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The Downtowners during RCDD's 26th Charter Anniversary

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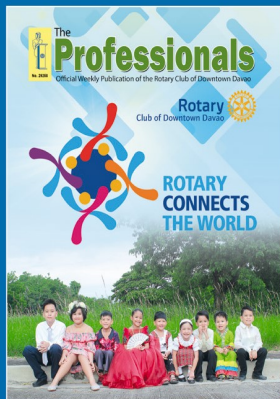
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COVER STORY



The Downtowners are committed to serve as they connect people who have less in life to a diverse group of professionals through Rotary's Six Areas of Focus, in their communities, sharing their talents, skills and resources without counting the cost. The children represents other countries in the world which Rotary connects and serve. RCDD plays an important role in helping ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD through it's humanitarian services, world understanding and goodwill.

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, as we start our meeting, we bring your presence with us. We speak your peace, your grace, your mercy, and your perfect order in this gathering of fellow Rotarians and friends. We acknowledge your power over all that will be spoken, and done within this room. Lord, we thank you for the gifts of wisdom you have blessed us with in planning for our health projects this month. Anoint our projects, ideas and energy so that even our smallest accomplishment may bring you glory. Bless especially all our donors and partners-in-service, because without their generous contributions we will find it difficult to implement our projects. We pray with much love and thanksgiving. Amen

THE MISSION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

We provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leader.

THE 4-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 friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CORE VALUES

Service, Fellowship, Diversity,
 Integrity and Leadership

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.

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PRESIDENT **L**IKES

By: **Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres**
President, RY 2019-2020

Fellow Downtowners,

The RI theme for October is Economic and Community Development Month. This is an Area of Focus to help reduce poverty in underserved communities through livelihood skills trainings and other economic activities to help communities improve their people's quality of life. Rotarians share their vocational/professional talents and skills for this purpose.

Economic development can only be possible if the people in the communities are in good health. We focus our health care program more on prevention than on treatment or cure. Often times, because of poverty, people go to Health Centers when they are already seriously ill. RCDD therefore, help communities with their health needs especially the children. From nutrition feeding to medical and dental physical examination for early detection of any kind of disease and be treated at an early stage. Maternal health care is likewise important. We therefore, have our projects on Breast Cancer Awareness globally known as "Pink October" and our project on Polio eradication for children. All of these projects are to be implemented this month of October.

Today, we are to make our final preparations so that we can reach out to as many communities that we can help. RCDD is lucky to have committed Downtowners who accepted the challenge to Chair these projects: PAG/DGR- PR Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa, SAA Andrea "Andeng" G. Dela Cerna, and AG/PP Marilyn "Bolyñ" P.Puno. They will be giving updates on these projects today. I urge all members to extend their cooperation as they are given certain tasks to help us accomplish our projects.

Thank you so much for your continued support! God bless us!

PROGRAMME

15th REGULAR MEETING

October 02, 2019, Wednesday 12:00NN
Grand Men Seng Hotel, Pichon St., Davao City

"ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH HEALTH PROJECTS"

Call To Order

President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres

Turnover of Proceedings to the Program Host

IPP/Treas. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz

Invocation, Singing of the Philippine National Anthem and Rotarian Hymn, Recitation of the Object of Rotary

PT Joan "Joan" O. Gulanes

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors and Guests

PDS/PP Marina "Maring" B. Ruivivar

Community Singing/Performance

FACEBOOK Barkadahan

Projects Updates: Pink October, Pink Fun Shoot, Polio Fun Run, and Polio Immunization by the Committee **Chairs PAG/DGR-PR Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa, SAA Andrea "Andeng" G. Dela Cerna and AG/PP Marilyn "Bolyñ" P. Puno**

RETURN OF PROCEEDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

President's Time: **President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres**

Secretary's Time: **Secretary Gwendelyn "Gwen" S. Viado**

Treasurer's Time: **IPP/Treas. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz**

Adjournment. : **President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres**

F E L L O W S H I P



What's on your Mind

By: **PP Sylvia C. Navarro**

Mystery in Life

* At age of 40... 'highly educated' - less educated' are the same. (Less educated people may even earn more money)

*AT 50... 'beauty - ugly' are the same. (No matter how pretty you are. At this stage...wrinkles, dark spots atc. can no more be hidden)

*At 60... 'high position - low position' are the same. (After retirement, even a peon will avoid looking at his boss)

*At 70... 'big house - small house' are the same. (Joints degeneration, hard to move, only require a little space to sit.)

