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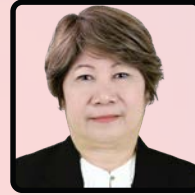
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ABOUT THE COVER



RCDD held a Forum on Digital Literacy with 100 high school student leaders, led by the Downtown Davao Interact Club-Davao City National High School officers and members. A new TAYO Community app was introduced by no less than the founder himself, Mr. Jonathan Traya, a Technology Entrepreneur. The students learned so fast that after the forum they were already using the new app which will then be their major means of communication and a easy way of connecting to each other.

PRAYER

Our dear Lord, thank you for giving us the chance to teach our young students Rotary's Four way Test that would guide them in their growing years. Bless their minds, O Lord that they may have the wisdom to understand Rotary's ideals of service that we are imparting to them and the core values that they need in life. Bless our hearts, O Lord, that we may love these students the way you love us. Bless our whole being that we may be a living example of all the good things that we teach them to do good and create HOPE in the world. Amen.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"No Rotarian whose motto is Service Above Self, I think should not call himself a ROTARIAN if he does not make time to serve."

- Mother Theresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

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President's Message



Ma. Gwendelyn V. Sabsal
President, RY 2023-2024

We extend a warm welcome to our 5th regular gathering. Today, we come together to honor the Rotary theme for September, which focuses on "Basic Education and Literacy."

Under this theme, we will be inducting the new officers of our school-based Interact Club, affiliated with Downtown Davao-Davao City National High School. These young individuals represent the future of Rotary and have the potential to become leaders within our organization. Let us rally behind them as they develop their leadership skills and discover the transformative power of selfless service.

Furthermore, today, we take the opportunity to celebrate the lives of our esteemed members: Past President Sylvia, Immediate Past President Archie, Rotarian Belen, and Rotarian Shiela. The club extends its heartfelt wishes for their continued well-being and abundant blessings.

PROGRAMME

Theme: NEW GENERATION , BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

Call to Order & Welcome Message

Pres. Gwen V. Sabsal

Turnover to the Program Host

Rtn. Jason S. Digal

Pause Muna, Peace Muna

AVP

Opening Prayer

Rtn. Martha L. Carlsen

Singing of the Philippine National Anthem & Rotary

Hymn

AVP

Recitation of the Four Way Test

Rtn. Martha L. Carlsen

Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors & Guests

VP Patmei B. Ruiivivar

Welcome Song

The Downtowners

I. INDUCTION OF INTERACT CLUB OFFICERS

Charging of Officers

PP Bolyn P. Puno New Generation Committee Chair

Induction of Officers

Pres. Gwen V. Sabsal

II. PRESENTATION OF INTERACT CLUB PLANS & PROJECTS

By Interact Club Pres. Shyra Khaye Napala

III. CELEBRATION OF LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

Facilitated b PP/Fellowship & Sunshine Chair Vilma U. Kho

Honoring the September Birthday celebrants

Sept. 1 Shiela Mae S. Toledo

Sept. 2. Archie Francisco F. Gamboa

Sept. 7. Belen D. Gemelo

Sept. 28. Sylvia C. Navarro

Blowing of the Birthday Candles by the Celebrants

Greetings & Singing of the Birthday Song

By the Downtowners and Guests

IV PRESIDENT'S TIME

President Gwen V. Sabsal

Service Projects Budget Hearing

Announcements

V. AWARDING OF OUTSTANDING ROTARIAN FOR THE

MONTH OF August 2023

by PP/CA Angelita M. Ang

Awarding of Prizes for Early Birds & Barkadahan Highest

Attendance

PP/CA Angelita M. Ang

ADJOURNMENT

President Gwen V. Sabsal

Program Host: Rtn .Jason Digal

Attire: School Campus Wear

Barkadahan In Charge: MOTIVATING

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.



Secretary's Page

By: **Ethel C. Caceres**
Secretary

Attendance Report

	1st Regular Meeting	2nd Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	24		15	24
Members with Valid Make-up	0		0	0
Total Attendance	24		15	24
Membership Size	41		41	41
Excused due to health reasons	2		2	2
Net Membership Base	39		39	39
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	62%		38%	62%

EARLY BIRDS:

1. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
2. Gloria "Glo" O. Cabillas
3. Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
4. Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro
5. Edna "Edzz" C. Ko

ROTARACTORS:

1. Pres. Princess Estrellanes
2. PP Kenneth Nomar Melliza

Interact Club of Downtown Davao-Davao City High School

1. Shyra Khaye S. Napala
2. Kevin Miles Sasan
3. Clyde B. Fedices
4. Sophia R. Uy
5. Zyra Katelynn A. Caser
6. Joannalyn Gay C. Licarte
7. Florendo III c. Agustines

