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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Rotary is not just about what we do; it's about who we are and the difference we make together."



## ABOUT THE COVER



"The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao with RDL Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Inc. proudly inaugurated new facilities at Buhisan Elementary School: a 3-door comfort room and a 10-faucet handwashing station. This project aims to enhance educational facilities and promote health and sanitation in schools."

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# President's Message



**Anthony John D. Modiquello**  
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Madayaw Davao!

To our esteemed dignitaries, distinguished guests from the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan and Rotary Club of Taichung Marathon, visitors, and friends, Xia Wu Hao! Good Afternoon!

Welcome to our 2nd regular meeting, which also marks the celebration of life and the Kadayawan festivity. Today is truly special as we are honored by the presence of the highly dynamic RC Kaohsiung Metropolitan and Taichung Marathon.

Having journeyed approximately 1,200 miles to partake in service projects and fellowship with us, we are deeply privileged to have you here in our humble city. For the last 3 days, we hope that you had a wonderful and memorable time with us.

Today, we will also be commemorating the birthdays of our fellow Rotarians for the month of August - Marianne, Florence, PP Joy, and baby Rotarian Sean. We wish them all the best in life, good health, and abundant blessings!

This day is truly exceptional as we partake in the festivities of the Kadayawan sa Davao festival, adorned in vibrant attire, savoring delectable cuisine, and witnessing captivating performances from the 3 Teams - The Unicorns, The Fairies, and The Angels! They will be competing and showcasing their talents in the Kadayawan Table Arrangement, Kadayawan Fashion Show, and Showdown.

I would like to thank everyone in advance and congratulate the Team Leaders and members for all the diligent preparations and sharing your time and resources to make this day truly grand and spectacular.

May we have a delightful celebration today! As we all know, Rotary embodies not just service but also fun and fellowship. Let us embrace the spirit of unity and camaraderie as members of the rotary family!







# Secretary's Page

**By: Princess Joann V. Deño**  
Secretary

## Attendance Report

2nd Regular Meeting    Service Projects    FELLOWSHIP

Members Actual Present	33	46	43
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	33	36	43
Membership Size	46	46	46
Excused due to health reasons	2	2	2
Net Membership Base	44	44	44
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	75%	100%	98%

### EARLY BIRDS:

1. Diane "Diane" R. Janolino
2. Masae "Masae" Kondo
3. Edna "Edzz" C. Ko
4. Belen "Belen" D. Gemelo
5. Sean Emmanuel "Sean" Leynes

### VISITING ROTARIANS:

1. DCOS Jose Fortunato "Chi" Uy
2. AG May Divino
3. DCS Arcel Dela Cruz

### ROTARACTORS:

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

## Activities for the Month

### August 3

Brigada Eskwela initiative at Lampa Lapidan Elementary School in Mandug, Davao City

### August 10

Special committee meeting with E-Bulletin Team, "The Professionals."

### August 16

groundbreaking ceremony for a new library at Tanglad Elementary School, Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental.

### August 17

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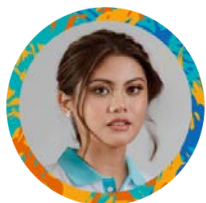
### August 30

"Maghugas Kamay, Germs Goodbye!" Handwashing facility turnover at Buhisan Elementary School, Bunawan



## Sunshine and Fellowship

**By: Enerie B. Aquino**  
Sunshine & Fellowship Chair



**Mariane Louise G. Mosquisa**  
August 8



**Florence R. Magistrado**  
August 8



**Eliza Joy S. Hilario**  
August 14



**Sean Emmanuel C. Leynes**  
August 30



# ROTARY INFORMATION

## CLUB PROVIDES AN ANTIDOTE TO TROUBLED TIMES

*By Diana Schoberg*

It was 2020 and the world was, as Sarah Garrette puts it, “a dumpster fire,” roiled by the global pandemic, unrest over police violence against Black Americans, and a divisive election in the United States. “I felt pretty isolated and wanted to give back, but I felt out of control with things happening in the culture and with the pandemic,” she says. “I thought, I can’t change the big things, but if I start on the microlevel — in the community — those little impacts add up.”

She hopped on Facebook and typed “volunteer opportunities” into the search bar. The Rotary Club of Springboro popped up.

Her dad had been a Rotary member, so Garrette reached out over Facebook. Because of the pandemic, meetings were held over videoconference, and she dropped in to check a few out. She found a dynamic group of people of all ages, about 50/50 women and men, who want to strengthen their community.

