special group of people who are supporting the next generation of children from across the globe.

#8. Change the World – Isn't that what Rotarians do?

Help us Make a Difference, donate today!



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DONORS

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) donors for RY 2022–2023. RC Davao's goal for TRF is \$3,500. We now have a total of \$1,200.

- Past President Pep-C Claro Velez- \$800
(\$1,000 total donation. \$200 goes to Polio Plus Fund)
- Past President Filomeno Divino- \$100
- Past President Dr. Ruben Robillo- \$100
- President Lester Suarez- \$100
- Christian Robles- \$100

Total TRF Donations: \$1,200

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PLEDGE CARD



The Rotary Foundation 2022-2023 Pledge Card

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For the 2022-2023 Rotary Year, I pledge:

- To be a Sustainer (\$100)
- To be a Double Sustainer (\$200)
- To be a Super Sustainer (\$500)
- To be a Paul Harris Society Member (\$1000)
- To be a Benefactor (\$1000) for Permanent Fund
- Entry Level - EREY (\$25)
- Rotary Direct / \$ _____ per month
- Other \$ _____

% Annual Fund _____ % Polio Plus _____ % Endowment Fund _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to: The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
Or charge my credit card

Type _____ Credit card No. _____ Expiration Date _____



ROSTER OF MEMBERS

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
BASCON, MARCO	Food Catering	Ruby
BISTON, FATIMA	Travel Agency	
BULLECER, EDGAR	Banana Exporting	Rebecca
BUNO, FRANKLIN	Healthcare Management/Insurance	Nelia
CAHARIAN, RONALD	Foreign Exchange Trader	
CAMBRONERO, RALPH	Restaurant Owner	
CATALUÑA, JARLO	Pilotage Services	Olive
DEVIBAR, WILMAR	Social Media Advertising Specialist	Armely
DIANO, JR., ROMULO	Agri-Chem Distribution	Ami
DIVINO, FILOMENO	Heavy Eqpt. & Indust'l Supplies	May
DIVINO, MAY	Heavy Eqpt. & Indust'l Supplies	Fil
ESCOBAL, ANDREA JOY EVANGELINE	Chef	Jowell
GALLARDO, ZARAH JOAN	Contractor	
GEDARO, ANNA JEAN LUY	Resort and Staycation Proprietor	Noel
GO, MARCELO	Security Management	Fe
HERNAEZ, JR., CONRADO	Trainings and Business Cons	Genalyn
HEUMANN, HEINRICH	CEO, Lotus Foundation	Marevic
LANAJA, EDMUND	E-Commerce Specialist	
LIBAN, FILIPINA	Lending	Richard
MAGNO, JOSEPH	Distribution of Organic Fertilizers	Gretchen
MAHIPUS, SR., DIOSDADO ANGELO	Trading/Marketing	Rosita
MARAÑON, FERDINAND	Castor Seeds Export	Nennette

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
MORAN, MICHAEL RYAN	Virtual Squad	
NAVALES, ARNOLD	City Real Estate Broker	Evelyn
QUITABAN, JUNAH	Wholesale and Retailing	
QUIACHON, PAULEEN ANGEL	Car Loan Financing and Buy and Sell	Richard
RICO, EDGAR	Trucking Services	
ROBILLO, RUBEN	Medicine: General Surgery	Evelyn
ROBLES, CHRISTIAN	Event and Activity Specialist	
SALUDARES, ROBERT DARYLJAN	Beauty Products Manufacturing	Cherilyn
SO, DEXTER	Agri-Chem Marketing	Michelle
SUAREZ, JASSY ANGELI N.	TESDA School Administrator	Lester
SUAREZ, LESTER JONES	Vocational School Management	Jassy
TABUGON, AUBREY MAE	Singer and Host	Ryan
TAN, JR., CARLOS	Banking Management	Desiree
TORMIS, ELGEM	Professional Model	
UY, MICHELLE CHRISTINE	Life Insurance Affiliate	
UY, XAMBREY	Samgyupsal Franchising	
VELEZ, JOSE CLARO "PEP-C"	Real Estate Renting	Gemma
VILLAFUERTE, LORENZO BENJAMIN	Government (Davao City Councilor)	Angelie
VILLAFUERTE, MARY JOSELLE	Medicine: General Practitioner	Louie

