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ABOUT THE COVER



RCDD's WASH projects at Babak Elementary School, Island Garden of Samal, turned over on March 31, 2023. Construction of comfort rooms and Handwashing station for children.

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

The theme for the month of March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Our four main projects had required months of preparation due to the logistical requirements needed before they become functional.

Our water system in the Center for Hope in Agdao and an Indigenous People's Community in Pañalum, Paquibato District, both required TRF District Grants in order for us to pursue their implementation.

A dual WASH Project we initiated in Babak, Island Garden of Samal also took months before we were able to make them functional. We expect to introduce water and hygiene in our washing facilities and a boy and girl comfort rooms.

Despite the length of time in their implementation, our Club have successfully fulfilled our mandate to change the lives in our community by providing water which leads to sanitation and hygiene.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao. We have always lived the Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

19th REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2023, Monday @ 11:30 AM Cafe Tavera, Tavers Street, Davao City

PROGRAMME

Theme: WATER, SANITATION, and HYGIENE MONTH

Call To Order &
Welcome Message President Archie

Pause Muna, Peace Muna AVP

Opening Prayer Rtn. Cora

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

Recitation of the Object of
Rotary Rtn. Cora

Introduction of the Visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors
and Guests PP Vi

Updates on the WASH Project in Paquibato
District.....AG/PP Ethel

Awarding of the February 2023 Outstanding
Rotarian..... Pres Archie and
CA/PP Marina

President's Time President Archie

Secretary's TimeSec. Anthony John

Treasurer's TimePP/Acting Treas. Joy

Adjournment President Archie

Program Host: PP Irene

FELLOWSHIP

Barkadahan In Charge: The DREAMERS

Quote of the Month

"It is odd to think of water as the enemy -it is the source of life, the thing that nurtures all living things, and at the same time, is devastatingly cruel."

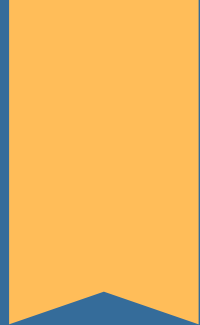
— **The Rotarian,**
January 2011

Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland, 2005-07



Secretary's Report

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



Attendance Report

19th Regular Meeting Service Projects FELLOWSHIP

Members Actual Present	20	26	20
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	20	26	20
Membership Size	39	39	39
Excused due to health reasons	2	2	2
Net Membership Base	37	37	37
Total Attendance Divided by	54%	70%	54%
Net Membership Rate			

EARLY BIRDS:

1. Patricia Melizza "Patmei" B. Ruivivar
2. Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro
3. Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
4. Enerie "Irene" B. Aquino
5. Vilma "Vi" U. Kho

ROTARACTORS:

1. Kenneth Nomar Melliza

GUESTS:

1. DaniCa Janolino- Guest of PP Ethel C. Caceres
2. Diane Janolino- Guest of PP Ethel C. Caceres
3. Maria Rea Lane L. Horfilla- Guest of PP Ethel C. Caceres

Activities for the Month

March 8 - International Women's Day

March 13 - 19th Regular Meeting

March 20-30 (2 weeks and Mar 30 -graduation) Vocational Skills Training @ CFH, Agdao

March 30 - Orientation/Organizing of Interact Club @ the Davao National High School

March 31

a. 3PM- WASH Project @ Babak Elem School, IGACOS;

b. 3:30 PM - Distribution of dental hygiene kits for Babak Elem School, IGACOS students;

c. 5PM - 20th Regular Meeting & Fellowship, Thalassophile Dive Shop, IGACOS

EVENTS

Happy International Women's Day!

Downtown Davao Rotary Club joins the nation in celebrating the

WE for Gender Equality & Inclusive Society
#WecanbeEquALL

2023 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH
March 1 - 31, 2023

In support of:
Philippine Commission on Women

IMAGINE ROTARY

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March 8 - RCDD joined in solidarity with women in Davao City to celebrate International Women's Day. Downtowners showed their support in the activities, from the parade in the morning to the Women's Market at the park, promoting Diversity, Equality and Inclusion 10,000 participants to.