Activities for the Month

September 6

5th Regular Meeting, Induction of Interact Club Officers, Celebration of Life

September 14

Bloodletting with AFP at Victoria Plaza

September 8

Launching of Downtown Davao Interact Club-Davao City National High School

September 23-24

Area 2 Garage Sale Project

September 9

Interact Club-DCNHS at the House of Hope

September 28

Digital Literacy Forum @ DCNHS



Sunshine and Fellowship

By: **Vilma U. Kho**
Sunshine Chair



Shiela Toledo
Sept 1



Archie Gamboa
Sept 2



Belen Gemelo
Sept 7



Sylvia Navarro
Sept 28

ROTARY INFORMATION



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP (BELRAG)

In September, Basic Education & Literacy Month takes on even greater importance for Rotarians this year, as we come to see the profound impact of the pandemic on Education and Literacy. Since March 2020, more than 100 countries closed schools for extended periods of time, leaving more than a billion students out of school and many schools have yet to reopen.

As a result there is a great concern that many children will not return to class once schools are reopened because of economic impact, increased pregnancies, general disengagement from education. Yet we know that before pandemic 773 million youth and adults could not read and write and 250 million children fail to acquire literacy skills (UNESCO 2019). Despite gains made in the last two decades to improve literacy, schools closing during the COVID pandemic threaten to reverse positive trends made toward greater school participation as a result of extended periods of time when children and youth not been able to attend school.

Under Supporting Education - one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus - Rotarians understand the critical Importance of literacy. The ability to read and write is an essential skill necessary for our ability to participate and contribute to society. Literacy empowers people, expands our opportunity to lead a productive and meaningful life. Literate people have access to better employment, improved child and family health, and improved nutrition.

BELRAG supports Rotarians to address these challenges to enable children to be confident readers and learners. BELRAG is offering three excellent opportunities to assist clubs and districts in their outreach to support literacy in their communities.

ACCESS TO BOOKS. At home and in school promotes love of reading and better performance in math, science and other subjects.

LITERACY OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY CO. UNITY. BELRAG Literacy Award is an annual opportunity for Rotarians to showcase their community literacy project.

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY. Basic Education and Literacy is the focus of **TOGETHER WE READ**, the partnership between BELRAG and Save the Children.

DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

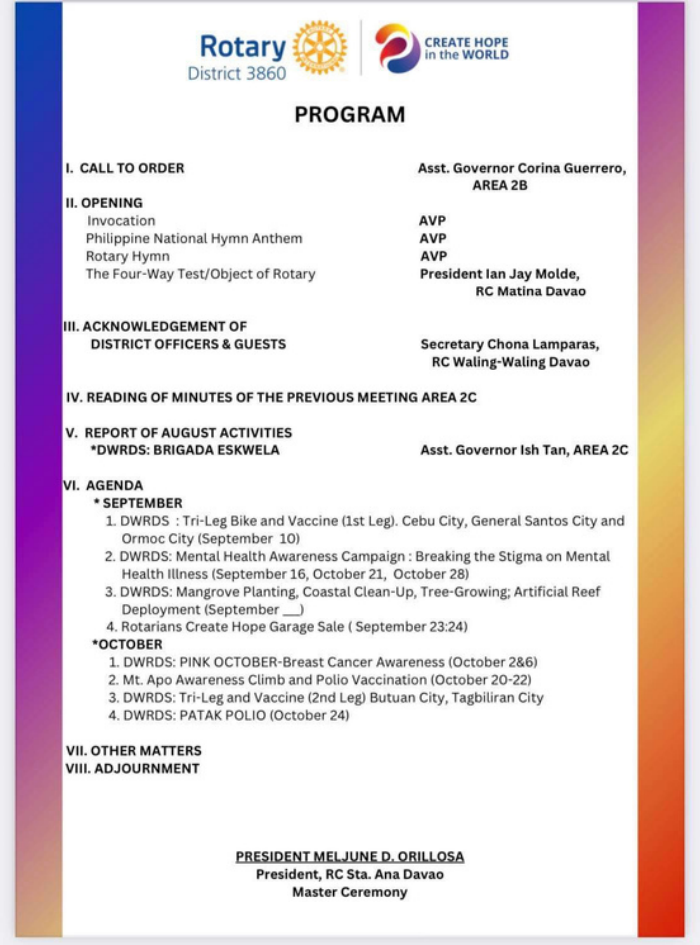


3RD ACOM 2023

3RD AREA COORDINATION MEETING
HOST - AREA 2B

SEP 07 2023

2ND FLOOR, ROADWAY INN
JP LAUREL AVENUE
DAVAO CITY



Rotary District 3860 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

PROGRAM

I. CALL TO ORDER Asst. Governor Corina Guerrero, AREA 2B

II. OPENING
Invocation AVP
Philippine National Hymn Anthem AVP
Rotary Hymn AVP
The Four-Way Test/Object of Rotary President Ian Jay Molde, RC Matina Davao