*At 80... 'have money - no money' are the same. (Even when you want to spend money, you don't know where to spend.)

*At 90... 'Sleeping - waking up' are the same. (After you wake up, you still don't know what to do)

Take life easy...

In the long run, we'll all be the same...

So, forget all tensions of life & enjoy....

For Membership

1. Marife C. Salcedo - Glass Maker

For Honorary Mmembership

1. Jacky U. Santos - Navy Officer

2. Gina Lopez Batuto - Obegayne

3. Ernesto Bongo - Wellness Coach



Secretary's Twitts

By: Secretary Ma. Gwendelyn S. Viado

ATTENDANCE REPORT	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Members Actually Present	19				
Members with valid Make-up	4				
Total Attendance	23				
Membership Size	32				
Excused due to Health Reasons	5				
Net Membership Base	27				
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	85%				

Early Birds:

1. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
2. Anjera "Coco" G. Calaca
3. Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
4. Florence "Flor" R. Magistrado
5. Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario

Make-Ups

Membership Seminar (Mindanao)
Roadway Inn, J.P Laurel Avenue, Davao City
September 7, 2019

1. Edna C. Ko
2. Andrea G. Dela Cerna

AREA 2C Coordination Meeting
North Club House, F. Torres St., Davao City
September 19, 2019

1. Marilyn P. Puno

Soliciting donors for Pink October and Prizes for Pink Fun Shoot, in Manila
September 25, 2019

1. Rozanne C. Gamboa

ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER- ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVT.

- OCTOBER 2 **15th Regular Meeting**
"Finalization for PINK October"
- OCTOBER 9 **16th Regular Meeting**
"Pink October Launching"
- OCTOBER 14 Flag Raising Ceremony- Breast CA awareness Month Launching and –Motorcade
- OCTOBER 16 **17th Regular Meeting**
Financial Speaker:
- OCTOBER 17 Breast Cancer Forum/Screening / - Abreeza 1:00PM onwards
Pink Zumba - 6:00 PM ticket: Php 50.00
- OCTOBER 19 Pink Fun Shoot
- OCTOBER 23 **18th Regular Meeting**- Celebration of Life: theme: Fellowship Dinner- Theme: Halloween Party
- OCTOBER 27 Polio Day (Fun Run)
- OCTOBER 30 Island Hopping (Samal)



Sunshine

By: Rtn. Corazon "Cora" L. Costan



Ethel C. Caceres
October 5



Edna C. Ko
October 8



Rozanne C. Gamboa
October 16



Marrison T. Adorable
October 25



Presidential message

2019-20 RI President Mark Daniel Maloney

Mark Daniel Maloney

President 2019-20

October 2019

Rotary's long-term, sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years.

Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, Rotary and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, Rotary has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are major challenges in that region. But it is crucial that we remain optimistic. Look at all that we have accomplished so far. This is no time to get discouraged or to think that the task is impossible. We will end polio forever, but only if we remain steadfast and vigilant. World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the globe to come together, recognize the progress we have made in our fight against polio, and plan the action we must take to end polio forever. The key word is action, because we still have important work to do.

This year, we want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Need some ideas? How about organizing a viewing party for friends and club members to watch Rotary's Online Global Update? You could also dedicate a club meeting to World Polio Day or create a fundraising event. Remember, every dollar raised is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Once you have created an event, register it at endpolio.org/register-your-event. Then promote it using the World Polio Day toolkit, available at endpolio.org/world-polio-day.

Mark your calendar to tune in to Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update on 24 October. This year we will stream our program on Facebook in multiple time zones around the world. Visit the Rotary International Facebook page to RSVP to your region's program. And do not forget to follow the event on social media and share it with your network.

When we reach our goal, polio will become only the second human disease eradicated on the planet, and Rotary will receive international acclaim. But what matters most is the children who will never again have to face this terrible, disabling virus. Rotary must continue to connect the world in the effort toward polio eradication. It is up to us. Let us finish the job.



Assistant Governor **Marilyn P. Puno**

What is **POLIO?**



THERE IS NO CURE TO POLIO INFECTION. BUT IT CAN BE AVOIDED.

Poliomyelitis, or Polio, is a crippling disease caused by any one of three related viruses, poliovirus types 1, 2, or 3. It is a highly infectious disease that invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis or death.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE AT RISK?



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Fecal-Oral Route

The virus enters the body through the mouth when people eat food or drink water that is contaminated with feces. Polioviruses spread very easily in areas that are dirty or with poor hygiene.

