

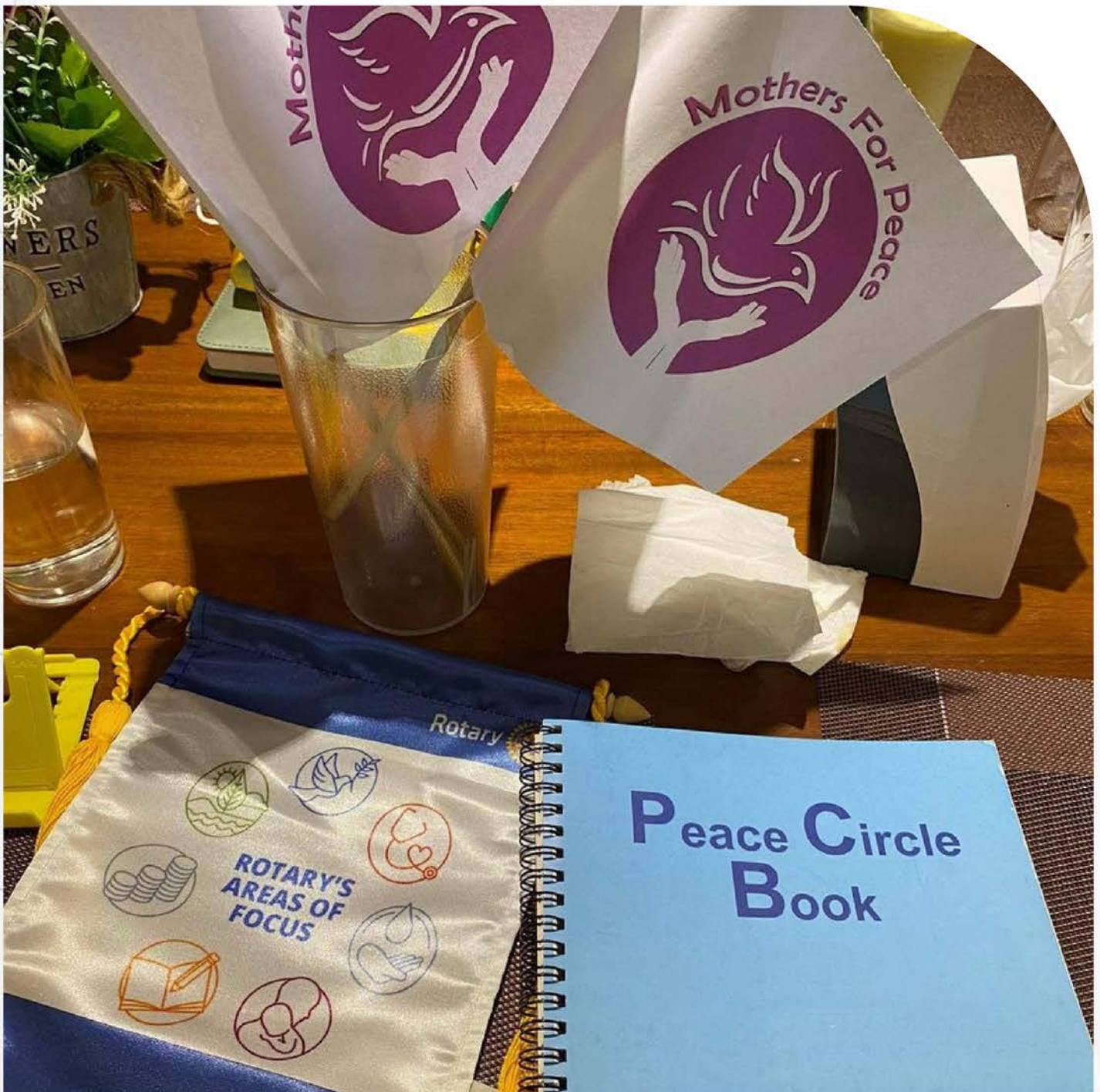
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## The Mission of Rotary International

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



RCDD is a Mothers for Peace Circle since year 2012. Mothers for Peace is a national movement for Peace which rests on three pillars: Values, Skills and Food Security. Like Rotary, the Peace Circle women are guided by the movement's Credo and principles. It empowers women, especially mothers, to play active roles in promoting peace at home, in the community and the country.

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# President's Message



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

This month is a very significant month to the world as we celebrate the Rotary Week for the District and is doubly significant for our Club.

On February 23, 2023, RCDD reaches its 30 years of existence. We will look back on how our predecessors prepared the governance platforms each year, year after year. I once asked, what would distinguish RCDD from other Clubs, and they say, we have always set our goal to excellence, excellence of doing service to the community.

To what RCDD have been, are actual compilations of hard work in its history and these form part in inspiring the next generations of officers to come into our Club. Let each year thrive ideas and will-power to always pursue for excellence. Let excellence be the guiding mantra of our Club.

Congratulations to the past, the current and the future RCDD. Thank you for contributing to the RCDD Rotary Story.

Happy 30th Pearl Charter Anniversary RCDD.