This thriving membership wasn’t always the case for the club. It chartered with 25 members in 2004, but by 2007, that number had shrunk, perilously, to 13. Doug Buchy, a member of the Rotary Club of Dayton, was asked to transfer his membership to help bring the Springboro club back to life. While he was Springboro club president in 2009-10, it grew to 17 members. “We stopped the bleed,” he says. “We kept growing and growing.” Today club membership stands at almost 40.



*Members of the Rotary Club of Springboro, Ohio (from left): Scott Marshall, Sarah Garrette, April Walker, and Doug Buchy.*

*Image credit: Meg Vogel*

The club made adjustments to attract new members. It switched from a lunch club to a breakfast club, which offered more convenience in a suburb where residents often work in the larger cities of Dayton or Cincinnati. “People couldn’t come back to Springboro for lunch from where they were working,” explains Buchy. “That’s why we were losing membership.”

To lower costs, a concern especially of younger members, the club decided to meet for coffee instead of breakfast. Occasionally, someone brings doughnuts. “We try to make things really simple,” says Past President April Walker.

A highlight of meetings, members say, is the monthly “get to know a Rotarian” presentation, in which club members take the floor to talk about themselves. One member told about how his dad was a clown; another showed a senior photo from high school in the ’80s in which he sported a mullet and gold chain. “You think you know people in the hour you spend with them, but you don’t,” says Walker, who instituted the club favorite when she was president in 2021-22. “It really added a level of fellowship.” At many meetings, the club also asks “get to know you” questions, such as “Which is your favorite Muppet and why?” and “Did you name your family car when you were a child and what was its name?”

“I know fun is a plain, boring word, but I can’t think of a better way to sum up this club,” says member Scott Marshall. “No person in their right mind wants to be up and at a meeting at 7:30 in the morning. But I really look forward to these things. It’s just a blast.”



# ROTARY INFORMATION

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By *Diana Schoberg*

In another change, the club increased the number of service opportunities and is involved in more than 20 fundraisers and projects each year. On a sunny day in April, the club hosted a “build a bed” project in partnership with the nonprofit [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#). The group collaborated with nearby Rotary clubs to raise \$22,000 to purchase materials and bedding. More than 100 volunteers — club members and their families, high school students, and other community members — gathered at the county fairgrounds in Cincinnati to work assembly-line style to build 150 beds in less than six hours. “These aren’t Ikea ready-to-assemble beds,” Marshall says. “There was wood coming off the truck. We were measuring it, cutting it, drilling holes, branding with the logo.”

To quickly bring new members into the fold, the club surveys them about which committees, projects, and fundraisers they’d like to be involved with. They’re put to work on their choices. “You have to get them involved right away,” says Buchy, the 2023-24 governor for District 6670. (All club members receive the same survey annually.)

When Walker joined the club in 2019, she was “voluntold” to lead its nascent social media efforts. She started taking pictures and livestreaming videos of service projects to put the club out there. “I think people are inherently good; they want to do things in the community but don’t know how,” she says. “We give them an opportunity.”

The club continued to gain members even during the pandemic. When Walker became club president, she made recruiting women and elevating them to leadership positions a centerpiece.

One of them was Garrette, who within six months became club treasurer. And as she tallies what she’s given through Rotary versus what she’s received, the value of her membership becomes clear. “I joined the club in a very polarized time. I was looking for something to ground me, make me more open-minded to others,” she says. “If we can find common ground through giving back to our community and surrounding area, it gives me a lot of hope that people aren’t all that different after all. I’ve gotten back tenfold.”

And she’s able to lead by example for her two young children. “Now my kids think Rotary is super cool,” she says. “They always ask if they can go to meetings, probably because it’s before school and they can get a doughnut.”

This story originally appeared in the September 2024 issue of [Rotary](#) magazine.

### CLUB HEALTH CHECK

To see how your club is doing and find remedies to any problems, check out Rotary’s club health check, which assesses club well-being in several areas:

- **Club experience:** Members who have a positive experience are more likely to stay, and their enthusiasm is contagious.
- **Service and social events:** Service and fun with fellow members are the main reasons people join and stick with a club.
- **Members:** A healthy club is one that is growing and changing; having members with diverse perspectives and experiences fuels innovation and gives your club a broader understanding of your community’s needs.
- **Image:** A positive public image improves your club’s relationship with the community and prospective members.
- **Business and operations:** Leadership development, strategic planning, and succession planning are ways to fortify your club.





# DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

Rotary  
District 3860



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR

DAVAO CITY - MINDANAO LEG

ACACIA HOTEL

SEPTEMBER 07, 2024 (8AM - 5PM)

REGISTRATION FEE

Rotarians: Php 2,500.00 Rotaractors: Php 1,800.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 24, 2024



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FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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ROTARY COORDINATOR



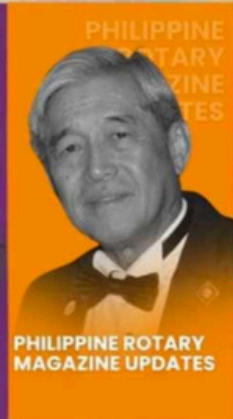
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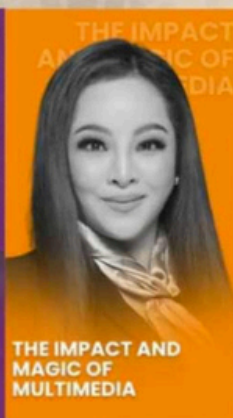
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ROTARY FOUNDATION  
GRANTS

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# Editorial Note:



## The Heart of Rotary: Building Connections and Creating Impact

In Rotary, membership is more than just joining an organization; it's about becoming part of a global network dedicated to service and positive change. Each member brings unique skills, perspectives, and passions to the table, together driving our mission to improve lives and communities.

As we celebrate Membership Month, it's a moment to reflect on the profound impact of being part of Rotary. Our members are the heart of our initiatives—whether we're leading projects that address critical needs or building connections that inspire new ideas. The strength of Rotary lies in this diverse and committed membership, working together to uphold our values and achieve our vision of a better world.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Rotary is the chance to build lasting relationships, not just within our own club but with sisterhood clubs and fellow Rotarians around the world. These connections expand our reach and amplify the impact of our efforts. By collaborating with other clubs, we create a broader network of support and expertise, fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation.

Our commitment to service stretches far beyond our local community. Each new member and partnership strengthen our ability to address the world's most pressing issues. As we welcome new members into our Rotary family and build deeper ties with our sisterhood clubs, we reinforce our dedication to making a difference, one step at a time.

Let's celebrate what makes Rotary special—our membership and the connections we build. By embracing the chances to lead, connect, and serve, we can create a lasting impact that truly changes lives and strengthens our community.

## 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.

# Finding Purpose and Community: Why I Joined the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao

By: Rtn. Gretchen Alngog



As I reflect on my decision to join the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, I realize it was a choice rooted in a desire to give back to my community in meaningful ways. Rotary is a global organization known for its commitment to service, fellowship, and leadership, and I felt drawn to its mission and values. But it was more than just the ideals of Rotary that inspired me to become a member; it was the specific sense of community, purpose, and impact I found in the Downtown Davao chapter that truly motivated me.

Growing up in Davao City, I have always felt a deep connection to the community. One of the most compelling reasons for joining Rotary is its unwavering commitment to service above self. The club's focus on humanitarian efforts resonates deeply with my personal values. I am inspired by the projects that benefit the local community, from promoting literacy and education to supporting health initiatives and environmental conservation. Being part of an organization that actively engages in meaningful service projects allows me to contribute positively to the lives of others and help address pressing social issues. I've witnessed the unique blend of resilience, generosity, and unity that defines our city. The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao offers countless opportunities to serve the community.

Another reason I joined Rotary is the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for service. The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao is a diverse group of professionals, leaders, and volunteers from different backgrounds, all united by a common goal: to make a difference. I saw this as an opportunity to build lasting friendships and professional connections. Engaging with fellow Rotarians fosters collaboration and a sense of camaraderie as we work together towards common goals. This community spirit is an invaluable aspect of my Rotary experience and it is truly inspiring to be surrounded by people who are dedicated to creating a better world.

While Rotary's impact is felt locally, it is also a global organization with a significant worldwide presence. By joining Rotary, I am now part of a vast network of over a million members across the globe who are working to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, and grow local economies. The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao offers a platform where local action meets global impact. Knowing that our efforts in Davao are connected to a larger movement of positive change around the world is incredibly motivating.

As a member of the Rotary Club, one of the guiding principles that I strive to embody in both my personal and professional life is the Four-Way Test. This test serves as a moral code for ethical behavior, and it reflects the values that Rotary holds on integrity, fairness, goodwill, and beneficial relationships towards the Magic of Rotary.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao feels like home. From the very first meeting I attended, I was warmly welcomed and immediately felt a sense of belonging. There is a genuine spirit of friendship, inclusivity, and mutual support among the members that makes being a part of this club truly special. It's a place where I know I can make a difference, build lasting friendships, and grow both personally and professionally.