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS & GUESTS Secretary Chona Lamparas, RC Waling-Waling Davao

IV. READING OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AREA 2C

V. REPORT OF AUGUST ACTIVITIES
*DWRDS: BRIGADA ESKWELA Asst. Governor Ish Tan, AREA 2C

VI. AGENDA
* **SEPTEMBER**
1. DWRDS : Tri-Leg Bike and Vaccine (1st Leg). Cebu City, General Santos City and Ormoc City (September 10)
2. DWRDS: Mental Health Awareness Campaign : Breaking the Stigma on Mental Health Illness (September 16, October 21, October 28)
3. DWRDS: Mangrove Planting, Coastal Clean-Up, Tree-Growing; Artificial Reef Deployment (September __)
4. Rotarians Create Hope Garage Sale (September 23:24)
* **OCTOBER**
1. DWRDS: PINK OCTOBER-Breast Cancer Awareness (October 2&6)
2. Mt. Apo Awareness Climb and Polio Vaccination (October 20-22)
3. DWRDS: Tri-Leg and Vaccine (2nd Leg) Butuan City, Tagbilaran City
4. DWRDS: PATAK POLIO (October 24)

VII. OTHER MATTERS
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT MEL JUNE D. ORILLOSA
President, RC Sta. Ana Davao
Master Ceremony



Rotary District 3860 CREATE HOPE in the WORLD **END POLIO NOW**

R2023 END POLIO
1ST LEG: GENSAN SEP 10 2023

3 DAYS TO GO

EVENT SPONSORS:

BRIGADA, MODERN VISUALS, 4IP, Dugga's, IT DAVAO, LWC CYCLE MART, CEVCEG, DEGBROS BUILDERS, RUSANN MARKETING CORP., GLOBAL synergy, Wingless Link, Dole, Fitbar, Sterling Bank of Asia, BigP

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Rotary District 3860 **END POLIO NOW** **R2023 END POLIO**
1ST LEG: GENSAN SEP 10 2023

OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

3:00AM - Arrival & Registration
4:00AM - Opening program
4:40AM - Gun Start for 80K
4:50AM - Gun Start for 40K
5:00AM - Gun Start for 20K
6:00AM - Zumba
7:00AM - Awarding & Closing Ceremonies

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DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

Rotaract District 3860 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

LEVEL UP!

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP
VIA ZOOM | SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Rotaract District 3860 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

SPEAKER

ANNA LOUISA A. BUMAGAT
Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator Zone 10A, Philippines
Past District Governor
Rotary International District 3860
Topic: Service Project + Public Image Executions = IMPACT

LEVEL UP! DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP

Rotaract District 3860 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

SPEAKER

JOSHUA SANTOS
Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator Zone 10A, Philippines
District Secretary
Rotary International District 3800
Topic: Effective Social Media Management

LEVEL UP! DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP

Rotaract District 3860 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

SPEAKER

AUDIE LAUDENCIA
Rotary Club of Manila Magic
Rotary International District 3810
Topic: Creating Authenticity in Branding

LEVEL UP! DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP

Rotaract District 3860 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

SPEAKER

ANGELISA RAZON-SATOR
Governor's Montly Letter (GML) Associate Editor
Rotary International District 3860
Topic: Writing Your Rotary Story

LEVEL UP! DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE WORKSHOP



FAMILY OF ROTARY

BY PP/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ANDREA "ANDENG" G. DELA CERNA



Mavy Blaire D. Ong (4yrs old)

A smart, happy and energetic kid who embodies the true spirit of joyful living.

(Guardians: PE AJ and Rtn Jason)



Inigo Gabriel "Iggy" G. Abarca

Iggy is a kind and gentle boy, he always thinks of other people's needs.

Iliana Sofia "Yana" G. Abarca

Iliana is outspoken and clever, she figures stuff out on her own.

(Parents: Rtn Xyza and Spouse Kenneth)



Johan "Clark" F. Sencio

A little dreamer with a heart full of hope and wonder.