## 17th REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2023, Wednesday @ 11:30 AM Cafe Tavera,  
Tavers Street, Davao City

### PROGRAMME

Theme: CELEBRATING PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH & INDUCTION OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OFFICERS 2023

Call To Order &  
Opening Message .....President Archie

Pause Muna, Peace Muna ..... AVP

Opening Prayer ..... Rtn. Princess

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

Recitation of the Object of  
Rotary ..... Rtn. Princess

Introduction of the Visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors  
and Guests ..... Rtn. Andrei

Induction of the Downtown Davao Rotaract Club  
Presentation of the Officers ... Dir. Steph, Chair

New Generation Charging .... President Archie

Induction .....DGE Twinkle

Pinning of Rotaract &  
Rotary Pins ..... RCDD Officers

Acceptance Message by Rotaract Club President  
Mahankali Muralii Khrisna

Awarding of the Outstanding Rotarians for the Months  
of December 2022 & January 2023 by DGE Twinkle

President's Time .....President Archie

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

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

Adjournment ..... President Archie

Program Host: Rtn Xyza

### FELLOWSHIP

Barkadahan In Charge: The CREATORS

## Quote of the Month

"I wanted to do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing its consequences."

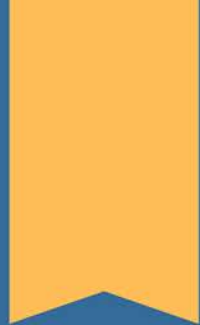
— **ROBERT OPIRA**

Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland, 2005-07



# Secretary's Report

By: **Anthony John D. Modequillo**  
Secretary



## Attendance Report

	17th Regular Meeting	18th Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	25	27	30	27
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0	0
Total Attendance	25	27	30	27
Membership Size	39	39	39	39
Excused due to health reasons	2	2	2	2
Net Membership Base	37	37	37	37
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	68%	73%	81%	73%

### EARLY BIRDS:

1. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
2. Belen "Belen" D. Gemelo
3. Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
4. Gloria "Glo" O. Cabillas
5. Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario

### ROTARACTORS:

1. Kenneth Nomar Melliza

## Activities for the Month

Feb 2 - Free Clinic and Pre-Natal : Libre Na Konsulta

Feb 8 - 17th Regular Meeting : Celebrating Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month & Induction of Rotaract Club Officers

Feb 20-25 - Area 2 Rotary Week Celebration

Feb 23 - 30th Charter Anniversary Celebration



## Sunshine: Birthdays & Anniversaries

By: **Angelita M. Ang**  
Sunshine Chair



**Thelma S. Ciudadano**  
Feb. 22



**Cyril C. Duran**  
Feb. 09



**Therese Xyza G. Abarca**  
Feb. 10



**Marilyn P. Puno**  
Feb. 25

# EVENTS

RCDD Service Project Nr 7 (free clinic)  
and Nr 18 (pre-natal): Libre nga konsulta



February 2, 2023 at Center for Hope, Agdao, Davao City in coordination with Barangay Centro Officials and Health Workers.

# EVENTS

## 17TH REGULAR MEETING



RCDD is a Mothers for Peace Circle since 2012. Shown here are L-R: Club Admin, PDS/PP Marina B. Ruivivar waving the flaglette, Pres. Archie F. Gamboa with his copy of the Peace Circle Book, and District-Governor-Elect, PP Rozanne C. Gamboa proudly holding the Mothers for Peace Circle club banner.

# EVENTS

## INDUCTION OF THE RCDD ROTARACT CLUB OFFICERS 2023



President Mahanadi Muralii Krishna with his witty smile was pinned with an End Polio Now pin for his contribution by DGE Rozanne Gamboa.



Vice President/Treasurer Gaddam Gotham got his pin from Vice President Gwendelyn Sabsal



President Elect Abhinav Harsh Singh had his pin from AG/PP Ethel Caceres



Secretary Abhilash Yash Singh got another pin from Secretary AJ Modequillo.



# EVENTS

## INDUCTION OF THE RCDD ROTARACT CLUB OFFICERS 2023



Acceptance Speech by Rotaract Club President Mahankali Muralii Krishna.



RCDD's Rotaractors Set of Officer's 2022-2023 together with District Rotaract Chair PP Marilyn Puno.

# EVENTS

## ROTARY PHOTO EXHIBITS CHAIRED BY RCDD AT THE GRAND MEN SENG HOTEL. DAVAO CITY

Rotary District 3860 | IMAGINE ROTARY | ROTARY WEEK CELEBRATION - AREA 2

**118TH ANNIVERSARY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**ACTIVITIES: AREA 2 CLUBS**

**February 20-25, 2023**

- 20 • PRESS CONFERENCE  
OPENING OF PHOTO EXHIBIT
- 21-24 • PHOTO EXHIBIT
- 22 • MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION
- 23 • PEACE FORUM
- 24 • FUN GOLF  
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
- 25 • FUN BADMINTON  
THANKSGIVING MASS