I joined the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao because it aligns with my values, my desire to serve, and my aspiration to be part of something larger than myself. It's a place where passion meets action, where community service meets global impact, and where individuals come together to make a difference. I am proud to be a Rotarian, and I look forward to contributing to the continued success and growth of the club, celebrating its legacy of service, and being part of its bright future.

Mabuhay RCDD!



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## Brigada Eskwela initiative at Lampa Lapidan Elementary School

Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, in collaboration with other Rotary Clubs in Area2C (RC Central Davao, RC East Davao, RC West Davao, and RC Calinan), organized a meaningful Brigada Eskwela initiative at Lampa Lapidan Elementary School in Mandug, Davao City. The Rotary Club of Davao headed by Assistant Governor May Bandoquillo Divino took the lead in this community service endeavor.





# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## 3rd Area Coordination Meeting (ACOM)

On August 9th, the 3rd Area Coordination Meeting (ACOM) was held at Roadway Inn, attended by District Officers, Presidents and Secretaries from the Rotary Clubs of Area 2A, 2B, and 2C. The meeting was convened to discuss various important matters and initiatives concerning the participating clubs.

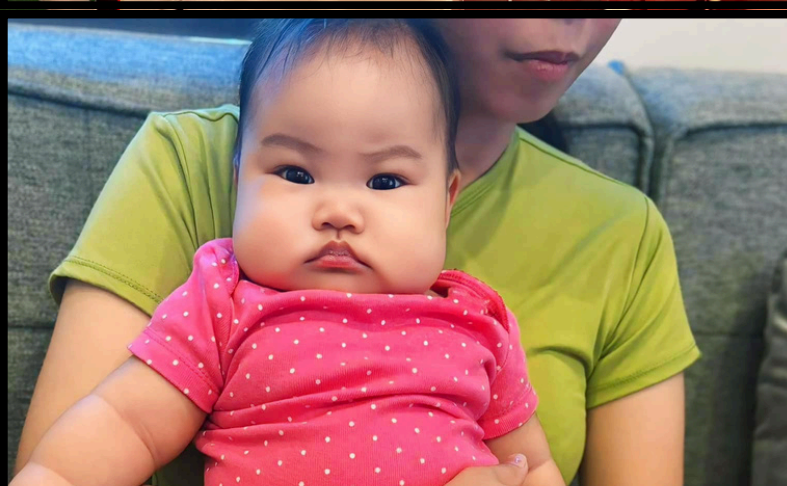
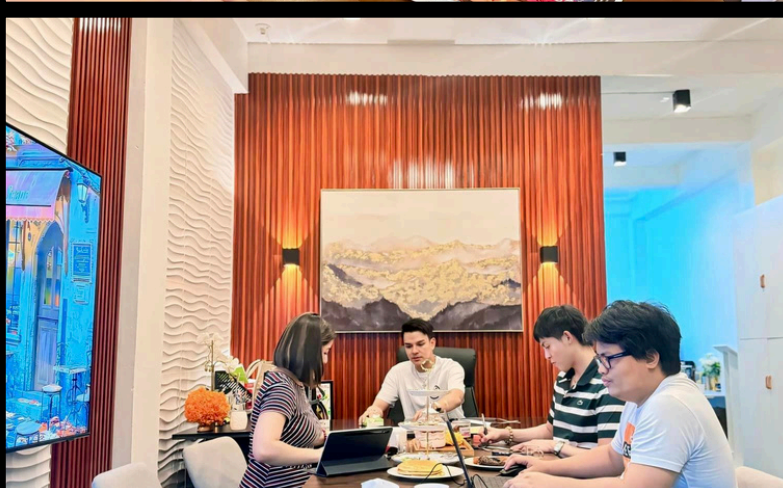
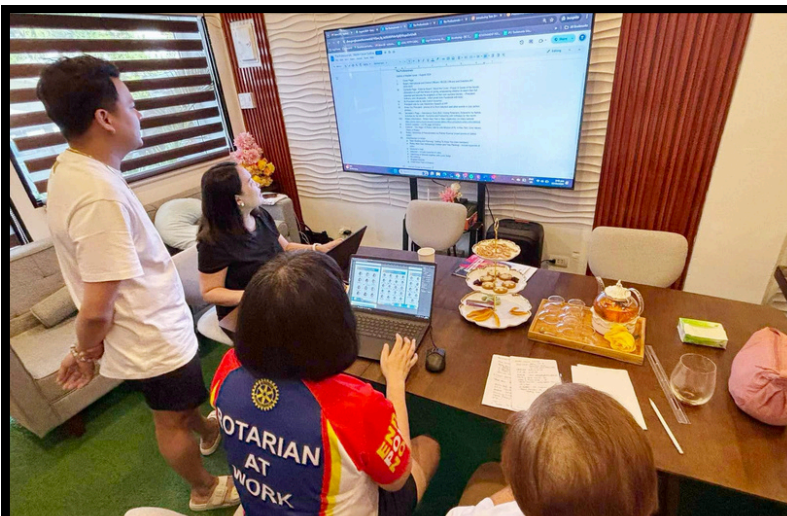




# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## ***Special committee meeting with E-Bulletin Team, "The Professionals."***

August 10 (Saturday), the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao convened a special committee meeting with its esteemed E-Bulletin Team, fondly known as "The Professionals." The helm of this dynamic team was none other than Editor-in-Chief Xyza Abarca, whose passion for storytelling and flair for design had elevated the club's digital presence to new heights.





# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new library at Tanglad Elementary School in Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental

On August 16, 2024, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao proudly held the groundbreaking ceremony for a new library at Tanglad Elementary School in Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental. This significant initiative is part of RCDD's signature project focused on Basic Education and Literacy, aimed at providing students with a conducive learning environment.



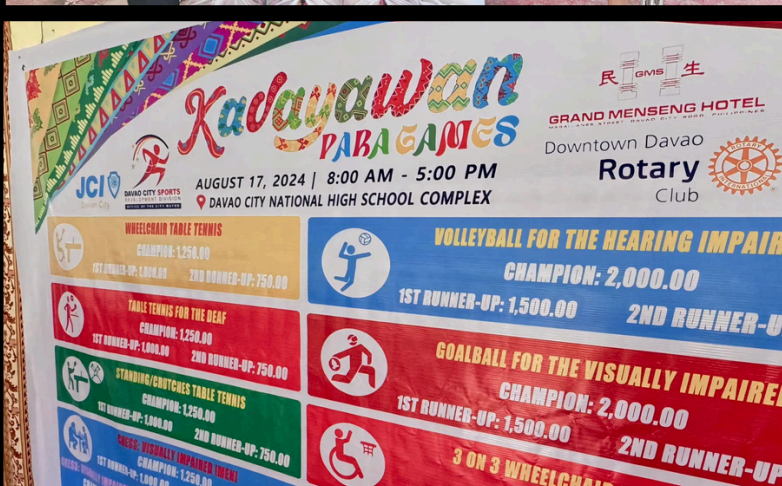


# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## Kadayawan ParaGames

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao proudly supports the Kadayawan ParaGames organized by the Association of Differently Abled Persons in Davao City, held on August 17 at the Davao City National High School Sports Complex.

As part of our commitment to inclusivity, the club provided food packs and snacks for the players, coaches, and working committee, ensuring everyone felt valued and supported during this special event. The ParaGames is an annual celebration that promotes inclusion and highlights the strength, determination, and extraordinary spirit of every athlete.





# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## **Distribution of "Magic of Rotary" bags, school supplies, and food packs at CFH, Agdao**

On August 23, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao organized a heartwarming event at the Center for Hope in Agdao, where they distributed "Magic of Rotary" bags, school supplies, and food packs. This initiative was made possible through a partnership with visitors from the Rotary Clubs of Kaohsiung Metropolitan and Taichung Marathon.





# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## 2nd Regular Meeting at the Dleonor Hotel in Bajada, Davao City

On August 23, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) held its 2nd regular meeting at the Dleonor Hotel in Bajada, Davao City, coinciding with the vibrant Kadayawan Festival. This festive gathering was enriched by the presence of distinguished guests from the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan and the Rotary Club of Taichung Marathon, who were warmly welcomed with captivating cultural dance performances from the Kathara Dance Theatre Collective.

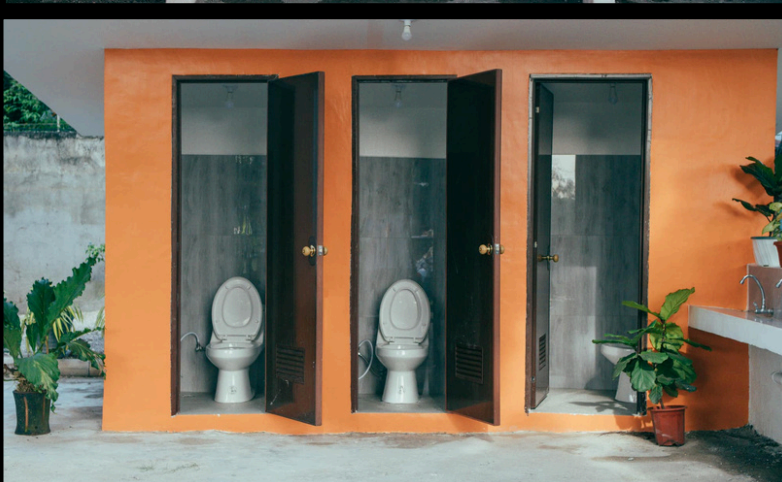




# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## **The Turnover of a 3-Door Comfort Room Project and 10-faucet handwashing facilities to Buhisan Elementary School in Tibungco, Davao City**