WHAT DOES IT DO TO THE BODY?

- It multiplies in the intestine
- It enters the bloodstream
- It damages certain nerve cells
- It damages the nervous system that may cause paralysis. 1 in 200 infections lead to irreversible paralysis, while 5%-10% die when breathing muscles become immobilized.

THE SYMPTOMS

- Flu-like:** In more serious cases, the brain and spinal cord may be affected. People with poliovirus infection can experience:
- **Fever**
 - **Fatigue**
 - **Headache**
 - **Vomiting**
 - **Stiff Neck**
 - **Floppy Arms and Legs**
 - Paresthesia or feeling pins and needles in the legs.
 - Meningitis or infection of the covering of the spinal cord or brain.

HOW CAN IT BE AVOIDED

- Immunization
- Polio vaccine helps protect a child for life
- Environmental Sanitation and Personal Hygiene are important
- Proper hand washing before eating and every after use of toilets
- Use of sanitary toilets
- Ensure food and water intake are clean
- Ensure that public pools are disinfected
- Do not swim in the Davao River, sewages or waterways

WOULD BOOSTER SHOTS STILL BE NEEDED EVEN AFTER COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION?

YES! for children 5 years old and below.

Visit the Davao City Health Office or Barangay Health Centers for more information or call (082) 227-4749

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DONORS

By: **Rozanne C. Gamboa**
TRF/ International
Service Committee Chair

**The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao
is a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club/100% EREY**

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3. **Edna C. Ko- PHS**
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Trending Now



By: PP Vilma U. Kho

How to Pack Stylish Outfits Without Bringing So Many Clothes

By: Ira Nopuente

There is a tendency to overpack clothes when you aim to ace stylish outfits out of town. You bring emergency or back-up items in case your original outfit doesn't work. This habit can cause bursting pieces of baggage and stressful packing time. To keep everything under control without sacrificing your style, try these suggestions.

1. Use a bag with lots of compartments.

Sections in your bag help you organize your stuff and keeps you from overpacking. If you really want to maximize the space, try Marie Kondo's genius folding technique. Also, a bag with a slashguard and RFID-blocking (criminals can scan your credit card details even if they're far away!) feature will keep your belongings extra secure.

2. Refer to the activities you'll do per day.

This way you can plan your outfits well. Have an outfit set for walking around, a dressy dinner, and maybe some for water activities! If you're headed to any religious place, make sure to wear something modest and appropriate.

3. Don't forget the classics.

Instead of bringing every known trendy item for A-plus outfits, try this easy formula: create your look starting with a basic item and add a wow factor with the help of one flashy piece.

4. Create a theme.

When the clothes you have packed has a theme, it will be easy to mix and match them. When I flew to Cebu, I just stuck to white tops and denim in various styles, and doing so made outfit decisions a breeze.



To be Continued

WHERE TO MAKE-UP IN DAVAO CITY

MONDAYS:

6:00 PM RC CENTRAL DAVAO
Grand Men Seng Hotel

TUESDAYS:

12:00 NN RC EAST DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

WEDNESDAYS:

12:00 NN RC DOWNTOWN DAVAO
Grand Men Seng Hotel

RC SOUTH DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

6:00 PM RC MATINA DAVAO

Lispher Inn
RC DAVAO 2000
Road Way Inn

7:00 PM RC STA. ANA DAVAO
Grand Men Seng Hotel

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 PM RC PAG-ASA DAVAO
Lispher Inn

RC CALINAN DAVAO
Milsoso, Calinan

THURSDAYS:

12:00 NN RC DAVAO
RCD Club House
RC WALING-WALING
Grand Men Seng Hotel
RC WEST DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

FRIDAYS:

12:00 NN RC NORTH DAVAO
RCN Club House

SATURDAYS:

7:00 PM RC TORIL DAVAO
RCT Club House

MAKE-UP CARD

Name of Rotarian: _____

Club & Position: _____

Make Up Time & Date: _____



Downtowners in Action

By: PE Myla P. Cocon
Editor-in-Chief

14th Regular Meeting September 25

“HATS ON TO CELEBRATE LIFE”



PAG/PRO Irene's mardigras hat made her more gorgeous as she did the hosting, introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests as well as facilitating the celebration of life and Hat showdown.

Ever-smiling & charming VP Cora with her cute red hat, led in the singing of the Philippine National Anthem & the Recitation of the Four Way Test.

