

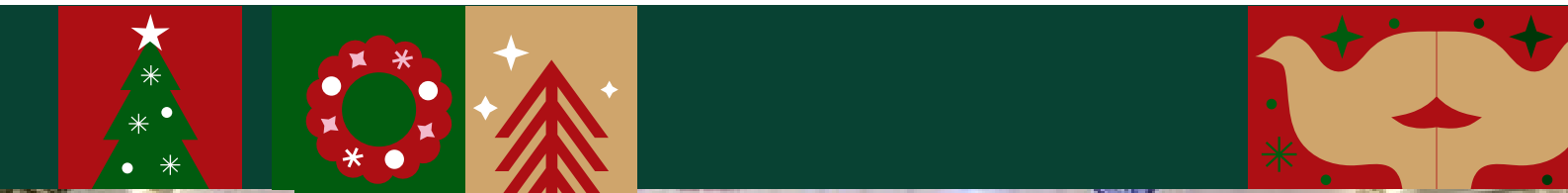


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## The Mission of Rotary International

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.

## ABOUT THE COVER



December 10, 2022 marks another milestone for RCDD when it gathered Rotarians and Rotaractors at SM Annex Activity Center, Davao City to bring Christmas cheers and share its blessings to the Child Hope Field of Dreams children. The Rotary Christmas Fiesta is RCDD's way of showcasing the generosity, fun, goodwill, friendship and fellowship of Rotarians.

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# President's Message



**ARCHIE FRANCISCO F. GAMBOA**  
President, RY 2022-2023

As we end the Calendar Year and the First Semester of the Rotary Year, we gave it a loud BANG! In celebrating the Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, RCDD has continuously reached to the residents of Barangay Centro and Duterte for our Free Pre-natal Clinic and the Covid-19 Vaccination. Our total recipients have reached to almost 164 residents. We will continue the campaign until next semester. RCDD's celebration of the Yuletide Season has always been unique. This year we launched, the Rotary Christmas Fiesta in SM Ecoland. We have actually achieved these to bring joy to the orphans, launched the entrepreneurial potential of micro-business and internally unleashed the competence of our young leaders as they endeavor to complete this very laudable project. As part of the Club's continuity plan, we have elected our next batch of leaders to carry the shining torch of RCDD for the Rotary Year 2023-2024. With our Club's 2nd Lady District Governor, Twinkle, there is no doubt that we will continue to bring glory and prestige in our historical profile. As a final yearend activity, everybody enjoyed our Christmas Party including the Celebration of Life, the exchange of gifts and the never ending wonderful games of Sunshine and Fellowship Chair Litlit Ang. What a glittering way of ending our year. Indeed we all feel so fulfilled. Let us enjoy our vacation and prepare for another semester of service for doing good to the people. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

**13th REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 7, 2022, Wednesday @ 11:30 AM**  
**Cafe Tavera, Tavera St., Davao City**

**Theme: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH**  
**Call To Order and Welcome**  
**Message . . . . .VP/PE Gwen**

**Pause Muna, Peace Muna . . . . .AVP**

**Opening Prayer . . . . . Baby Rtn. Cyril**

**Singing of the Philippine National Anthem & Rotary Hymn . . . . .AVP**

**Recitation of the Four Way Test . . . . ., . . . . . Baby Rtn. Cyril**

**Introduction of Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors and Guests . . . . . Rtn. Cora**

**Talk: "How to Avoid and Treat Common Diseases" . . . . . VP/PE Gwen**

**Q & A Forum . . . . . Baby Rtn. Chai**

**Vice-President's Time . . . . . VP/PE Gwen**

**Secretary's Time . . . . . Sec. Anthony John**

**Treasurer's Time . . . . . PP/Treas. Josie**

**Adjournment . . . . . VP/PE Gwen**

## FELLOWSHIP

**Program Host: Baby Rtn. Chai**  
**Barkadahan In Charge: The DREAMERS**

## Quote of the Month

Rotarians can help young people reach their full potential. We can instill our motto of Service Above Self at a young age - and let it continue to guide Rotary through the next century."