August 30 - The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, in partnership with RDL Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Inc., proudly celebrated the turnover of a 3-door comfort room project and 10-faucet handwashing facilities to Buhisan Elementary School in Tibungco, Davao City. This initiative is part of a larger commitment to enhance educational facilities and promote health and sanitation in schools.



**Rotary Club**  
Club of Downtown Davao  
Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao  
Interact Club of Downtown Davao

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# INTERACT CORNER

by: President Shyra Khaye Napala



Club of Downtown Davao -  
Davao City National High School

To the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, to my advisers, and to my fellow Interact Club members, it is with a heart full of gratitude and a mind brimming with memories. As my term as the President of the Interact Club of Davao City National High School comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on a year filled with imagining a dream of a club becoming reality, by creating hope in the world and spreading the magic of Rotary.

We embarked on this journey fueled by the desire to make a difference in our community. A journey that has shaped me in ways I could never have imagined. We embraced every opportunity to serve with enthusiasm and dedication. During the term, we learned the importance of teamwork and the joy of making a positive impact on the lives of others. We learned that the true leadership is not about titles or positions, but about taking responsibility, serving and inspiring others.

As we move forward, I urge you to carry the spirit of Interact with you. Always remember the lessons we've learned and the impact we've made. Continue to live your life with passion and purpose, and leave a legacy that will inspire generations to come. I believe that the world needs your unique talents, your voices and commitment to making a difference.

Lastly, thank you to the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, to the Imagine Rotary President, Sir Archie Francisco Gamboa, the Hope-Creating President, Ma'am Ma. Gwendelyn V. Sabsal, and to the Irresistible President, Sir Anthony John Modiquello, for all the opportunities and experiences and helping us to realize the true meaning of "Service Above Self". To our beloved school principal of Davao City National High School, Ma'am Evelyn Magno, and to our SDS, Reynante Solitario, for allowing us to experience the power of service and leadership of the Rotary Club. And to our advisers, Ma'am Noreen Duhaylungsod and Ma'am Jasmine Bongco, for guiding us to become good and responsible leaders.

As I bid farewell, my heart is filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside all of you. I will always carry all the lessons we've learned, and the motto "Service Above Self" close to my heart. I will continue to serve others, inspired by the experiences and friendships formed within this incredible club. Thank you, Interact and Rotary Club, for making this journey so meaningful and unforgettable. May our journey together inspire us to continue making a difference in the world, one act of service, one moment of passion, and one step towards purpose at a time.





# ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



Club of Downtown Davao  
Poblacion

## ROTARACT 3860 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT WELCOMED BACK PDG TOM GUMP AS GUEST OF HONOR FOR 2024

By: ADRR/PP Kenneth Nomar A. Melliza

The second edition of the Rotaract 3860 Membership Summit was an unforgettable event, featuring exciting updates and inspiring speakers! We were thrilled to have our esteemed Plenary Speaker, PDG Tom Gump, return as the Guest of Honor for the 2024 Rotaract Membership Summit of Rotary International District 3860.

PDG Tom Gump, a visionary leader and a prominent figure in Rotary International, presented fresh insights from recent membership surveys conducted by Rotary International. His presentation, *"Bridging the Gap: Understanding the Differences Between What Rotarians Want & What Rotaractors Seek,"* delved into the distinctions in expectations and desires between Rotarians and Rotaractors.

This topic offered valuable perspectives for both Rotarians and Rotaractors, shedding light on how we can collaborate more effectively and build a stronger, more cohesive district community.

In addition to PDG Tom Gump's keynote, the summit featured three compelling presentations by distinguished speakers on the following topics:

- \*\*Resilient:\*\*** \*Discover the legacy of Rotaract through the years and how it continues to shape us.\* This session highlighted Rotaract's rich history and its adaptability over time, inspiring the next generation of leaders.
- \*\*Transformative:\*\*** \*Learn how embracing change can empower you to lead and innovate.\* This talk focused on the power of adaptability and innovation, offering insights into how embracing change can create lasting leadership impacts.
- \*\*Resourceful:\*\*** \*Uncover the secrets to maximizing impact with limited resources in advocacy and community projects.\* This practical session guided attendees on how to make the most out of available resources to create meaningful and effective community-based initiatives.

