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COVER PAGE

When you join Rotary, you gain new friends and build better friendships. You belong to a community who mutually supports and helps each other grow as well as serve others together.



The Mission of Rotary International

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

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

Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service,
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's Message



ARCHIE FRANCISCO F. GAMBOA
President, RY 2022-2023

Indeed our New Rotary Year was met with jubilation!

We take pride in our first month's club activities and service projects.

Our MOU signing with the CHO signals the start of our monthly Medical and Health Services, which tackles three Areas of Focus which are Maternal and Child Care, Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Protecting the Environment. It would also bring closer our commitment to helping Barangays Duterte and Centro.

On our Bloodletting activity, we donated over 83 liters of blood which would save lives.

This Membership month would be most significant as we welcome returning Rotarians and mold our prospective members. Let us help Rotary grow.

Our dreams, as planned, are turning into realities. Let's continue dreaming, and in these, we indeed adhere to our theme *IMAGINE ROTARY*.

4th Regular Meeting PROGRAMME

“COMMEMORATING MEMBERSHIP MONTH”

August 03, 2022, Wednesday @ 11:30 AM
French Baker, SM Lanang, Davao City

Call To Order and
Welcome Message.President Archie
"Pause Muna, Peace Muna"

Turnover to Program
HostIPP Andeng

Invocation, Singing of the
Philippine National Anthem
& Rotarian Hymn PP/Aud. Thelma

Introduction of Visiting
Rotarians, Rotaractors
and Guests IPP Andeng

Renewal of the Oath
of MembershipPP/MC Chair Sylvia

Introduction of the
Guest Speaker DGN/PP Twinkle

Talk on Membership
and Club Administration PDS/AG Jose Fortunato

Open Forum.IPP Andeng

President's Time.President Archie

Secretary's Time.Secretary Alstair

Treasurer's TimePP/Treasurer Josie

ADJOURNMENT & FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS

Quote of the Day

“We need to be strong in membership so that through Service Above Self we can continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International.”

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
RI President, RY 2005-2006

Secretary's Report

By: Anthony John D. Modequillo

Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Members Actual Present	20	24			
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0			
Total Attendance	20	24			
Membership Size	29	29			
Excused due to health reasons	03	03			
Net Membership Base	28	28			
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	77%	86%			

EARLY BIRDS:

1. Andrea "Andeng" G. Dela Cerna
2. Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario
3. Patricia Melizza "Patmei" B. Ruivivar
4. Marina "Maring" B. Ruivivar
5. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz

GUESTS:

1. Ella Cobol - Prospect
2. Sheinna Chavez - Prospect
3. Raven Arboleda- RCDD Lay-out Artist
4. Alvin Mosquiza - Guest of Mariane Gamboa
5. Joan O. Gulanes - returning Downtowner
6. Corazon L. Costan - returning Downtowner

ROTAKID:

1. Mariane C. Gamboa

ROTARACTOR:

1. Kenneth Nomar Melliza

VISITING ROTARIANS:

1. AG Jose Fortunato F. Uy - RC Central Davao (Guest Speaker)
2. District PI Chair Arlene J. Adlawan - RC Tagum Golden L.A.C.E.S.

Activities for the Month

Aug. 6 - District Public Image Seminar 2022 - Mindanao clubs Hosted by RC Downtown Davao, Ritz Garden of Oases

Aug. 27 - 5th Regular Meeting & Fellowship - Celebration of Life and Kadayawan: Unity in Diversity

SUNSHINE: Birthdays & Anniversaries

By: Angelita M. Ang

Sunshine Chair

August 04, 2022

Rtk. Teofilo Ymil C. Gamboa
Rtk. Richard Ley

August 14, 2022

PP Eliza Joy S. Hilario

August 08, 2022

Rtk. Mariane Louise C. Gamboa
Rtk. Amaris Magistrado
Rtn. Florence R. Magistrado

August 29, 2022

Rtk. William Ley

CLUB EVENTS

July 6, 2022 - Launching of Enhanced Welcome Song, New Digital E-Bulletin and New Barkadahan

RCDD is soaring high with a much lively Welcome Song, launched by W&M Chair AJ Modequillo. The Downtowners danced to the tune, to welcome the new Rotary year. So energized!



AG/Editor-in-Chief Ethel C. Caceres proudly launched the new digital E-Bulletin-The Professionals.