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
Past RI President, RY 2005-2006



# The Professionals

## Secretary's Report



By: Anthony John D. Modequillo  
Secretary

### Attendance Report

	13th Regular Meeting	14th Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
<b>Members Actual Present</b>	27	30	29	30
<b>Members with Valid Make-up</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Attendance</b>	27	30	29	30
<b>Membership Size</b>	39	39	39	39
<b>Excused due to health reasons</b>	2	2	2	2
<b>Net Membership Base</b>	37	37	37	37
<b>Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate</b>	73%	81%	78%	81%

#### EARLY BIRDS:

1. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
2. Angelita "Litlit" M. Ang
3. Mariane Louise "Mar" C. Gamboa
4. Filomena "Fely" P. Lovitos
5. Edna "Edzz" C. Ko

#### ROTARACTORS:

1. Kenneth Melliza
2. Alex Bento Jr.

### Activities for the Month

December 7 - 13th Regular Meeting Theme: Disease Prevention and Treatment Month Cafe Tavera, Tavera St., Davao City

December 10 - Rotary Christmas Fiesta SM City Davao Annex, Ecoland

December 17 - 14th Regular Meeting and Fellowship Theme : Christmas Kaleidoscope Grand Men Seng Hotel and Christmas Party



### Sunshine: Birthdays & Anniversaries

By: Angelita M. Ang  
Sunshine Chair



Cora Costan  
December 03



Darrence Patrick Co  
December 06



AJ Modequillo  
December 07



Andrea Concepcion  
December 08



Marina Ruivivar  
December 23



Jason Digal  
December 28

# Events



PE Gwen with her beautiful smile as the Presiding Officer.



PE Gwen as the resource speaker on "How to Avoid and Treat Common Disease."





# Events

The winning Visionaries Barkadahan.



Early Birds of the day.

The Barkadahan Dreamers received their tokens of appreciation for a well-done hosting, bringing fun, Rotary Info, and fellowship into the club meeting.





# Events



Our Birthday celebrants for the Month of December (from left) Rtn Cora, Sec AJ, Baby Rotarian Andrei, PP Marina, Baby Rotarian Jason.



DGE Twinkle charging Princess Joan, "Always bear in mind the Rotary's motto SERVICE ABOVE SELF and everything you say, think or do, measure it by Rotary's 4-Way Test."





# Events



PDG Billy P. Perilla inducting Princess Joan to RCDD's membership with Sec. AJ and Baby Rtn. Jason standing as sponsors.



Primary sponsor Sec. AJ pinning the Rotary and RCDD pins on Princess Joan, now RCDD's newest Baby Rotarian.



PP Vilma U. Kho is RCDD's "Outstanding Rotarian" for the month of November.



The five RCDD "Outstanding Rotarians" (July-November 2022) posed with club President Archie, club admin/PP Marina and DGE Twinkle (Committee Chair), who composed the Selection Committee





# Events



The room was filled with fun and laughter during the game portion of the Christmas Party facilitated by Sunshine & Fellowship Chair, PP Lit-Lit Ang.





# Events



Participated by the 3 Barkadahans: The Dreamers (Yellow Team), The Creators (Red Team) and The Visionaries (Green Team), the party ended with everyone going home with gifts, lots of prizes and happy hearts!





# DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

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



**DG Lilu with her inspirational message.**



**President Archie with President Ish Tan, RC Central Davao hosted the program.**



**AG Ethel with her Welcome Message.**



**Group Photo Opportunity with (from left) AG Chi Uy, DS Jong Fernandez, DGE Twinkle Gamboa, DG Lilu Alino, PDG Riezl Reyes, Spouse and PDG Art Tan.**





# IMAGINING ROTARY

BY: PATRICIA MELIZZA "PATMEI" B. RUVIVAR  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



## Rotary Christmas Fiesta brings spirit of communal celebration back

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) made history this year by mounting the first ever Rotary Christmas Fiesta in the Philippines last December 10, 2022 at the SM Annex Activity Center, Ecoland, Davao City.

Inspired by the easing of pandemic-related restrictions and opening up of public spaces to face-to-face gatherings, RCDD brought back the fiesta atmosphere by gathering 14 Rotary clubs and nine Rotaract clubs in Davao City to promote the spirit of generosity and service.

"There is no better time to showcase the generosity, fun, goodwill, friendship, and fellowship of Rotarians than Christmastime," said RCDD President and retired Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Archie Francisco F. Gamboa.