Johan "Calvin" F. Sencio

A young one full of energy and boundless curiosity.

(Parents: Rtn Jonah Camille and Spouse Nathariel)



FAMILY OF ROTARY

BY PP/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ANDREA "ANDENG" G. DELA CERNA



Andy Janis G. Dela Cerna

a warrior since birth. Plays badminton, golf and loves art.

Abby Jewel G. Dela Cerna

the smart, adorable sweet little girl who loves pink, rainbow and unicorns.

James Thurston G. Dela Cerna

the funny energetic boy who's fond of cooking and eating.

(Parents: PP Andeng and Rtn Jhong)



John Gabriel "Gab" C. Caceres (12 years old)

A youthful pal who is also gentle and cooperative grade 7 junior high school who prefers to lead than to follow.

(Parents: PP Ethel and spouse Benjamin)



Stephen Victor F. Palconit (9yo)

He is our little chef who loves sweets and surprises.

Victor Stephano F. Palconit (5yo)

He is our baby boss, a loving adventurer with a big heart.

Victoria Stephan F. Palconit (12yo)

She is a passionate and outspoken art enthusiast.

(Parents: Rtn Steph and spouse Vic)



HEALTH IS WEALTH

BY PRESIDENT GWENDELYN. V. SABSAL



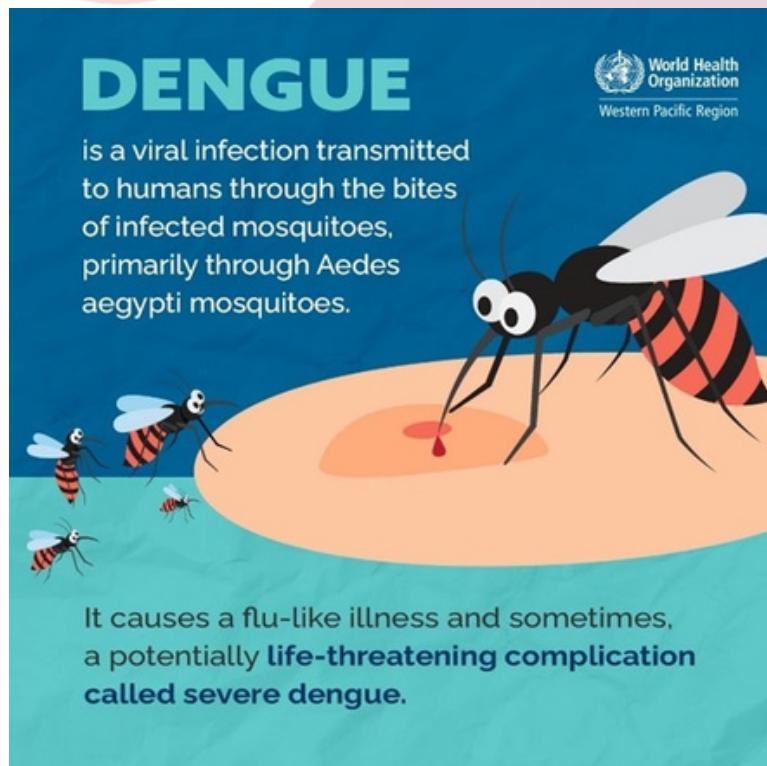
Dengue is a viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes, and it is the primary cause of viral diseases transmitted by arthropods worldwide. It is often referred to as breakbone fever because of the intense muscle spasms and joint pain it causes. It is also known as dandy fever or seven-day fever because the typical duration of symptoms is around seven days. While many cases of dengue are mild or show no symptoms, it can lead to severe illness and even death. The virus is transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes, which are prevalent in tropical and subtropical regions. Over the past few decades, there has been a significant increase in the incidence of dengue, and it has become endemic in certain parts of the world. Some individuals who have been previously infected with one strain of the dengue virus may experience severe capillary permeability and bleeding if they become infected with a different strain, a condition known as dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Dengue fever is caused by four different serotypes (DENV 1-4) of single-stranded RNA viruses belonging to the Flavivirus genus. When a person is infected with one serotype, they develop lifelong immunity against that particular serotype. However, this immunity does not extend to the other serotypes, which means that a person can still be susceptible to infection by the remaining three serotypes even after recovering from one episode of dengue fever.

Dengue infection is characterized by three distinct phases: the febrile phase, the critical phase, and the recovery phase.