The Rotaract Clubs of District 3860 were excited to have PDG Tom back, as his expertise and passion for Rotary membership inspired new approaches to member engagement and retention. His deep understanding of the Rotary-Rotaract relationship was crucial for helping bridge generational and organizational gaps, ensuring the future success of the district.

Among the attendees was the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion, represented by five members who actively participated in the discussions and gained valuable insights from the summit.

With such a rich lineup of speakers and topics, this year's summit empowered participants with knowledge, strategies, and inspiration to drive their Rotaract clubs to greater heights.





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### WHY DO PEOPLE JOIN ROTARY?

Local community service

Friendship & fellowship

Service beyond the local community

Professional & leadership development opportunities

### ABOUT THE DATA

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#### 2021 & 2022 Rotary All-Member Survey

- Sent to all Rotarians & Rotaractors
- 2021: 69,713 responses, 6.1% response rate
- 2022: 78,057 responses, 8% response rate

#### 2022 Rotary Programs & Offerings Survey

- Sent to 100,000 Rotarians and Rotaractors
- 2,534 responses, 3% response rate

#### 2022 Rotary Leadership Survey

- Sent to all Regional Leaders, D/Gs, Club Leaders, & Rotaract Presidents
- 14,315 responses, 9.6% response rate

Tom Gump  
Vice to Rotary International President 2024-25  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Charlie Flore... RAC Greater...





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F. GAMBOA**



**IPP MA. GWENDELYN V.  
SABSAL**



# ROSTER OF MEMBERS AND CLASSIFICATION



**ABARCA, THERESE XYZA G.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11584394**  
**Legal Service**



**ANG, ANGELITA M.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5462947**  
**Aqua Culture**



**AQUINO, ENERIE B.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5261734**  
**Building Leasing**



**CABILLAS, GLORIA O.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5686886**  
**Engineering/Contractor**



**CACERES, ETHEL C.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 9349297**  
**Dental Care & Digital Imaging**



**CARLSEN, MARTHA L.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 3425919**  
**Real Estate Leasing**



**CIUDADANO, THELMA S.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 6181275**  
**Auditing/ Business Admin and  
Tax Management Service**



**COSTAN, CORAZON L.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 2348138**  
**Fruit Farming**



**CONCEPCION, ANDREA ISABEL**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11584389**  
**Agricultural**



**DELA CERNA, ANDREA G.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 9712856**  
**Law Enforcement/Operations**



**DELA CERNA, JOMAR P.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11278527**  
**Law Enforcement/Investigation**



**DEÑO, PRINCESS JOANN V.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11758446**  
**Construction**



**DIGAL, JASON S.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11310106**  
**Livestock**



**DURAN, CYRIL C.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11547098**  
**Architectural/Engineering**



**GAMBOA ARCHIE FRANCISCO F.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 10340588**  
**Legal Service**



**GAMBOA, ROZANNE C.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5686897**  
**Lending Industry**



**GEMELO, BELEN D.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 8822868**  
**Industrial Sales & Services**



**GULANES, JOAN O.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 9524492**  
**Commercial Banking**



**HILARIO, ELIZA JOY S.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5167580**  
**Real State Development**



# ROSTER OF MEMBERS AND CLASSIFICATION



**HORFILLA, MARIA REA LANE L.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11844791**  
**Pediatric Dentist**



**JANOLINO, DIANE R.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11844796**  
**Architect**



**KHO, VILMA U.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 2085839**  
**Financing**



**KO, EDNA C.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 2285202**  
**Scrap Trading & Bailing**



**KO, PAULINO B.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 10340584**  
**Manufacturing**



**LOVITOS, FILOMENA P.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5167541**  
**Education/ Nursing**



**MADRID, VIMELLE R.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11584398**  
**Law Enforcement/Community Affairs**



**MAGISTRADO, FLORENCE R.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 9826089**  
**Law Enforcement**



**MODIQUELLO, ANTHONY JOHN D.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 10950091**  
**Manufacturing & Trucking**



**MOSQUISA, MARIANE LOUISE G.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11451539**  
**Real State Management**



**NAVARRO, SYLVIA C.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 3130927**  
**Financial Consultancy**



**ORTIZ, JOSEFA P.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 5167581**  
**Agriculture**



**PALCONIT, STEPHANIE F.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11278518**  
**Education/University Professor**