# EVENTS

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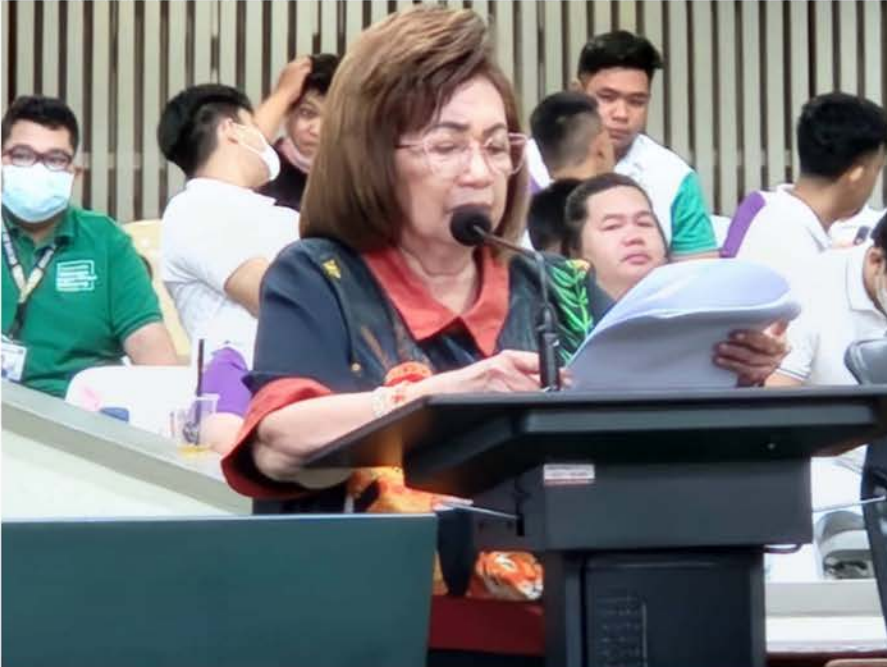


Pres. Archie and Club Administration, PP Marina as club historian, explained the photo exhibits of RCDD and its brief history.



# EVENTS

THE DAVAO CITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY 20-25 IN DAVAO CITY AS “ROTARY WEEK” THE RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED BY COUNCILOR PILAR C. BRAGA OF DISTRICT 1



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Davao City

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Series of 2023  
A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
ON ITS 118th ANNIVERSARY  
AND SUPPORTING ROTARY WEEK 2023 IN  
DAVAO CITY

**WHEREAS**, on February 23 of every year, Rotarians around the world celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day, which is the commemoration of the first meeting of Rotary in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, USA;

**WHEREAS**, Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million members worldwide “who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves;”

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, Rotarians champion peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and support the environment;

**WHEREAS**, the first Rotary club in Mindanao, the Rotary Club of Davao, was established on October 24, 1938, a year after Davao became a chartered city;

**WHEREAS**, no less than Davao City’s first mayor, Santiago Artiaga, became the charter vice-president of the first Rotary club in Davao and in Mindanao;

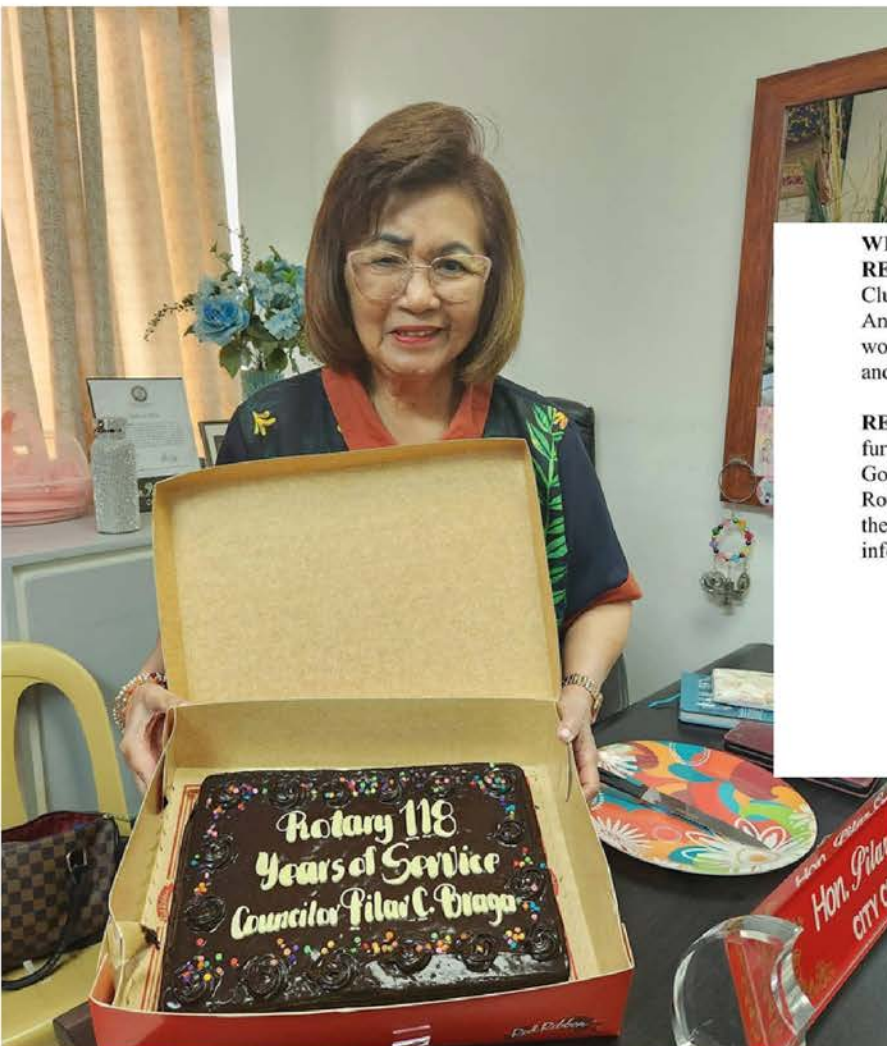
**WHEREAS**, from that first mother club, Rotary has since organized 14 clubs in Davao City and all these service clubs have been and continue to be valuable partners of the City Government of Davao in various programs and projects through the years since 1938;