During the febrile phase, the individual experiences a sudden onset of high-grade fever, typically reaching around 40°C (104°F), which lasts for approximately two to seven days. In some cases, about 6% of patients, a saddleback or biphasic fever pattern may occur, particularly in individuals with Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) or severe dengue. This pattern involves the fever subsiding for at least one day, followed by a recurrence of fever for at least one more day. Other symptoms that accompany the fever in this phase include facial flushing, skin redness (erythema), muscle and joint pain (myalgias and arthralgias), headache, sore throat, redness of the eyes (conjunctival injection), loss of appetite (anorexia), nausea, and vomiting. Skin manifestations may include a blanchable macular rash that appears in the first one to two days of fever and on the last day of fever, or a secondary maculopapular rash that can develop within 24 hours.

The critical phase, which follows the febrile phase, is characterized by defervescence, a gradual decrease in body temperature to approximately



37.5°C to 38°C (99.5°F to 100.4°F), or lower, occurring from days three to seven. During this phase, there is an increased permeability of capillaries, leading to potential complications. The critical phase usually lasts for one to two days and is marked by a rapid decline in platelet count, elevation in hematocrit (the percentage of red blood cells in the blood) (leukopenia, a low white blood cell count, may occur up to 24 hours before the platelet count drops), and the presence of warning signs. If left untreated, the critical phase can progress to severe complications such as shock, organ dysfunction, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), or bleeding.

The recovery phase signifies the gradual reabsorption of extravascular fluid, which typically takes place over the course of two to three days. During this phase, the patient may display bradycardia, a slower than usual heart rate.

It's important to note that dengue fever can vary in severity, and not all individuals progress through all three phases. Some cases may exhibit milder symptoms and resolve without progressing to the critical phase.

Expanded dengue syndrome refers to uncommon or atypical manifestations that can occur in patients with dengue fever, involving the neurological, hepatic, renal, and other isolated organs. These manifestations can arise due to severe shock resulting from the infection.



HEALTH IS WEALTH

BY PRESIDENT GWENDELYN. V. SABSAL



Neurological complications associated with expanded dengue syndrome may include febrile seizures in young children, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), aseptic meningitis (inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord), and intracranial bleeding.

Gastrointestinal involvement can manifest as hepatitis (inflammation of the liver), liver failure, pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), or acalculous cholecystitis (inflammation of the gallbladder without the presence of gallstones).

Additionally, expanded dengue syndrome may present as myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle), pericarditis (inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart), acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) characterized by severe lung inflammation and fluid accumulation, acute kidney injury, or hemolytic uremic syndrome, which involves the destruction of red blood cells, low platelet count, and kidney dysfunction.

These atypical manifestations can occur in individuals with severe dengue fever and are associated with organ-specific complications. It's important to recognize and manage these complications promptly to ensure appropriate medical intervention and improve patient outcomes.

Common laboratory findings include thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, elevated aspartate aminotransferase. The disease is classified as dengue or severe dengue.

Criteria for Dengue Include

- Probable dengue: The patient lives in or has traveled to a dengue-endemic area. Symptoms include fever and two of the following: nausea, vomiting, rash, myalgias, arthralgias, rash, positive tourniquet test, or leukopenia.
- Warning Signs of Dengue: Abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, clinical fluid accumulation such as ascites or pleural effusion, mucosal bleeding, lethargy, liver enlargement greater than 2 cm, increase in hematocrit, and thrombocytopenia.
- Severe Dengue: Dengue fever with severe plasma leakage, hemorrhage, organ dysfunction including transaminitis greater than 1000 international units per liter, impaired consciousness, myocardial dysfunction, and pulmonary dysfunction
- Dengue shock syndrome clinical warnings: Symptoms include rapidly rising hematocrit, intense abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, and narrowed or absent blood pressure.

- The virus antigen is detectable by ELISA, polymerase chain reaction, or virus isolation from body fluids. Serology will reveal a marked increase in immunoglobulins. A confirmed diagnosis is established by culture, antigen detection, polymerase chain reaction, or serologic testing.

It is vital to assess pregnant patients with dengue as the symptoms may be very similar to preeclampsia.

Treatment / Management

Treatment of dengue depends on the patient's illness phase. Those presenting early without any warning signs can be treated on an outpatient basis with acetaminophen and adequate oral fluids. Such patients should receive an explanation regarding the danger signs and be asked to report to the hospital immediately if they notice any. Patients with warning signs, severe dengue, or other situations like infancy, elderly, pregnancy, diabetes, and those living alone need to be admitted. Those with warning signs can be initiated on IV crystalloids, and the fluid rate is titrated based on the patient's response. Colloids can be started for patients in shock and are also preferred if the patient has already received previous boluses of crystalloid and has not responded. Blood transfusion is warranted in case of severe bleeding or suspected bleeding when the patient remains unstable, and hematocrit falls despite adequate fluid resuscitation. Platelet transfusion is considered when platelet count drops to <20,000 cells/microliter, and there is a high risk of bleeding. Avoid giving aspirin and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and other anticoagulants. No antiviral medications are recommended.