The new Barkadahan is presented by PDS/PP/Club Amin. Marina B. Ruivivar: the Dreamers led by PP Vilma U. Kho, the Visionaries led by W&M Chair AJ Modequillo, the Creators led by PP/Sunshine Chair Lit-Lit M. Ang, and the Imaginers led by DGE/PP Twinkle C. Gamboa. Each Barkadahan showed their opening salvo.



DREAMERS



VISIONARIES



IMAGINERS



CREATORS

CLUB EVENTS

July 6, 2022 - First General Assembly presided by Club President Archie F. Gamboa, done after the First Regular Meeting.



President Archie presented an excerpt of the Club Workbook, Club Governance and Policies. Six (6) Board Resolutions were duly approved by the general membership.



CLUB EVENTS

RCDD Communication Team Workshop

To better share our Rotary stories, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) held a communications workshop last July 12, 2022 at the residence of RCDD President Archie Gamboa in Las Terrazas, Davao City. The workshop was facilitated by RCDD's Public Image Co-Chair Patmei Bello Ruivivar, who stressed the need to "breathe into RCDD's communications team the spirit of creativity that will make us more effective in communicating what RCDD, its projects, and its members are all about."

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Patmei, who is a communications and governance consultant, is also the Associate Editor of The Professionals, RCDD's club bulletin. After the workshop, the RCDD communications team had a better understanding of RCDD's unique Rotary story and the messages we want to communicate to our diverse audience and developed creative ways to share these stories.



Keeping in mind what American psychiatrist Milton Erickson said that "the effectiveness of communication is not defined by the communication, but by the response," RCDD's communications program would be considered a success if it raised the profile of Rotary in our community; we attracted new members and kept our members engaged; and we generated more support for our programs and projects. "We want to share our Rotary story to a bigger audience to inspire more people to imagine with us a Rotary that is more responsive to the challenges in building a better world," shared President Archie, who is leading the digitalization of RCDD's club bulletin.

RCDD's innovation in communicating its Rotary story through digitalization and using the platform Issuu generated a positive response from Rotarians in District 3860 during the Public Image Seminar held last August 6, 2022 at the Ritz Hotel in Davao City.



CLUB EVENTS

July 13, 2022 - Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City Health Office (CHO) for Medical & Health Services @ the Center for Hope, Agdao, Davao City.



The MOA was signed by RCDD represented by Pres. Archie F. Gamboa and the CHO represented by Dr. Ashley G. Lopez, City Health Officer. The MOA signing was witnessed by PP Bolyn P. Puno for RCDD and Dr. Sherrie Amor S. Campaner, Agdao District Health Officer, for CHO. Dr. Lopez was represented by Dr. Jojit Abadies Marbas, Asst. City Health Officer, and Agdao Health Center and Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Nola Jimena, for Dr. Campaner.



District 3860 Updates

By: PP Ethel C. Caceres
Editor-in-chief

2nd Area Coordination Meeting

A Memorandum of Understanding signing between Area 2 of Rotary District 3860 and Philippine Seven Corporation (7-11) represented by Ms. Bea Adalin. Protocol has been observed with PDG Salvador Angala, PDG Rodel Riezl Reyes, IPDG Anna Louisa Bumagat with spouse Troy Bumagat were present during the 2nd ACOM.



Rotary Day of Service - BLOOD LETTING Activity

In partnership with GIG OCA Robles Seamen's Hospital for the bigger venue, they also provided basic necessities for the donors. A group of District 3860 Rotaractors were responsible in taking the vital signs of the donors which made it easier for the Philippine Red Cross to extract blood from them. This simultaneous bloodletting happened last July 16, 2022 where Area 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E successfully collected 429 bags.





IMAGINING ROTARY

By: Patricia Melizza "Patmei" B. Ruivivar
Associate Editor

Fellowship and Friendship Grow Membership

Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905 in the spirit of fellowship. Fellowship is usually defined as companionship of friendly people; a community of people with shared interests.

Fellowship is described by the Collins Dictionary as “a feeling of friendship that people have when they are talking or doing something together and sharing their experiences.”

That is the essence of Rotary — a fellowship of people from diverse backgrounds and professions coming together to help each other and their communities. Fellowship for service.

When you are part of a fellowship, you are equal with all the members. Everyone is a volunteer. It is not a hierarchy but a community of equals.

Yes, Rotary is a community. Not only in the sense of being a group of people who share something in common, but a group of people who care about each other and care about what they have in common.