**WHEREAS**, Rotarians in Davao City, together with their partners in service and the communities they serve, celebrate Rotary Week from February 20 to 26, 2023 to commemorate the 118th anniversary of Rotary International;

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that this August Body congratulates all the Rotary Clubs in Davao City and joins them in celebrating the 118th Anniversary of Rotary International and commends the men and women of Rotary for their significant contribution to the growth and development of Davao City.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that copies of this resolution be furnished all the Rotary Clubs in Davao City, the District Governor of Rotary International District 3860, the President of Rotary International, the Office of the City Mayor, the Office of the Vice-Mayor, and other concerned agencies for their information and guidance.

**PILAR C. BRAGA**  
City Councilor



# EVENTS

## ROTARY WEEK

Rotary District 3860

IMAGINE ROTARY

**ROTARY WEEK CELEBRATION - Area 2**

**MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION**

St. Lourdes Church, Central Park, Bangkal  
February 22, 2023

Deliver Rotary Club	Morinda District Rotary Club	Central District Rotary Club	North District Rotary Club
Deliver District Rotary Club	Pro-Ara District Rotary Club	East District Rotary Club	South District Rotary Club
North District Rotary Club	Robinson District Rotary Club	Quezon District Rotary Club	Marikina District Rotary Club
North District Rotary Club	Pro-Ara District Rotary Club	West District Rotary Club	South District Rotary Club
		Calabarzon District Rotary Club	



# EVENTS

## ROTARY WEEK



# EVENTS

## ROTARY WEEK

Rotary District 3860

IMAGINE ROTARY

AREA 2

# FELLOWSHIP!

ROTARY WEEK

POP

02.24.2023 | 6:00PM  
ROADWAY INN. JP LAUREL AVE., DAVAO CITY.



# EVENTS

## ROTARY WEEK



Pres.Archie and IPP Andeng playing for RCDD in the Inter-Club Fun Badminton Tournament.





# EVENTS

## 30TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Downtown Davao  
**Rotary Club**   **IMAGINE ROTARY**  
**INVITES YOU TO**

A TOAST TO  
*Pearl Celebration*  
 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
 Soto Grande Hotel, Diversion Road, Davao City

Semi-Formal Attire

Gentlemen Ladies  
 Coat without Tie Cocktail Dress  
 (Any color except Green and Champagne)




Downtown Davao  
**Rotary Club**   **IMAGINE ROTARY**

**30 YEARS OF EXCELLENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**PROGRAMME**

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome Message** ..... President Archie Francisco F. Gamboa  
*Pause Muna, Peace Muna*
- Invocation, Singing of the Philippine National Anthem and Rotary Hymn, Recitation of the Four Way Test** ..... PP Andrea G. Dela Cerna
- Introduction of Rotary Dignitaries, Visiting Rotarians and Guests** ..... PE Ma. Gwendelyn V. Sabsal
- Welcome Song** ..... The Downtowners
- II. **Sisterhood Signing**  
*RC San Juan Supreme*  
*RC Santa Rosa Centro*  
*RC Angeles Kuliát*
- III. **Recognition of the Club's Partners in Service** ..... President Archie Francisco F. Gamboa  
 Sec Anthony John D. Modequillo
- IV. **30th Charter Anniversary Celebration** ..... Rtn. Patricia Melizza B. Ruivivar  
*Recognition of members with the following years of Membership 5 - 30 years*  
*Recognition of Past Presidents / Parade of Banners*  
*Honoring of Charter Members*  
 PP Vilma U. Kho  
 PP Marina B. Ruivivar  
*Surprise Number* ..... The Downtowners  
*Blowing of the Candle on the Charter Cake*
- V. **Inspirational Message** ..... District Governor Lilo A. Alino
- VI. **Anniversary Toast** ..... District Governor Elect Rozanne C. Gamboa  
*Adjournment* ..... Pres. Archie Francisco F. Gamboa  
*Fellowship / Raffle Draw*

**Master of Ceremonies**  
 Sec Anthony John D. Modequillo  
 and  
 Rtn. Therese Xyza G. Abarca



# EVENTS



30th Charter Anniversary

# EVENTS



Sisterhood signing w/ RC San Juan Supreme  
RC Santa Rosa Centro RC Angeles Kuliat

# EVENTS



Recognition of the Club's Partner in Service



Recognition of members with the following years of Membership 5 years, 10 years and 30 years.