No laboratory tests can predict the progression to severe disease.

Prognosis

Untreated severe dengue fever may have a mortality rate of 10% to 20%. Appropriate supportive care reduces the mortality rate to roughly 1%.



EVENTS

September 6, Wednesday: 5th Regular Meeting & Fellowship
-Celebration of Life for the September birthday celebrants



EVENTS

September 6, Wednesday: 5th Regular Meeting & Fellowship
-Induction of the Interact Club Officers, RY 2023-2024
-Interact Club officers presenting their Proposed Plans and Projects for RY 2023-2024



EVENTS

September 8, Friday: Launching of the Downtown Davao Interact Club-Davao City National High School at the Senior High Bldg, DCNHS, attended by the school principal and RCDD Officers headed by President Gwen.



EVENTS

September 9, Saturday: The Downtown Davao Interactors - Davao City National High School, visited the children with cancer at the House of Hope, bringing toys, books, hygiene kits and food to commemorate the International Month of Childhood Cancer, a regular project of One World Institute of California based foundation headed by Yolanda Ortega-Stern. With them are Davao City's IGDD Head Lorna Mandin, RCDD's GSE Exchange scholar and RCDD Vice- President Patmei B. Ruivivar.



EVENTS

September 9, Saturday: Preparing a GARDEN OF HOPE for the vegetable food supply of the children with cancer at the House of Hope. A humanitarian service project of the Downtown Davao Interact Club-Davao City National High School.



EVENTS

September 14, Thursday - RCDD joined the BLOODLETTING Project of the Arm Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at Victoria Plaza/NCCC Mall, as partners-in-service. Together we CREATE HOPE!



EVENTS

September 23-24: GARAGE SALE, "Garbage Mo, Treasure Ko". A District Project hosted by RC South Davao, participated by Rotary clubs in Area 2 in Davao City.

Rotary
District 3860



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

ROTARIANS CREATE HOPE GARAGE SALE

"Garbage mo, Treasure ko!"



September 23 & 24, 2023 | 8 AM-8 PM | Dr A. Gahol
Ave. corner JA Sarenas Ave. (Old Gas Station)



EVENTS

September 28, Thursday: DIGITAL LITERACY FORUM, Harnessing Social Media to CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD. A project for the New Generation, Basic Education and Literacy. Venue was at the Senior High School Conference Room of the Davao City High School. Participants are 100 students in all levels, led by the Interact Club.



DIGITAL LITERACY FORUM
Harnessing Social Media to Create Hope in the World
September 28, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, SHS Conference Room
Davao City National High School



Resource Speaker: **MR. JONATHAN TRAYA**
Technology Entrepreneur and Founder, TAYO Community App
Davao City National High School Class of 1994



INTERACT CORNER

by: President Shyra Khaye Napala



Interact



Club of Downtown Davao -
Davao City National High School

INTERACT CLUB OF DOWNTOWN DAVAO LAUNCHING

By: Clyde B. Fediles | Secretary

Launching a club in our school can be an exciting and transformative experience. This launching can really help us in our future endeavors since our club is now recognized in our school. I don't have any comments about the program since it was very sailing and smooth. I just want to recommend that next time we should do it with a big audience so that the club will be known more not just by the Student Council and School officials but also by the students and Teachers. I hope that this launch can be a motivation for the officers and members to really do well in everything and the events that may happen. Coordinate also with the school and collaborate with the Supreme Secondary Learner Government. With this, the club will be more successful.

Our Heartfelt Visit to the House of Hope Foundation

By Shyra Khaye S. Napala | President

Our visit to the House of Hope Foundation on September 9, 2023, was an incredibly touching and fulfilling experience. It was a day that reminded us of the power of generosity and the joy that can be found in simple acts of kindness.

As members of the Interact Club, we embarked on our first project for the kids with cancer with a genuine desire to make a positive impact on their lives. Our goal for that day was to share our talents and bring some joy into their lives. It was heartwarming to see the children engage wholeheartedly, their laughter and excitement filling the room. The joy in their eyes as they received these gifts was priceless. These kids are also sweet and strong, despite the challenges that they face at such a young age. Their strength was inspiring and as we left the House of Hope that day, our hearts were full, and our spirits were uplifted.