People are drawn to Rotary because of that sense of community and fellowship. Although the opportunity to serve is an added bonus, that is not the real attraction. After all, these are already professionals and entrepreneurs, leaders who already serve and give to their community, even before becoming Rotarians.

People join Rotary to be part of a particular brand of community, an identity that they find great value in being.

Rotarians are known for being sociable and friendly. They exude warmth and are welcoming to all kinds of people. They are fun-loving, helpful, and generous. These are qualities one would find desirable in choosing one's friends.

That is why it is important for Rotarians to “build goodwill and better friendships,” the third in Rotary's Four-Way Test, within their own clubs. When their own members experience better friendships within the club, they would want to share that with their other friends and with other people who seek a sense of belonging.

When others see how much fun your club is having whenever you are together and how each member feel welcomed and supported, inviting members and keeping them will not be that hard.

Seeing a group of people having fun together and caring for each other is the best invitation to join their club.



ROTARY INFORMATION

Compiled by: **PDS/PP Marina B. Ruivivar**
Club Administration & Historian

This column will be a regular column starting this second issue of The Professionals, this month of August, 2022. This is a compilation of Rotary information taken from materials provided by Rotary International either online or through printed publications. The more a Rotarian reads facts and Rotary-related stories and learns more about Rotary, the more dedicated and committed a Rotarian is to Rotary's ideals of service and the motto: **SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**

WHO WE ARE

ROTARY is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers, who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WHAT WE DO

1. Promote peace
2. Fight disease
3. Provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene
4. Save mothers and children
5. Support education
6. Grow local economies
7. Protect the environment

VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our community, and in ourselves.

OUR MISSION

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

WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION

We connect passionate people with diverse perspectives to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships, and above all, take action to change the world.

WE WORK DIFFERENTLY

We see differently: Our multi-disciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues - and find unique ways.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, and INCLUSION

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Why am I a Rotarian?



"Initially, as a Bank Manager, I was forced by our management to join any civic organization to serve the community I belong and to expand my clientele base. Luckily, I chose Rotary. It developed my professional skills and confidence, made me a better and stronger person, met new friends and at the the same time I was able to serve the community."

Josefa P. Ortiz
Past President, 2018-2019

"My journey as a Rotarian at the autumn years of my life has not only been fulfilling and memorable but also one that's full of meaningful realization. Rotary has provided me with the platform to continue learning new life's lessons on charity, friendship community service. I feel truly blessed to be a Rotarian."

Martha L. Carlsen



"I am a Rotarian because it has afforded me a unique opportunity to do good in the world alongside a group of like-minded individuals. In the past few years, I was able to extend help to those in need and forged friendships with people of different backgrounds and nationalities, this has continued to give me great happiness. Moreover, being a Rotarian has encouraged me to develop and enhance skills such as leadership and communication which have proven helpful in my everyday life, and my continued membership in the organization allows me to learn something new daily."