# EVENTS



Recognition of Past President's with their banners.

# EVENTS



Honoring of Charter Members PP Vilma U. Kho and PP Marina B. Ruivivar

# EVENTS



Anniversary Toast by District Governor Elect Rozanne C. Gamboa



Fellowship Zumba Dance

# EVENTS

An event invitation for a toast to Pearl Celebration. The background is purple with a subtle pattern of hills and two champagne glasses filled with bubbly liquid. The text is white and gold. At the top left, it says 'Downtown Davao Rotary Club' with the Rotary logo. To the right is the 'IMAGINE ROTARY' logo. Below that, it says 'INVITES YOU TO'. The main title is 'A TOAST TO Pearl Celebration' in a large, elegant script font. Underneath is '30 YEARS OF EXCELLENT COMMUNITY SERVICE'. The date and time are 'Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM' and the location is 'Soto Grande Hotel, Diversion Road, Davao City'. The dress code is 'Semi-Formal Attire' with specific instructions for gentlemen and ladies. At the bottom, there are several pearls scattered across the surface.

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**Rotary**  
Club

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The Charter Day of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, a Toast to Pearl Celebration, 30 years of Excellent Community Service, February 23, 2023.

We thank you all who made the 30-year Rotary Story possible, from the Charter Members led by PDG/Club Charter President Len Magno, the Club Past Presidents and Officers, to all RCDD members, our partners in service and the community.

Looking forward to more community services, serving above our selves.





# IMAGINING ROTARY

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

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Good evening, fellow Rotarians and friends! It is my honor and pleasure to be tasked with presiding over our main celebration — the reason we are all gathered here tonight. I believe they chose me because I am a Charter Rotakid and the only child of our Club Historian and I have been part of RCDD's journey since its charter year in 1993 — first as a Rotakid, then as an Honorary Member, and now as a full-fledged Rotarian and Downtowner.

Our beloved country, the Philippines, is known since ancient times as the "Pearl of the Orient Seas." We are one of the best sources of natural pearls and shells in the world. We are best known for our beautiful South Sea Pearls.

A Rotary Club is only as good as its members and the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao's journey to becoming the lustrous pearl it is today is a product of the collective effort of the best and the brightest Rotarians who led and shaped the club in the last 30 years.

## RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

It takes years to form a pearl of great value. The greater the number of years with the Club, the more seasoned Rotarians our members become. Tonight, on our Pearl Anniversary, we recognize seven members who are also celebrating individual milestones with our club:

**5 Years - Archie Francisco F. Gamboa  
Paulino B. Ko  
Sheila Mae S. Toledo**

**10 Years - Martha L. Carlsen  
Belen D. Gemelo**

**30 Years - Vilma U. Kho  
Marina B. Ruivivar**

## **RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS**

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## **THE FIRST DECADE: Setting the Foundation for Excellence**

Our Charter President Evelyn Abellera-Magno holds the distinction of being the first woman District Governor of District 3860 during Rotary Year 2005-2006. Under her leadership, RCDD organized its first Interact Club and organized the Downtown Davao Foundation, Inc., which served as the financial arm of the club.

In our charter year, RCDD was the only club in District 3860 to be awarded the RI Presidential Citation of a “Balanced Club Achievement Award.” On year one, RCDD already got three major awards for new clubs: Most Outstanding Club, Most Outstanding President, and Most Outstanding Club Bulletin for The Professionals.

That RCDD tradition of excellence started on the first year never wavered until the present and every year our club consistently earned multiple major awards and recognitions.

The first decade firmly established the good foundation with the strong leadership of the following past presidents:

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Nelia P. Aportadera**

under whose term the club's first Rotary Village Corps was organized; sent the first Rotary Exchange scholar to as well as hosted the first ROTEX scholar from the United States. The club's World Window Display won special recognition at the 1995 Rotary International Convention in Nice, France. The club received the same major awards as the first year.

***President, RY 1994-1995***



### **President Cynthia B. Rodriguez**

led the club's hosting of the Intercity Forum on Matching Grants and bested all 83 clubs in the District during the awards season and received the Presidential Citation for Integrity, Love and Peace.

***President, RY 1995-1996***



### **President Estrella Luz B. Cabebe**

led the club's hosting of the First New Generation Conference and the club's first fund-raising event - a jewelry and fashion show. Under her leadership, the club also single-handedly and successfully hosted the District Assembly (DISTAS) 1997. The club won the Most Outstanding Club, President, and Secretary in the District.