EVENTS

17TH REGULAR MEETING



Guests of AG Ethel Caceres



Early Birds of the Day!



Dreamers Barkadahan has the highest attendance of the day.



Outstanding Rotarian for the month of February is IPP Andrea "Andeng" Dela Cerna.

EVENTS



RCDD's project on Skills Training for Livelihood, dubbed as "Masahe Tun-an, Tubag sa Kalambuan" was conducted at the club's Center for Hope in Agdao District. Twenty (20) trainees benefited from the one-week training project.

EVENTS



An Interact Club was organized at the Davao City National High School (DCNHS), composed of 40 students of the school's Special Program for the Arts. Public Image Co-Chair Patmei B. Ruivivar facilitated the organization and the Orientation. The Interact Club Officers were inducted on March 31, 2023 at the DCNHS Library. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between RCDD represented by President Archie F. Gamboa and DCNHS represented by Principal Evelyn E. Magno. The event was witnessed by DGE Rozanne C. Gamboa, the RCDD Members and the DCNHS teachers headed by the Interact Club adviser, Ms. Noreen Duhaylungsod. RCDD gratefully acknowledged the kind assistance extended by the school's MAPEH/SPA Head Teacher, Mr. Edmund L. Superada.

EVENTS



RCDD SP nr 46: Project Handwashing facility

We at the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao together with the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao and Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion are thrilled to announce the official turnover of our handwashing facility to the Angel Villarica Central Elementary School. As part of our ongoing efforts to promote Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, we worked closely with our partners to design and construct a state-of-the-art facility that will make handwashing more accessible to students of AVCES.

We believe that handwashing is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of disease, and we're committed to doing our part to ensure that the students have access to this essential tool.

We're excited to see the impact that this facility will have on the health and well-being of the students. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this project, and to the AVCES for their continued support of our efforts to promote Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. Let's all do our part to stay healthy and safe!

EVENTS



RCDD SP nr 20: Project Child Dental Care

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao together with the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao and Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion, are passionate about promoting good oral health habits in our community. That's why we recently distributed oral hygiene kits to the Pre-School students of Angel Villarica Central Elementary School, filled with fun and engaging items to encourage healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Our dedicated volunteers worked hard to create these kits, which include items like colorful toothbrushes, fruity-flavored toothpaste, cups, and face towels.

We believe that good oral health is essential to overall well-being, and we're committed to doing our part to make sure that kids in the community have access to the tools they need to maintain healthy teeth and gums. By providing these kits, we hope to inspire a new generation of healthy smiles and happy hearts. Thank you to our sponsors and partners for making this initiative possible, and to all the kids who received our oral hygiene kits - we can't wait to see you shine with bright, healthy smiles!



ROTARY INFORMATION

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

"A WORLD WHERE ALL CHILDREN HAVE WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE "

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are essential for children and their families to live healthy and prosperous lives. WASH is at the core of child health and development and is vital for a child's well-being. We focus on bringing clean water, dignified sanitation and effective hygiene practices to communities, schools and healthcare facilities.

Clean and safe water supplies reduce the time needed to collect water. This allows children to attend school and parents particularly mothers, to have more time to generate income for their families. Safe, private toilets and handwashing facilities with soap keep children and families free from disease.

WASH services at school mean that children can stay healthy and focused on learning. And healthcare facilities equipped with WASH services mean a higher quality of care for patients, including mothers and their newborn babies.

There is still work to be done. More than 700 children still die each day due to diarrhea caused by unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene. The world has made a commitment to ensure that everyone has access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030. This goal is known as Sustainable Development Goal 6.

Our commitment to ensure clean water, sanitation and hygiene, everywhere we work, by 2030.

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



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

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

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.