**PUNO, MARILYN P.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 8572169**  
**Public Health/ General Dentistry**



**RUIVIVAR, MARINA B.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 2085900**  
**Private Education**



**RUIVIVAR, PATRICIA MELIZZA B.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 6142205**  
**Media and Cooperatives**



**SABSAL, MARIE GWENDELYN V.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 9712869**  
**Physician**



**SENCIO, JONAH CAMILLE F.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 11547100**  
**Car Distribution**



**TOLEDO, SHIELA MAE S.**  
**Rotary ID No.: 10383442**  
**General Construction**



## RCDD NEW MEMBERS



**ALNGOG, GIL JOHN "GRETCHEN" M.**  
*Beauty & Wellness*



**BULABOG, LENIE G.**  
*Skin Care & Fitness*



**HO, KIM LOUISE N.**  
*Manufacturer & Industrial  
Oil Distributor*



**KONDO, MASAE**  
*Business Consultancy*



**LEYNES, SEAN EMMANUEL C.**  
*Resort & Restaurant*



**PADILLA, JOHN RICH**  
*Resort & Restaurant*



**PADILLA, NOVEE LOIE RICYL C.**  
*Hotel & Restaurant*



**REYES, LOVELY ANNE V.**  
*Nurse / Medical Supplier*

## RCDD HONORARY MEMBERS



**CASAYSAY, OSCAR G.**  
*Culture and Arts Manager*



**EGAWA, CHERRY ANN SARDIDO**  
*Quality Assurance Manager*



**MAIZ, DERF HANZEL**  
*Media and Communication  
Educator*



**NUEZA, SHEILA EMMANUELLE T.**  
*Project Manager/Business  
Process Outsourcing*



**O'CONNOR, ROSEMARIE**  
*Network System  
Shareholder*



**PARILLA, PABLITO P.**  
*Manpower Agency*



**SOLITARIO, REYNANTE A.**  
*Educator*



**ZABALA, RONA**  
*Travel Agency*



# RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2024-2025

by PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar, RCDD Club Historian

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

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

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 winning 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 club was when its Centennial Dream Team in RY 1998-1999 won a grand slam in all four major district awards as Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin-The Professionals", besting 93 clubs in the district. It was recorded as the club's glorious historic feat. RCDD has been dubbed a multi-awarded club through its 31 years of service.

In RY 2011-2012, RCDD was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, and in RY 2023-2024 as a "Promised Club" with all the members contributing to the Endowment Fund with (5) Major Donors. RCDD is consistently among the top contributors to the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

RCDD maintains its flagship projects at its Center for Hope, serving the marginal families of Barangays Agdao Centro and Vicente Duterte in Agdao District, Davao City. Through a daycare center, humanitarian service projects continue to address the community's needs for the welfare and development of children during their formative years. It also addresses their medical-dental, healthcare, and livelihood skills training needs. It has sponsored a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) as a partner-in-service with some non-government organizations, the Philippine National Police (PNP), other local and International Rotary Clubs, and the City Government.

RCDD was Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club by RI President Robert R. Batch. The charter year was one grand celebration as the Rotary World celebrated the 88th Foundation Anniversary of the Rotary International. RCDD became the 29,258th Rotary club worldwide and the 79th club in District 3860 (Visayas and Mindanao). The Club started with twenty-eight (28) women executives with various professions of one classification each.

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, then became the Chief of the Philippine National Police and RCDD's first male club President (2022-2023). This turned RCDD into a mixed club from an all-women club, practicing Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness (DEI) principle.



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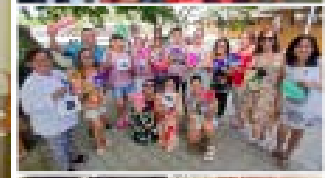
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RY 2023-2024 marked another milestone when another club's Past President, Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa, was the District Governor, the second from the club. The first woman District Governor came from the club, Charter President Evelyn "Len" A. Magno (RY 2005-2006).

There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity, inspired and motivated by the happy smiles and grateful responses from the people it serves, much more worthy than the awards it receives.

This RY 2024-2025, RCDD starts its 32nd year of service and fellowship with 39 strong men and women of various professions and leaders of their fields of specialization. RCDD's Roster of Membership is a balance of a senior-aged group, middle-aged and young generation, five (5) male and 36 female, under the new young leadership of President Anthony John D. Modiquello.

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 make a difference, spreading the "MAGIC OF ROTARY".





# Downtown Davao **Rotary** Club



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