***President, RY 1996-1997***

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Elisa W. Tay**

led the club in organizing its first club extension, RC Midtown Davao and published a book entitled "Facets of Davao History" as part of the Araw ng Davao celebration. RCDD was awarded the District Most Outstanding Club and President.

**President, RY 1997-1998**



### **President Linda C. Tesoro**

led RCDD's Dream Team. Under her leadership, the club's second Interact Club and the second extension club, RC Pag-Asa, were organized. Davao City was declared as the 19th Rotary Peace City of Rotary International through RCDD's initiative and the first Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the club and the City Government of Davao as a partner in service. The dream team won

**President, RY 1998-1999**



### **President Felina A. Javellana**

led the club in realizing its dream to have its own multi-purpose building. A 300-square meter lot was purchased through the Downtown Davao Foundation, Inc. at Barangay Centro, Agdao, Davao City. The land development and construction was funded by a Matching Grant and the World Community Service from Chiba, Japan. During this time, three past presidents left the club to organize the Rotary Club of Davao 2000.

**President, RY 1999-2000**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Vilma U. Kho**

led the club in organizing the first Rotary Community Corps at Barangay Centro, Agdao where the club's multi-purpose building is located. It was named "Center for Hope" and community and vocational service projects were implemented. The RCDD website created by then CICO Edna C. Ko won the "Best Website" award during the RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, the lone awardee from the Philippines. RCDD was awarded the District Most Outstanding Club and President and Most Outstanding Vocational Service.

***President, RY 2000-2001***



### **President Chona Fortuna Caingles**

initiated Project Kontra-Baha in partnership with Task Force Davao and the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Davao Chapter. RCDD helped declog Davao City's open canals, donated garbage cans to barangays, and conducted an awareness campaign on the Solid Waste Management Program of the government. An Anti-Rabies campaign was also launched in partnership with the City Veterinarian Office. RCDD received the Most Outstanding Club President award.

***President, RY 2001-2002***

## **The Second Decade: Overcoming Challenges and Responding to the Needs of the Community**

On the second decade, the club, like the City of Davao, faced many challenges but it remained strong and undaunted with the leadership of the following past presidents:

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Charisse P. Puentespina**

responded to the problems on peace and order in the city by leading the club in launching the Anti-Terrorism Campaign named "Kalinaw sa Dabaw" in partnership with Task Force Davao and the Philippine National Police. The project O.Y.S.T.E.R for out-of-school youth; "Adopt-A-Park" in the city; and "Adopt-A-Ward" at the Davao Medical School Foundation Hospital projects were also initiated. The Family of Rotary and Rotakids were first organized. RCDD got the District Most Outstanding Club Bulletin award and Rotary Foundation District Service Award for President Charisse's Paul Harris Contribution.

**President, RY 2003-2004**



### **President Edna C. Ko President, RY 1998-1999**

led the club in celebrating Rotary's Centennial Year. The club's banner project was the Nuing Spring Water for the indigenous tribe who had no safe drinking water in their remote village. This project won for RCDD the Most Outstanding Community Service award. RCDD hosted the District 3860 Membership Development Seminar and signed Sisterhood Agreements with RC Koronadal and RC Novato, California, USA for a Rotaplant Medical Mission in Davao City. RCDD was awarded the District Most Outstanding Club, International Service, Public Relations, and Most Outstanding President.



### **President Agatha Salanatin Valencia**

led the club in hosting the District Convention in Davao City when Charter President Len Magno became the first woman District Governor of District 3860. RCDD intensified its partnership with various government offices to implement education programs like the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and the Anti-TB Campaign. RCDD received RI Presidential Citation for Outstanding Club Service Projects.

**President, RY 2005-2006**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Maria Richelle Bangoy Vicente**

led the expansion of the Center for Hope into a two-story building with the help of the World Community Service and Rotary clubs in Chiba, Japan. RCDD initiated the "Libreng Tawag" for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families in partnership with PNP and forged a partnership agreement with the Ray of Hope women's jail in Ma-a, Davao City. A Rotary marker with the 4-Way Test was installed at the center island of Barangay 7-A. RCDD got the Most Outstanding Club and President awards with certificates of recognition for all projects in the Four Avenues of Service in Area 2-C.

**President, RY 2006-2007**



### **President Eliza Joy Santos Hilario**

led the development of the Center for Hope with another expansion dubbed as the club's Monument of Service. The project was supported by RC Oyodo, Osaka, Japan. The Rotary Community Corps got sports facilities for children. RCDD Charter President Len Magno was awarded a Women in Rotary Award by Rotary International.