The INSTAGRAM Barkadahan led by PAG/PRO Irene, VP Cora and Baby Rtn. Mariz as they danced and sang “Dancing Queen”, backed up by P.S Fely & Rtn. Coco of Twitter; PD Belen & PDS Maring of Facebook.

September birthday celebrants, PD Belen D. Gemelo, Rtn. Shiela Mae S. Toledo and PP/Ways & Means Chair Sylvia C. Navarro, blowing their birthday candles as VP/Sunshine Chair Cora looks on.



The RCDD Ladies as they sang the birthday song and posed with the birthday celebrants.



Singing solo is birthday girl Shiela Mae with Pres. Ethel, PAG/PRO Irene and Sec. Gwen as the dancing queens!



Early Birds PP Joy, Rtn. Coco, Rtn. Martha and IPP Josie showing their prizes awarded by Pres. Ethel and Sec. Gwen.



The Hat winners: PDS Maring, Rtn. Shiela, PD Belen & Rtn. Martha, with PAG/PRO Irene as the selection Chair (Center) with Pres. Ethel & Sec. Gwen awarding the prizes.



The first Presidential Award given to a Program Host won by PAG/PRO Irene for making the meeting, lively, fun and colorful! She also brought all the prizes for the day! Pres. Ethel & Sec. Gwen did the awarding.



FAMILY OF ROTARY

By: PE Myla P. Cocon
Editor-in-Chief

RCDD JOINS NAVAL FORCES EASTERN MINDANAO HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

kudos to Pres. Ethel, Sec. Gwen, IPP Josie, PS Fely, SAA Andeng & Baby Rtn. Mariz for the Medical and Dental services rendered.



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Rotary Club of Downtown Davao

RCDD's HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS
RY 1993-1994 to RY 2019-2020

By: **PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar**
Club Historian

RCDD CONNECTS ROTARY TO THE WORLD

The commitment to the Rotary motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF became a way of life for every Downtowner as their continuing programs and projects on the six (6) Areas of Focus, have served those who have less in life so they too can enjoy the world that Rotary dreams of.

RCDD prides itself to be consistent in its outstanding performance as a service club working towards perfection, without counting the cost. There were difficult times along the way especially on financial resources, and personal relationships. But undaunted, RCDD survived with flying colors, receiving awards and recognition year after year. RCDD has been blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in District 3860 since its charter year. A landmark achievement was made during RY 1998-1999 when RCDD bested all Rotary clubs in the District with a grand slam, winning all four (4) major district awards- "Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin". There was no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity. The best genuine awards that the club has ever received are the happy smiles and expression of gratitude from the people it serves.

Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club, by then RI President Robert R. Batch, RCDD articulated the Rotary theme, "Believe in What You Do, Do What You Believe In" through its projects on the children's and women's welfare and development, the elderly and the marginalized families in the community. The Charter Year was one great celebration as the whole Rotary world was then celebrating the 88th Foundation Anniversary of Rotary International, and RCDD became the 29, 258th Rotary Club all over the world. and the 79th club in District 3860. RCDD then was the second all-women club in Area 2.

RCDD was recognized as a one hundred (100%) percent Paul Harris Fellow Club as of RY 2011-2012. The following are major donors: Archie Francisco F. Gamboa and Rozanne C. Gamboa, level 3; Paulino and Edna C. Ko, level 2. Archie and Rozanne Gamboa were the lone District awardees during RY 2018-19, as a "Rotarian Couple Polio Plus Achiever", and RCDD as a "Polio Fund Club Achiever."

Some landmark projects of RCDD, deserving of the awards are the following:

1. The multi-purpose building named "Center for Hope" which houses the Day Care Center, the Medical-Dental, Pre-Natal and Health Clinic as well as a workshop for skills training as a source of livelihood for the marginalized families in two (2) barangays: Centro and Vicente Duterte at Agdao District, Davao City. This is also where RCDD's Rotary Community Corps Officers and members meet and hold their events and activities.
2. A Children's mini-library and Reading Center at the People's Park turned over to the City Government during RY 2009-2010. RCDD continues to conduct literacy training services to the children, such as story-telling, book donations, and gift-giving.
3. The Shelter for Abused Women and Children to house victims of domestic violence and abuse, turned over to the Police Regional Office II Women and Children

Protection Department, during RY 2014-2015. Support services are continued by RCDD every year.