This experience will forever hold a special place in our hearts, and it motivates us to continue our efforts to spread love, joy, and kindness to those in need. Our first project for the kids with cancer at the House of Hope Foundation was not just about giving; it was about receiving as well. We received valuable lessons in empathy, gratitude, and the true meaning of happiness.

HOUSE OF HOPE REFLECTION

By: Clyde B. Fediles | Secretary

My heart goes out to cancer patients because my mother died of breast cancer in 2019. That's why I was delighted when I found out that we were going to the House of Hope at Southern Philippines Medical Center. I couldn't sleep because I was so excited, and I'm looking forward to September 9, 2023.

When we arrived there, I was teary-eyed because I pity them. They're just kids but they have to suffer that kind of pain. I realized that I should be thankful because I am in good health right now and can enjoy my life without worrying about my health or hospital bills. I also realized that we should take care of our bodies, particularly what we eat because this can lead to disease. Furthermore, I realized that we should help when we can in small ways. This help can be an encouragement for them to get up every single day, this help can be a motivation for them to fight for their life, and this help can be a way for them to experience new things and prolong their lives.

I'm so thankful to the Rotary of Downtown Davao for making this initiative to help these kids with cancer. This act can really make a positive impact on the lives of cancer patients and their families. Knowing that our donation can help ease their burden during a challenging time can be incredibly fulfilling. I hope that we will keep doing this as it is very heartwarming to hear the "thank yous" of the children and see their smiles.



ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



TREES OF HOPE - Mangrove Planting and Coastal Clean-up



The TREES OF HOPE - Mangrove Planting and Coastal Clean-up event was a remarkable occasion held on September 16, 2023, along the beautiful shores of Matina Aplaya in Davao City. This event was a collaborative endeavor that united various organizations, including the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, and several others such as the Rotary Clubs of Central Davao, Davao, and South Davao, as well as the Rotaract Club of South Davao. All these clubs came together with a shared commitment to the environment, aligning with the Area of Focus - Support the Environment.

Through activities like mangrove planting and coastal clean-up, the clubs worked tirelessly to make a lasting impact on the local ecosystem. We aim to ensure that Davao City's pristine coastlines remain healthy and vibrant for generations to come. This event exemplified the power of collective action in raising environmental awareness and fostering sustainability, leaving a positive mark on the community and the environment alike.



THE NEW GENERATION

PP Marilyn "Bolyn" P. Puno
New Generation Committee Chair

RCDD's DAY CARE SERVICE PROJECT

"the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Rotary dreams of a world where children are well loved, well fed, well nourished, well protected and well educated. The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) is helping towards realizing this Rotary dream.

In Rotary year 2008-2009, RCDD formally opened Day Care services to the children of families, who could not afford to send them to pre-schools. RCDD believes that basic education starts at home during their young age, but a support system is needed to help these children to properly grow during their formative years, learn their first literacy skills and develop friendship with others, which their families, particularly their parents could not efficiently give since they too are wanting of these skills.

In partnership with the City Social Services and Development Office (CSSDO), a Day Care was opened at the club's Center for Hope, with teachers trained, supervised and paid by CSSDO. This was to answer the call of the City Government to implement its Early Child Development Program.

RCDD provided for their children's school uniform, their school supplies and books. Free feedings were conducted to provide them with proper nutrition. Christmas for these children is a day when the RCDD Rotarians join them and their parents to share the joy of the season and gift-giving.

The Day Care Center is provided by RCDD with facilities needed for learning, including 2 children comfort rooms, one for the girls and one for the boys. A hand washing station is installed to teach them proper sanitation and hygiene. A playground is likewise provided so they could be safe to play under the shade of the trees with some play facilities.

The RCDD Day Care Service Project has helped develop the children's total personality and learn their first ABC and 1-2-3 before they reach school age, and we are proud to be a part of their growing up. To this day, we are committed to continue caring for these children because we believe in preparing them for their future to CREATE HOPE for them and their families.