Enerie B. Aquino
Past President, 2011-2012

RCDD BARKADAHAN RY 2022-2023

DREAMERS

Leader: Vilma Kho

1. Edna Ko
2. Filomena Lovitos
3. Patricia Melizza Ruivivar
4. Ethel Caceres
5. Josefa Ortiz
6. Stephanie Palconit

VISIONARIES

Leader: Anthony John Modequillo

1. Patrick Ko
2. Enerie Aquino
3. Sylvia Navarro
4. Marilyn Puno
5. Maria Melissa Rivera
6. Shiela Toledo

CREATORS

Leader: Angelita Ang

1. Paulino Ko
2. Belen Gemelo
3. Martha Carlsen
4. Eliza Joy Hilario
5. Ma. Gwendelyn Sabsal

IMAGINERS

Leader: Rozanne Gamboa

1. Florence Magistrado
2. Anjera Calaca
3. Jomar Dela Cerna
4. Thelma Ciudadano
5. Andrea Dela Cerna

Past Presidents

1993-1994	PDG /CP Evelyn A. Magno	2008-2009	PP Marina B. Ruivivar
1994-1995	PP Cornelia P. Aportadera	2009-2010	PP Thelma S. Ciudadano
1995-1996	PP Cynthia B. Rodriguez	2010-2011	PP Cristeta G. Gallano
1996-1997	PP Estrella Luz B. Cabebe	2011-2012	PP Enerie B. Aquino
1997-1998	PP Elisa W. Tay	2012-2013	PP Lagrimas T. Acero
1998-1999	PP Linda C. Tesoro	2013-2014	PP Marie Josephine B. De Vera
1999-2000	PP Felina A. Javellana	2014-2015	PP Ruth Theresa G. Castellones
2000-2001	PP Vilma U. Kho	2015-2016	PP Marilyn P. Puno
2001-2002	PP Sylvia C. Navarro	2016-2017	PP Rozanne C. Gamboa
2002-2003	PP Ma. Chona F. Caingles	2017-2018	PP Angelita M. Ang
2003-2004	PP Charisse P. Puentespina	2018-2019	PP Josefa P. Ortiz
2004-2005	PP Edna C. Ko	2019-2020	PP Ethel C. Caceres
2005-2006	PP Agatha Ellen S. Valencia	2020-2021	PP Myla C. Agustin
2006-2007	PP Ma. Richelle B. Vicente	2021-2022	IPP Andrea Dela Cerna
2007-2008	PP Eliza Joy S. Hilario		

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS



PP Vilma U. Kho
RY 2000-2001
"Create Awareness, Take Action"



PP Enerie B. Aquino
RY 2011-2012
"Reach Within To Embrace Humanity"



PP Sylvia C. Navarro
RY 2001-2002
"Mankind is Our Business"



PP Marilyn P. Puno
RY 2015-2016
"Be A Gift To The World"



PP Edna C. Ko
RY 2004-2005
"Celebrate Rotary"



PP Rozanne C. Gamboa
RY 2016-2017
"Rotary Serving Humanity"



PP Eliza Joy S. Hilario
RY 2007-2008
"ROTARY Shares"



PP Angelita M. Ang
RY 2017-2018
Rotary Making A Difference"



PP Marina B. Ruivivar
RY 2008-2009
"Make Dreams Real"



PP Josefa P. Ortiz
RY 2018-2019
"Be The Inspiration"



PP Thelma S. Ciudadano
RY 2009-2010
"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"



PP Ethel C. Caceres
RY 2019-2020
"Rotary Connects The World"



IPP Andrea G. Dela Cerna
RY 2021-2022
"Serve To Change Lives"

ROSTER OF MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION



Angelita "Litlit" M. Ang
Fishery Industry



Enerie "Irene" B. Aquino
Building Leasing



Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres
Dental Care & Digital Imaging



Anjera "Coco" G. Calaca
Jewelry Retailing



Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
Real Estate Leasing



Thelma "Thel" S. Ciudadano
Auditing/ Business Admin & Tax
Management Service



Darence Patrick "Patrick" Co
Chef/Food Services



Andrea "Andeng" G. Dela Cerna
Law Enforcement/Operations



Jomar "Jong" P. Dela Cerna
Law Enforcement/Investigation



Archie Francisco "Archie" F. Gamboa
Legal Service



Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa
Lending Industry



Belen "Belen" D. Gemelo
BDG Industrial Sales & Services

ROSTER OF MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION



Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario
Real Estate Development



Vilma "Vi" U. Kho
Financing



Edna "Edzz" C. Ko
Scrap Trading & Bailing



Paulino "Paul" B. Ko
Manufacturing/Boxes



Filomena "Fely" P. Lovitos
Education/ Nursing



Florence "Flor" R. Magistrado
Law Enforcement



Anthony John "AJ" D. Modiquello
Manufacturing & Trucking



Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro
Consultancy / Financial



Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
Agriculture



Stephanie "Stef" Follante-Palconit
Education/University Professor



Marilyn "Bolyn" P. Puno
Public Health/ General Dentistry



Maria Melissa P. Rivera
Medical Service - Anaesthesiology

ROSTER OF MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION



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Private Education



Patricia Melizza "Patmei" B. Ruivivar
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Consultancy



Ma. Gwendelyn "Gwen" V. Sabsal
Physician, Ob-Gyne



Shiela Mae "Shiela" S. Toledo
General Construction

RCDD's BRIEF PROFILE

Chartered on February 23, 1993, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) started as an all-women club with 26 lady executives of various professions and vocations. The whole Rotary world was then celebrating the 88th Founding Anniversary of Rotary International when RCDD became the 29,258th Rotary club all over the world, and the 79th club in District 3860. Led by Charter President Evelyn "Len" A. Magno, RCDD on its first year was already blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in the District with a mark of excellence. Eleven (11) new members were inducted during the charter year, making a total membership of thirty-seven (37) women.