Aside from providing a safe space for engagement with Rotary's partners in service and beneficiaries to celebrate the holiday season, the Rotary Christmas Fiesta had two other goals: (1) to promote the spirit of hope and generosity among Rotarians and the communities they serve in Davao City and the Rotary brand of service and fellowship; and (2) to showcase the creativity of Davao Rotarians and Rotaractors and provide a platform where their stories and talents can be shared with a larger community.

The whole day affair had three major components: The Rotary Christmas Market showcasing local products from micro social entrepreneurs supported by RCDD; That's Rotary Entertainment showcasing talents of participating Rotary and Rotaract clubs on center stage; and Rotary Gives Love on Christmas, gift-giving to invited beneficiaries and donation drive from participants and mall-going public for the benefit of selected charities being supported by Rotary in Davao City.

### **Celebrating Economic Recovery by Supporting Local Cooperatives**

The Rotary Christmas Market featured 16 micro entrepreneurs who are members of the Golden Unicorn Savings and Credit Cooperative (GUSCC), a Davao-based cooperative created during the height of the pandemic to help local micro and small businesses recover from the economic crisis brought about by the lockdowns.

Dr. Reuben Higinio S. Cabrera, GUSCC Chair, expressed his appreciation to RCDD for partnering with their micro cooperative for this economic and community development project.

"Our members' micro enterprises are essentially startups and home-based. Most of them are women and young people who started their businesses during the pandemic to make ends meet. The Rotary Christmas Market is their first bazaar experience so Rotary changed their lives with this opportunity," shared Dr. Cabrera.

# ROTARY INFORMATION



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

**DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH**

What is your club doing to focus your efforts on Disease Prevention and Treatment?

Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in underdeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructures for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for healthcare.

This is the one of the Foundation's Areas of Focus and one of which many of us be aware of the numerous projects around the world supported by clubs and the Rotary Foundation. Look at your role in promoting improved health at home and abroad and supporting these vital programs that contribute not only to healthy communities but peaceful communities.

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation structure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.







# WHY AM I A ROTARIAN?



**MARILYN P. PUNO**  
PAST PRESIDENT 2015-2016

My professional call for tender caring hands especially to the children and elderly as well as a pleasant personal relationship with my patients .I found these virtues in most Rotarians I know , that I just found myself joining Rotary in some community service and activities though not yet a Rotarian. I decided to finally join Rotary Club in 2012 . Rotary has broaden my horizon to making friends, having fun at the same time serving and helping the community, it also enhanced my leadership skills. Practicing the value of the “4-WAY TEST” has made a difference in my life , not just a Rotarian , but as an individual as well .



**GWENDELYN V. SABSAL**  
VICE PRESIDENT 2022-2023

I am a Rotarian because I irrevocably believe in the Rotary Motto: Service above Self. I have been in Rotary for 6 years, and it has helped me broaden my exposure with different social issues as we create and develop humanitarian service projects that bring positive and meaningful impact to the community and the world. As a medical doctor and a Rotarian, I want to serve and take active part in certain advocacies such as the Maternal and Child care program. My involvement in Rotary helped me enhance my personal growth and purpose in life. Rotary taught me that service and generosity is good for the soul as it fuels your inner fulfillment.

# RCDD Barkadahan RY 2022-2023

## DREAMERS

Leader:

**Vilma U. Kho**

1. Irene B. Aquino
2. Ethel C. Caceres
3. Jhong Dela Cerna
4. Thelma S. Ciudadano
5. Patrick T. Co
6. Cora L. Costan
7. Cyril C. Duran
8. Belen D. Gemelo
9. Chai R. Madrid
10. Marilyn P. Puno
11. Patmei B. Ruivivar

## VISIONARIES

Leader:

**Anthony John D. Modequillo**

1. Gloria O. Cabillas
2. Coco G. Calaca
3. Andeng G. Dela Cerna
4. Jason S. Digal
5. Mariane C. Gamboa
6. Fely P. Lovitos
7. Josie P. Ortiz
8. Steph F. Palconit
9. Melch P. Rivera
10. Camille C. Sencio
11. Shiela S. Toledo

## CREATORS

Leader:

**Angelita M. Ang**

1. Xyza G. Abarca
2. Martha L. Carlsen
3. Andrea Concepcion
4. Twinkle C. Gamboa
5. Joan O. Gulanes
6. Eliza Joy S. Hilario
7. Edz C. Ko
8. Paul B. Ko
9. Florence Magistrado
10. Sylvia C. Navarro
11. Gwen V. Sabsal

## Past Presidents

1993-1994	PDG /CP Evelyn A. Magno
1994-1995	PP Cornelia P. Aportadera
1995-1996	PP Cynthia B. Rodriguez
1996-1997	PP Estrella Luz B. Cabebe
1997-1998	PP Elisa W. Tay
1998-1999	PP Linda C. Tesoro
1999-2000	PP Felina A. Javellana
2000-2001	PP Vilma U. Kho
2001-2002	PP Sylvia C. Navarro
2002-2003	PP Ma. Chona F. Caingles
2003-2004	PP Charisse P. Puentespina
2004-2005	PP Edna C. Ko
2005-2006	PP Agatha Ellen S. Valencia
2006-2007	PP Ma. Richelle B. Vicente
2007-2008	PP Eliza Joy S. Hilario

2008-2009	PP Marina B. Ruivivar
2009-2010	PP Thelma S. Ciudadano
2010-2011	PP Cristeta G. Gallano
2011-2012	PP Enerie B. Aquino
2012-2013	PP Lagrimas T. Acero
2013-2014	PP Marie Josephine B. De Vera
2014-2015	PP Ruth Theresa G. Castellones
2015-2016	PP Marilyn P. Puno
2016-2017	PP Rozanne C. Gamboa
2017-2018	PP Angelita M. Ang
2018-2019	PP Josefa P. Ortiz
2019-2020	PP Ethel C. Caceres
2020-2021	PP Myla C. Agustin
2021-2022	IPP Andrea Dela Cerna



# 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"

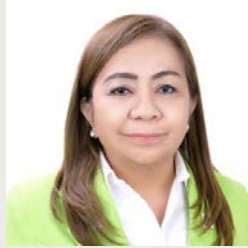


**IPP Andrea G. Dela Cerna**  
RY 2021-2022  
"Serve To Change Lives"

# Roster of Membership & Classification



**Therese Xyza "Xyza" G. Abarca**  
Lawyer



**Angelita "Litlit" M. Ang**  
Fishery Industry



**Enerie "Irene" B. Aquino**  
Building Leasing



**Gloria "Glo" O. Cabillas**  
Civil Engineer and Construction



**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 Isabel "Andrea" Concepcion**  
Agricultural



**Corazon "Cora" L. Costan**  
Banking and Fruit Farming



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



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Law Enforcement/Investigation



**Jason "Jason" S. Digal**  
Distribution/Frozen Products



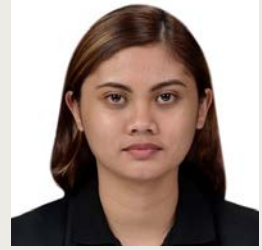
**Cyril "Cy" C. Duran**  
Build and Design



**Archie Francisco "Archie" F. Gamboa**  
Legal Service



**Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa**  
Lending Industry



**Mariane Louise "Mar" C. Gamboa**  
Real Estate Management



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



**Joan "Joan" O. Gulanes**  
Banking



**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

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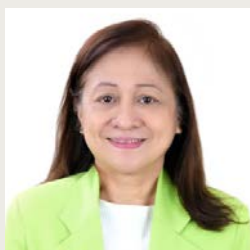
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Police Training



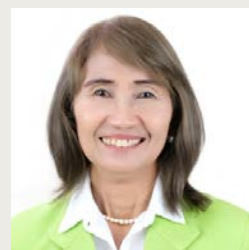
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Law Enforcement



**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



**Marina "Maring" B. Ruivivar**  
Private Education



**Patricia Melizza "Patmei" B. Ruivivar**  
Communications & Governance  
Consultancy



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



**Jonah Camille "Camille" C. Sencio**  
Car Distribution



**Shiela Mae "Shiela" S. Toledo**  
General Construction



# RCDD's BRIEF PROFILE

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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).

RCCD 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.

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