**President, RY 2007-2008**



### **President Marina Bello Ruivivar**

started the institutionalization of the service programs offered in the Center for Hope. She led the club in establishing the Children's Day Care Center in partnership with the City Social Services and Development Office, which has been sustained until now. A nutrition and feeding program were added and school uniforms and school supplies for the children were provided. A community garden at the center was started to sustain the nutrition program. These programs designed for long-term sustainability was supported by the Rotary Foundation and USAID. The club also sponsored the first Rotary Peace Fellow from Mindanao to the Rotary Peace Center in Thailand. RCDD got the Most Outstanding President, Club Bulletin, Literacy Project, Public Relations for Mindanao and RI Presidential Citation awards. President Marina also received a District Governor's Service Award, another first for a club President. **President, RY 2008-2009**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Thelma S. Ciudadano**

led the club in realizing one of RCDD's landmark projects, the Children's Library and Reading Center at People's Park which was funded by the RC Oyodo of Osaka, Japan and turned over to the City Government of Davao through then Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte. RCDD also hosted a Group Study Exchange scholar from Canada and implemented two community water system projects. RCDD was awarded Most Outstanding Club President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin in Area-2C.

***President, RY 2009-2010***



### **President Cristeta G. Gallano**

led the club in strengthening its environmental projects implementing the 3-H Grant Community Water Project in Marilog, Davao City. Improvements were also made in the Center for Hope through new lavatories and comfort rooms for children and installation of rain water catchment. Forged Sister Club Agreements with Rotary Clubs in the USA, Thailand, Metro Manila, Cebu, and Palawan.

***President, RY 2010-2011***



### **President Enerie B. Aquino**

led the club to achieve another milestone — becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club with all members contributing \$1,000 each to the Rotary Foundation. Past President Marina Ruivivar became District Secretary. RCDD was given a Changemaker Award from Rotary International.

***President, RY 2011-2012***



# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Lagrimas T. Acero**

led the club in becoming a Mothers for Peace Circle and partnering with the Mindanao Commission on Women's Mother for Peace Food Revolution Project. The practice of "Pause Muna, Peace Muna" was started as well as workshops on the Women's Peace Table and Youth for Peace. RCDD launched the Pink October advocacy campaign on Breast Cancer Awareness in partnership with the Davao Association for Cancer Awareness. RCDD was awarded the District Most Outstanding Club, President and Secretary for Area 2-C, and Special Service Project Award for Center for Hope. **President, RY 2012-2013**

### **The Third Decade: Transforming the Club for Resiliency and Sustainability**

On the third decade, RCDD experienced many internal difficulties as a club and its commitment to the ideals of Rotary was severely tested. This led to reflection and a stronger resolve to transform the club to become better, more resilient, and sustainable. These are the past presidents who navigated the dark times and made us stronger:



### **President Marie Josephine B. De Vera**

led the club through its financial challenges. Donations intended for the club went to the District Fund. RCDD signed a Sister Club Agreement with RC Toegyewon in South Korea. RCDD received certificates of recognition for the Day Care and Health programs at the Center for Hope.

**President, RY 2013-2014**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Ruth Theresa G. Castellones**

led the club in its first foreign travel upon invitation of sister club, RC Toegyewon in South Korea. Hospital beds and medicines were donated to the Police Regional Office XI Hospital. Another landmark project was the establishment of the Shelter for Abused Women and Children inside Camp Merezido, which received a District Recognition. **President, RY 2014-2015**



### **President Marilyn P. Puno**

led the club in achieving the District Award of Excellence in club service as well as the District Governor's Citation for topping in the 6 Areas of Focus, a commendation for implementing more than one project in each area. RCDD was also in the Top 12 in Annual TRF Giving and one of the Per Capita Clubs. Under her leadership, RCDD organized its first school-based Rotaract Club, which is one of the District's most active Rotaract clubs.

**President, RY 2015-2016**



### **President Rozanne "Twinkle" Gamboa**

led RCDD's efforts to become a more resilient and sustainable club by reviewing the club's Constitution and By-Laws to make it more relevant and responsive. RCDD expanded the Shelter for Abused Women and Children through partnership with PMA Alumni Sinagtala Class of 1986; upgraded the furnishings and hand washing facilities at the Center for Hope and created a Children's Playground. RCDD received the Most Outstanding Club Award and Rotary International Achievement Award. It was named Number 1 Club in District 3860 in TRF Annual Giving and a District Service Awardee in promoting The Rotary Foundation and Public Image Branding. President Twinkle's spouse, Archie was named RI Rotarian Spouse Service Awardee, that year's lone awardee from the Philippines. Past President Twinkle is the second District Governor to come from RCDD. **President, RY 2016-2017**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Angelita M. Ang**

led the club in making a difference in health care and education by building hand washing stations in two public elementary schools which was recognized as an Outstanding Service Project in Disease Prevention and Treatment. RCDD also hosted a Peace Forum which earned for it a recognition as an Outstanding Service Project in Peace and Conflict Resolution. RCDD received Great Rotary Club, President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin awards. **President, RY 2017-2018**



### **President Josefa P. Ortiz**

led a major transformation in RCDD as it became a mixed club in the spirit of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Two male members were inducted and they are celebrating their 5th year as members of the club, with one becoming the first male president serving on our 30th year. RCDD imitated another landmark project, the School of Hope, which is a four-classroom building inside the Davao City Police Office compound to serve the educational needs of children in conflict with the law. RCDD was recognized as Number 2 Club in TRF Annual Giving and a District Recognition for a club with a new Paul Harris Society Member. Past President Twinkle and Spouse Archie Gamboa became the lone District 3860 awardee for the Rotarian Couple Polio Plus Achiever award.