RCDD IS a multi-awarded service club in Davao City, a consistent recipient of annual District awards. In RY 1998-1999, RCDD won all the major district awards as the "Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary and club bulletin- The Professionals." It was a grand slam, besting then all 99 clubs in District 3860. RCDD is a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, and topping the annual list of club donors to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

RCDD became a mixed club in RY 2018-2019, when two gentlemen were inducted to the Roster of Membership, the former PNP Chief Archie Francisco F. Gamboa and businessman Paulino B. Ko.. RY 2022-2023 starts with 27 members, 27 female and 6 male members. twelve (12) are aged 40 and below.

The Downtowners are easily identified in their apple green blazers during formal and official Rotary events, and in their uniform club tshirts during service project activities. They meet regularly every first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Fellowships are held during weekends.

EXCERPTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN DAVAO

MEMBERSHIP

Article 10

Section 1 - General Qualifications. This club shall be composed of persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community, and are willing to serve in their community, and/or around the world.

Section 2. Kinds. The club shall have two kinds of membership, namely active and honorary.

Section 3. Active Membership. A person possessing the qualification set forth in Article 5, Section 2 of the RI Constitution may be elected to active membership of the club.

Section 4. Satellite Club Membership. Members of the satellite club shall also be members of the sponsor club until such time as the satellite club shall be admitted into membership of RI as a Rotary club.

Section 5. Dual Membership. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another club other than a satellite club of this club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member of this club.

Section 6. Honorary Membership.

(a) **Eligibility for Honorary Membership.** Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's causes may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the Board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(b). **Rights and Privileges.** Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold any classification, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

OUTSTANDING ROTARIAN FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2022

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao has launched a monthly Search for an “Outstanding Rotarian” awardee during the club’s second regular meeting on July 6, 2022.

Past President Ethel C. Caceres won the title for the month of July 2022. She got the highest points for the following criteria: Attendance - 25%, Prompt payments - 20%, Positive attitude- 25%, and Cooperation/volunteerism - 25% or a total of 95%.

PP Ethel is the Assistant Governor of Area 2A this RY 2022-2023. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the club E-bulletin, The Professionals. A position she holds for three consecutive Rotary years. She is also an active member of the club’s Communication Team which takes care of the club’s promotions for public image.



PP/AG Ethel was awarded during the August 3, 2022 regular meeting with a sash as “Outstanding Rotarian for July 2022,” a Certificate of Recognition and a cash prize of Php1,000.00 which will be deposited as her contribution to The Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow. As the first month’s awardee, she will compete with all other 11 monthly awardees as one of the finalists for the “Most Outstanding Rotarian of the Year” award at the end of June 2023.

Congratulations, PP/AG Ethel!



CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP AT THE BEACH

Two of the most basic needs are friendship and Fellowship. These were two reasons why Rotary Founder Paul Harris and his four friends started Rotary in 1905.

On a Sunday, July 17, 2022, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) left the comfort of zoom and indoor meetings to take a breather outdoor. The beach resort of husband and wife, Joanna and Ramil Gentugaya at Davao de Oro, was a perfect venue for this purpose. Joanna is the daughter of Past President Angelita "Lit-Lit" M. Ang, Chair of the Fellowship



and Sunshine Committee. Friendship bonding at "Dagat ni Gentugaya" was strengthened with a celebration of life, honoring the July birthday celebrants: PP Lit-Lit Ang, Public Image Co-Chair Patmei Ruivivar, working secretary Nelbie Leuterio, and Rotaractor Kenneth.

Games planned and initiated. by PP Lit-Lit sent messages of FRIENDSHIP, the theme for the day. The Barkadahan chants which opened the games sent Downtowners rolling in laughter!



First game was for friends who enjoy each other's company eating SIOPAO, SIOMAI, SUMAN (SSS) The second game signifies that a compassionate friend knows fully how his/her friend feels at a particular time, usually through actions or BODY LANGUAGE. A sincere friend is someone who does not wait for a friend to ask for help. He/she just grab the every opportunity to extend help whenever he/she can. GRAB IT was the third game. Communication between good friends is very important for a long lasting friendship. A good messaging is assertive for each other's understanding, as manifested in the fourth game - MESSAGE RELAY. The last game was the LONGEST LINE which represents the patience of a friend towards another friend.



The day ended with gifts and prizes galore from games won and a raffle draw. The Downtowners went home taking with them the feeling that ROTARY IS FUN!