4. Construction of Comfort rooms and handwashing stations in public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Davao City as needed and/or requested.
5. Donation of hospital beds and facilities to the PNP-PRO II Hospital at Camp Quintin Mericido, Catitipan, Davao City during RY 2014-2015, a continuing project of the club.
6. Wheelchair donations to the patients of the Calinan Medical Center.
7. The Annual Pink October (Breast Cancer Awareness) projects for a Health Forum, free breast screening, mammogram and breast ultra-sound services.
8. The annual Tri-Medical Missions (free Medical-Dental, Eye Health Care and Pre-Natal Clinics) conducted every Charter Anniversary.
9. A 2-storey structure housing four (4) classrooms for children in conflict with the law and out-of-school youths who are scholars of the Davao City Police Office, a part of the city's Project "Operation Kalinaw". Partnership was forged with the Rotary Club of Camp Crame, Philippine Military Academy Sinagtala Class '86, the Philippine National Police-PRO II, and the Davao City Police Office. It was likewise partially funded by The Rotary Foundation. Other generous donors contributed to the project.

RCDD started as an all-Women service club, until RY 2018-2019 when it marked its 26th Year with another milestone as it inducted two distinguished gentlemen, converting the club from an exclusive all-women Service club to a mixed gender club, in response to the challenge of Rotary International. The two new gentleman Downtowners are: Paulino B. Ko, a successful businessman who leads a Band called Recto Rhythm, and Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, a high-ranking 3-star General of the Philippine National Police. Police Deputy Director General Gamboa is currently the Chief of Operations of the Philippine National Police in Camp Crame, Quezon City. He is also a lawyer, therefore, has reviewed and helped prepare the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of RCDD before finally ratified by the general membership during RY 2018-2019. Archie, as he is fondly called by fellow Downtowners, is among the fifty (50) individuals around the world who received the "Rotarian Spouse Award" in Rotary Year 2016-2017.

The Downtowners meet every Wednesday at noontime at the Grand Men Seng Hotel along A. Pichon Street, Davao City. They come in their official green blazers during special and important occasions, and share the presence of each other as a gift of friendship and life. They come together to share ideas and thoughts, aspirations and dreams, giving to the other, and accepting from each other the far deeper realities of life, making their own lives richer and more meaningful.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, under the leadership of this year's President Ethel Chavez-Caceres with her Champion Team, will continue to plant the Rotary seeds of Goodwill and Service in every Community it reaches out, making a difference in the people's quality of life, and continue to be an Inspiration as it connects Rotary to the world!

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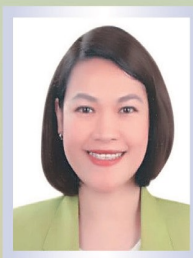
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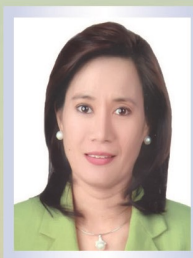
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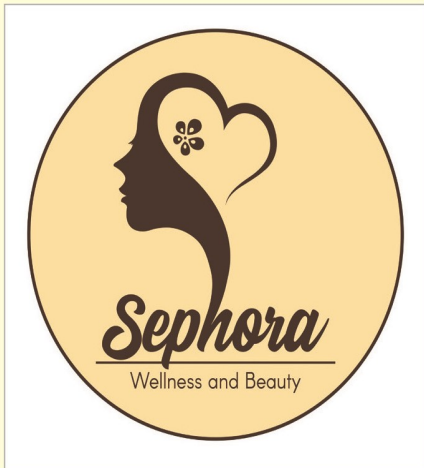
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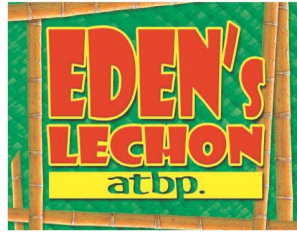
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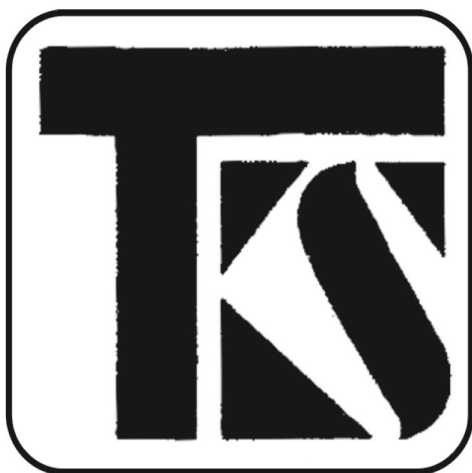
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