**President, RY 2018-2019**



### **President Ethel Chavez Caceres**

led the club to new heights as it became the number 1 in the Rotary Foundation Annual Giving and Top Polio Plus Achiever. RCDD had the most number of service projects in all Areas of Focus in District 3860 earning for the club a District Recognition for the Elite Circle of Excellence Award and a Rotary Citation Platinum Award.

**President, RY 2019-2020**

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Myla Cocon Agustin**

was RCDD's Covid-19 Pandemic President that led the club in navigating the massive lock-downs and health restrictions. RCDD was one the first clubs responding to the needs of the health and security workers by providing care packages for them in the form of personal protective equipment, packed meals, hygiene kits, and hand washing stations. The club also partnered with the Department of Education in Davao City to provide an online platform for Alternative Learning System (ALS). RCDD Past President Twinkle and Rotarian Archie admitted to The Arch Klump Society Tustee Circle, earning for the club a District Recognition as number 1 Club in TRF Annual Giving.

***President, RY 2020-2021***



### **President Andrea G. Dela Cerna**

led the club in developing resilience to be a relevant club in the "new normal." RCDD focused its efforts in supporting the government's "Resbakuna" Covid-19 vaccination program. The club adopted technology to be able to meet online and the club bulletin shifted to online edition. A landmark project, the Rotary Village in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur, which was built for those affected by the big earthquake in 2019 was launched, led by Rotarian Archie Gamboa, who served as Executive Director of the District Disaster Management, Inc. Another milestone was achieved by RCDD when Past President Twinkle Gamboa was elected District Governor-Nominee. ***President, RY 2021-2022***

# OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

## Celebrating RCDD's 30 Years



### **President Archie Francisco F. Gamboa**

is our Pearl President and he made history as the club's first male president, fresh from retiring as Chief of the Philippine National Police. Barely halfway through his term, RCDD has accomplished most of its targets already starting with the renovation of the Center for Hope. Most of the club projects now are focused on Health, Environment, Economic Development, and Public Image. Notable innovations are the digitalization of The Professionals, our multi-awarded club bulletin, and the "Search for Most Outstanding Rotarian," a membership engagement and development program designed to motivate RCDD members to be more active in club activities. Another club achievement is initiating the first-ever Rotary Christmas Fiesta in partnership with SM City Davao, which RCDD hopes will become a new Rotary tradition not just in Davao, but in the entire District 3860. **President, RY 2022-2023**



# DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



# WHY AM I A ROTARIAN?

## FILOMENA P. LOVITOS

Assistant Treasurer, RCDD

I am a Rotarian because i believe in the Rotary Motto: Service Above Self. It is an honor and privilege to serve the less fortunate in the community through Rotary's various service projects. It allows me to associate and work with others for humanitarian service, meeting friends and at the same time enjoying the company of other Rotarians. Other factors why I become a Rotarian are the 3 RCDD Ladies.. our Charter President Gov. Evelyn Magno, my former employer, my sponsors PP Marina Ruivivar and the late Sofia Gundran .



## ANGELITA M. ANG

Sunshine Chair, RCDD

Being a Rotarian gave me the opportunity to continue my mission as a nurse, that significant role in responding to the medical and health needs of our community.

Being a Rotarian means having the opportunity to experience the warm fellowship of a Rotary club which can greatly expand my circle of acquaintance and foster a lifelong friendships.



# ROTARY INFORMATION

COMPILED BY: PDS/PP MARINA B. RUVIVAR  
CLUB ADMINISTRATION & HISTORIAN

## "FEBRUARY IS PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH"

### ROTARIANS as PEACEBUILDERS

One of the fascinating things about Rotary. We are a service organization based on action. A professional and community networking group supporting the Areas Focus through literacy projects that help people expand their minds and viewpoints. And through water, sanitation, and hygiene projects that create common ground for communities in conflict. The Rotary Action Group for Peace promotes hands-on service projects, and our annual international conventions unite thousands in a celebration of global harmony.

For this month of February, as we celebrate Rotary's 118th anniversary and Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we can be proud of the many ways Rotary promotes peace. Without The Rotary Foundation, and your support of it, none of that would be possible.

You can directly support this work through the Foundation and selecting the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus. I also encourage Rotarians to contribute to the Ian and Juliet Riseley Endowed Fund in The Rotary Foundation to support peace projects.

If Paul Harris could see us now, he would be amazed by the astonishing growth of the little club he founded in 1905 and the global force for good – and peace – that Rotary is today.



# 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	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 & 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

# Roster of Membership & Classification



**Filomena "Fely" P. Lovitos**  
Education/ Nursing



**Vimellee "Chai" R. Madrid**  
Police Training



**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



**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 t-shirts during service project activities. They meet regularly every first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Fellowships are held during weekends.

# Roster of Membership & Classification



**Jomar "Jong" P. Dela Cerna**  
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