RCDD BARKADAHAN RY 2023-2024

Promising

Leader: Irene B. Aquino

1. Thelma S. Ciudadano
2. Andrea Isabel Concepcion
3. Corazon L. Costan
4. Jomar P. Dela Cerna
5. Archie Francisco F. Gamboa
6. Marianne Gamboa-Mosquisa
7. Belen D. Gemelo
8. Stephanie F. Palconit
9. Melch Rivera
10. Marina B. Ruivivar
11. Shiela Mae S. Toledo
12. Lorelei May Zambales

Inspiring

Leader: Fely P. Lovitos

1. Xyza Abarca
2. Gloria O. Cabillas
3. Patrick Co
4. Andrea G. Dela Cerna
5. Cyril Duran
6. Joann Deno
7. Edna C. Ko
8. AJ Modiquello
9. Sylvia C. Navarro
10. Josie P. Ortiz
11. Maria Rea Lane L. Horfilla

Motivating

Leader: Jason Digal

1. Martha Carlsen
2. Joan O. Gulanes
3. Liza Joy Hilario
4. Vilma U. Kho
5. Paul Ko
6. Chai Madrid
7. Florence Magistrado
8. Camille Sencio
9. Bolyn P. Puno
10. Patmei B. Ruivivar
11. Diane R. Janolino

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	PP Andrea Dela Cerna
2022-2023	IPP Archie Francisco F. Gamboa

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Every Rotarian Reach One, Keep One



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



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



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



Princess Joann "Joan" V. Deño
Construction

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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



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



Joan "Joan" O. Gulanes
Banking



Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario
Real Estate Development



Maria Rea Lane "Rea" L. Horfillo
Pediatric Dentistry



Diane "Diane" R. Janolino
Architect



Vilma "Vi" U. Kho
Financing



Edna "Edzz" C. Ko
Scrap Trading & Bailing



Paulino "Paul" B. Ko
Manufacturing/Boxes



Filomena "Fely" P. Lovitos
Education/ Nursing



Vimellee "Chai" R. Madrid
Police Training

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Florence "Flor" R. Magistrado
Law Enforcement



Anthony John "Aj" D. Modiquello
Manufacturing & Trucking



Mariane Louise "Mar" Gamboa-Mosquisa
Real Estate Management



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



Lorelei May "Lore" M. Zambales
Banking



RCDD'S PROFILE and HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

**By PDS/ PP Marina B. Ruivivar
Club Historian**

The commitment to the Rotary motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF became a way of life for every Downtowner as their continuing programs and humanitarian projects on the seven (7) Areas of Focus, serve those who have less in life so they too can enjoy a world that Rotary dreams of.

RCDD prides itself to be consistent in its outstanding performance as a service club working towards excellence without counting the cost. There were challenges along the way especially on financial resources and personal relationships. But undaunted, RCDD survives.

RCDD has been blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in District 3860 since its charter year, receiving awards and recognitions year after year. Its first landmark achievement was when it won its first "Most Outstanding Club and President" awards, in RY 1995-1996, topping all 83 clubs in the district. The most shining moment for the Downtowners was when the club's Centennial Dream Team in RY 1998-1999 won grand slam all the four major district awards: Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary and Club Bulletin (The Professionals), besting 93 clubs in the district. It was considered as the club's glorious historic feat.

In RY 2011-2012, RCDD was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. For the past years and to the present, the club keeps its place on the top five list in contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

RCDD maintains its flagship projects at its Center for Hope, serving Barangays Agdao Centro and Vicente Duterte in Agdao District, Davao City. The service projects address the community's needs for medical and dental healthcare, children's welfare and development, livelihood skills training, maternal and child healthcare. It's partners-in-service are its sponsored Rotary Community Corps (RCC), the City Health Office (CHO), the City Social Service & Development (CSSDO), the Philippine National Police PRO XI, and other civic and non-government organizations.

There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity. RCDD gets its inspiration and motivation from the happy smiles and grateful response of the people it serves, much worthy than the awards received.



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Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club, by then RI President Robert R. Batch. The charter year was one great celebration as the whole Rotary world was then celebrating the 88th Foundation Anniversary of the Rotary International. RCDD became the 29,258th Rotary club worldwide and the 79th club in District 3860.

On its 26th year in RY 2018-2019, RCDD marked another historical milestone when it inducted two distinguished gentlemen to the club membership, Paulino B. Ko, a successful businessman, and Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, a high-ranking Police General, who then became the Chief of the Philippine National Police, and RCDD's first male club President. This turned RCDD into a mixed club from an all-women club to manifest Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness (DEI).

This RY 2023-2024 RCDD starts its 31st year of service and fellowship with 37 men and women of various professions, leaders of their own fields of specialization. RCDD's Roster of Membership is a balance of the senior-aged group, middle-aged and the young generation. This year marks another milestone as its very own Past President Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa is installed as District Governor, the second from the club. The first was the club's Charter President, Evelyn "Len" A. Magno.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) will continue to persevere in God's Grace and guidance, serving and touching other people's lives to CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD.