ROTARY CLUB OF DAVAO PAST PRESIDENTS

Fitz "Fitz" Reed	1938-1939	Rodrigo "Rod" Casiño	1985-1986
Samuel "Sam" Frazer	1939-1940	Napoleon "Nap" Doctor	1986-1987
Antonio "Tony" Habana, Jr.	1940-1941	Nicanor Del Rosario	1987-1988
Leon "Leony" Garcia, Sr.	1946-1947	Fortunato "Fortune" Catotal	1988-1989
Brigido "Val" Valencia	1947-1948	Rodolfo "Rudy" Ubaldo	1989-1990
Amado Lagdameo	1948-1949	Antonio "Tony" Buenventura	1990-1991
Pedro "Pete" Quintain	1949-1950	Antonio "Tony" Garcia	1991-1992
Cesarío "Sar" De Asis	1951-1952	Alberto "Bobby" Soriano	1992-1993
Fermin "Fermin" Abella	1952-1953	Serafin "Apin" Osabel, Sr.	1993-1994
Pascualito "Pass" Garcia	1953-1954	Ferdinand "Ferdie" Marañon	1994-1995
Bienvenido "Bien" Escoto	1954-1955	Antonio "Toñing" Uy	1995-1996
Alfonso "Ponching" Oboza	1955-1956	Pacifico "Jess" Dizon, Jr.	1996-1997
Edson "Edson" Canova	1956-1957	Serafin "Jun" Ladesma, Jr.	1997-1998
Teodosio "Dosio" Trinidad	1957-1958	Franklin "Frank" Buno	1998-1999
Ambrosio "Bab" Babista	1958-1959	Francisco "Quitoy" Lorenzo	1999-2000
Jesus "Jess" Occeña	1959-1960	Ruben "Ruben" Robillo	2000-2001
Bernardo Carpio	1960-1961	Alejandro "Al" Dayor, Jr.	2001-2002
Pedo "Pete" Quintain	1961-1962	Jose Claro "Pep-C" Velez	2002-2003
Lucio "Tap" Tapia	1962-1963	Diosdado "Dads" Mahupis	2003-2004
Laureano "Loring" Callao	1963-1964	Carlos "Charlie" Espero II	2004-2005
Fernando "Nanding" Tecson	1964-1965	Domingo "Doming" Duerme	2005-2006
Leon "Leony" Garcia, Jr.	1965-1966	Arnold "Arnold" Navales	2006-2007
Deogracias "Dick" Bendijo	1967-1968	Samuel "Sammy" Labang	2007-2008
Herminio "Meniong" Suarez	1968-1969	Romeo "Romy" Du	2008-2009
Gerardo "Edong" Angeles	1970-1971	Napoleon "Nap" Liloc	2009-2010
Francisco "Paco" Dizon	1972-1973	Carlos "Carlos" Valverde	2010-2011
Armand "Jun" Braun, Jr.	1973-1974	Oscar "Oka" Gonzales	2001-2012
George "George" Doboulay	1975-1976	Artemio "Art" Romero	2012-2013
Jose "Joe" Gantioqui, Jr.	1976-1977	Pablito "Sonny" Labao	2013-2014
Benjamin "Ben" Basa	1977-1978	Hernæz "Jun" Conrado, Jr.	2014-2015
Manuel "Nonoy" Garcia	1978-1979	Edgar "Ed" Bullecer	2015-2016
Uldarico "Dums" Dumdum	1979-1980	Romulo "Jun" Diano, Jr.	2016-2017
Honorio "Noring" Dela Cruz	1980-1981	Filomeno "Fil" Divino	2017-2018
Fernando "Nanding" Bermejo	1981-1982	Edgar "Ed" Bullecer	2018-2019
Samuel "Sammy" Occeña	1982-1983	Atty. Diosdado Angelo Mahipus Sr.	2019-2020
Pedro "Pete" Sanvicente	1983-1984	Arnold Navales	2020-2022
Alfonso "Al" Oboza, Jr.	1984-1985		



ROTARY CLUB OF DAVAO PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1963-1964 **Alfonso C. Oboza, Sr. (+)**

Rotary Theme: "Meeting Rotary's Challenges"

1967-1968 **Leon M. Garcia, Jr.**

Rotary Theme: "Make Your Rotary
Membership Effective"

1971-1972 **Leonor S. Lozano (+)**

Rotary Theme: "Good Will Begins with You"

1979-1980 **Honorio S. Hilario**

Rotary Theme: "Let Service Light the Way"

1993-1994 **Nicanor R. del Rosario**

Rotary Theme: "Do Believe in What You Do,"



THE HISTORY OF ROTARY CLUB OF DAVAO

Barely one and half years after the Municipality of Davao became a chartered city, the Rotary Club of Davao, the first Rotary Club on the island of Mindanao, was likewise granted its charter on October 24, 1938. It had its charter members, 24 of Davao's leading professionals and businessmen, local leaders made up of Filipinos, Americans, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese, a mix of culture and skills, making up the infant city that was Davao no less than the first mayor of Davao City, Santiago Artiaga was the Club's Charter Vice-President. An American businessman, Fitz Reed, was the Club's Charter President. RC Davao was the second club to be formed in District 3860, second only to the Rotary Club of Cebu, which, like Davao, was also sponsored by RC Manila.

From 1938 up to 1942, the Club grew in membership and in service, hand in hand with the gradual growth of the city. After 1942, however, when the country was plunged into the Second World War, the club had to lie dormant for about three years, as a more important city for its member, that of fighting and surviving the war, had to take center stage for a while.

In 1946, from the ashes of the devastating war, the club again resurrected, with the President Leony Garcia, Sr. taking the helm of leadership. Since then, the club's growth, activity, and influence proceeded unhampered, smooth, and palpable in the community until the present.

Inspired by the strong presence of RC Davao in the city, with the assistance of RC Davao officers and members, and with the rapid increase in the population of Davao City, the need to establish more Rotary Clubs in the four corners of the city was eventually established, and more, as the years progressed. The status of the RC Davao as the first Rotary Club in the city became more pronounced with the increase in the number of clubs, as it came to be referred to as the "Mother Club."

Throughout all the years of its existence, weathering all crises, both external and internal, RC Davao has remained the club with the biggest number of members, both regular and even for the senior active. It is also the first club to have its own clubhouse, as well as a daycare center, both of which are located in Camus Street.

In its many years of existence, the club used to conduct its meetings in some of the city's fine hotels and restaurants, like the Apo View Hotel, for several years, then



transferred to Terraza Milesa, again for a while, then later on Hotel Maguindanao, just to name a few. The change of venue was usually dictated by some members' desire to taste different cuisine, the incumbent president's bias, and sometimes, for comfort and easy accessibility... especially for some participating members of the club, who were starting to become old. Time was, when the club also had the distinction of having the oldest average age of members. This was the distinction the club was certainly proud to have. This was the distinction that also caused the gradual loss of several of the members, not due to dropping out but due to debility and even demise.

It was in 1993, during the presidency of Bobby Soriano, when the officers of the club finally decided that it was time to stop wandering around for our Thursday luncheon meetings and finally come home to our clubhouse. Tapping the expertise of an architect member, Sonny Labao, the clubhouse was rearranged to give a way to a bigger meeting hall, the board room was dismantled, the schoolrooms were modified, the whole old-looking building was renovated and refurnished, and finally, our own meeting place, in our very own clubhouse. We have been conducting our weekly meetings and other meetings there since the time of President Apin Isabel, who succeeded President Bobby up to now.

The club's existence has not been without problems and controversies, however, profession and business, as well as differences with their fellow members have sometimes caused many of the membership.

Even our officers, both past and current, have been involved in a few "misunderstandings". Overall, however, as Rotarians, most of us came out of these situations, as wiser and better individuals, and the club emerged stronger and more cohesive than before.

The club was also fortunate to invite into membership Davao's new members of its diplomatic community diplomats from Indonesia, Malaysia, and even Japan. Together with the expatriate active members from Germany, the US as well as Holland, India, Australia, and other counties. The Rotary Club of Davao has become a virtual international melting pot of nationalities and cultures, all actively pursuing the name Rotary goals with the same Rotary Spiritualism anywhere in the world. And while the leadership changes every year, the same zeal and dedication remain, strong as ever, marching on in a continuing history of service, commitment, and international camaraderie.



ROTARY PILLARS

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:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
2. 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 the society.
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
4. The advancement of International understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MISSION, VISION, PHILOSOPHY

MISSION STATEMENT: Maintaining the status of Rotary Club of Davao as an institution in the family of Rotary International organizations and leaving a legacy of improved quality of life and livable community.

OUR VISION: To contribute our time, resources, efforts to our community and develop, share, nurture our future generations for love, friendship and world peace.

OUR PHILOSOPHY: "Service with Honor"



UPCOMING SCHEDULES

**These are the upcoming important Rotary schedules
until June 30, 2023**

➤ **INTERACTIVE SESSION**

January 19, 2023, Thursday for Area 2A

The incoming AGs, president, and secretary-elects will have interactive sessions to prepare them for the upcoming seminar in Butuan this February 17-18.

➤ **ROTARY CONCERNS FORUM 2023**

February 11, 2023

DAVAO

➤ **DTTS/PETS/SETS at BUTUAN**

February 17-18, 2023

This seminar is for the incoming AG, president, and secretary-elect.

➤ **ROTARY WEEK**

February 20-26, 2023

➤ **DISTAS 2023**

April 21-22, 2023

BOHOL

➤ **DISCON 2023**

May 4-6, 2023

CEBU

➤ **2023 ROTARY CONVENTION**

May 27-31, 2023

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

➤ **VIBRANT CLUB WORKSHOP**

June 29, 2023

DAVAO

➤ **DISTRICT HANDOVER**

June 30, 2023

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DTTS/PETS/SETS | BUTUAN
FEBRUARY 17 - 18, 2023

DISTAS 2023 | BOHOL
APRIL 21 - 22, 2023

DISCON 2023 | CEBU
MAY 4 - 6, 2023

VIBRANT CLUB WORKSHOP | DAVAO
JUNE 29, 2023

DISTRICT HANDOVER | DAVAO
JUNE 30, 2023

TRF NIGHT
NOVEMBER 2023





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Jassy Angeli Suarez

January 1

Angel Pauleen Quiachon

January 25

Andrea Joy Evangeline Escobal

January 31

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January 7

Wilmar & Armely Devibar

January 14

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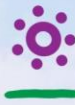
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