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## *Maghugas Kamay, Germs Goodbye! Toril Elementary School - Samal*





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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Thousands have lived without love, not one without water."*

**-W. H. AUDEN**

## ABOUT THE COVER



On June 3, 2025, the RCDD turned over a 2-door comfort room and 10-faucet handwashing facility to Toril Elementary School - Samal, promoting better hygiene and student health through the "Maghugas Kamay, Germs Goodbye!" WASH Project.

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## Editorial Note:



This month's issue is a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do.

At Toril Elementary School – Samal, we witnessed the simple joy of children learning how to properly wash their hands, made possible through our WASH project turnover. Seeing their smiles as they tried out the new handwashing station and comfort room was proof that even small efforts can lead to big changes. Thanks to our partners from the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser and our Satellite Club in Samal, we were able to turn a basic need into a meaningful gift—one that will serve hundreds of students every day.

We also looked back on a night filled with laughter, cheers, and quiet moments of gratitude during our Awards Night 2025. It was a celebration not just of achievements, but of people—our Downtowners, partners, and friends—who made this Rotary year magical. Every project, every meeting, every effort poured into service found its echo in that evening of recognition and camaraderie. As we close out this Rotary year, may we carry the energy of these moments forward. Here's to more impact, more heart, and more reasons to keep serving. Because at the end of the day, that's the magic of Rotary.

## 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.



# State of the Club Address



**Anthony John D. Modiquello**  
President, 2024-2025

It is with deep gratitude and a sense of purpose that I stand before you today to reflect on the extraordinary year we've shared — a year filled with hope, transformation, and the magic of service. As President of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao for Rotary Year 2024-2025, I am humbled by the collective dedication of our members, partners, and community stakeholders who made this journey truly magical.

This year's theme, "Magic of Rotary," served as our guiding light, reminding us that the true magic lies in our ability to touch lives, ignite hope, and create lasting change through selfless service. Every project, every act of kindness, was infused with the magic of Rotary — a power that transforms communities and empowers individuals.

## **A Year of Focus and Fulfillment**

Our goal this Rotary year centered around the Rotary 7 Areas of Focus, with a special emphasis on Basic Education and Literacy—the cornerstone of sustainable development and a fundamental human right. We believe that empowering our youth with knowledge and resources is the key to unlocking brighter futures.

## **Our Signature Projects in Basic Education and Literacy:**

**We launched and completed several projects aimed at improving literacy and access to quality education:**

The Library and Multi-media Learning Center at Tangled Elementary School, a partnership with Dragon Speed Trucking Corp, AccelAlliance Construction,

and Davao Penda Inc., is now a beacon of learning and inspiration for over 500 students. We transformed from what they call "sampayan ng karunungan" to a more modern and spacious learning environment. The library is more than just a building — it's a magical space where young minds can dream, learn, and grow.

We also distributed Magic of Rotary School Bags and supplies to over 380 students across various communities—from Tangled Elementary School, Center for Hope in Agdao, Child-Hope Field of Dreams, and the Matigsalug Children of Sitio Marahan. These bags are more than just school supplies; they are symbols of hope, opportunity, and the magic of learning.

Our Rotary Christmas Fiesta for 100 learners with disabilities brought a special kind of magic — providing them with school supplies, gifts, smiles, joy, and the warmth of community during the holiday season, reminding us that kindness creates miracles.

These projects exemplify how Rotary's magic can brighten the path to education, opening doors to brighter futures and empowering our youth. They reaffirm our commitment that education is the greatest equalizer and a powerful tool for social change.

## **Beyond Education: Our Broader Impact**

The magic of Rotary also shone brightly as our club also actively contributed to other vital areas:

### **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):**

In partnership with RDL Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Inc., we built a three-door toilet and handwashing facilities at Buhisan Elementary School, benefitting 1,200 students.

Additionally, we built two-door Comfort rooms with a water tank and handwashing facility at Tangled Elementary School through the generous donation and partnership of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser.

On June 3, we turned over the 2-door Comfort rooms with 10-faucet handwashing for the 362 students at Toril Elementary School in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser and our new Satellite Club of Downtown Davao—Samal.

These WASH Projects benefited a total of 2150 Students and teachers. This underscores the importance of having clean and functional washing areas and toilets in our schools.



By providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities, we are investing in the well-being and future of our children, empowering them to focus on their education without the burden of health-related concerns.

### **Disease Prevention and Treatment:**

We organized the Pink October Breast Cancer activities, reaching over 1,200 participants through walks, screenings, Zumba, and a forum.

The district-wide Bloodletting activity was also a big success, thanks to the collaboration and efforts of all the Rotary Clubs of Area 2A, 2B, and 2C.

Our Polio eradication efforts, including the District Patak Polio initiative and the Sold Out EndPolio Moana 2 Block Screening fundraising activity, brought us closer to a polio-free world.

As part of our District grant, we also donated 70 Pediatric Wheelchairs for Learners with Disabilities in Davao City and medical equipment to Davao del Norte Hospital—Carmen Zone, amounting to P606,000, including our Club's share of almost P100,000 pesos.

### **Environmental Projects:**

Mangrove and tree planting activities at Marahan, Tugbok District, and Barangay Tanglad Elementary School, involving our Rotaractors, Interact Clubs, and community partners, helped preserve our natural resources and foster environmental stewardship.

### **Community & Economic Development:**

Support for our local SMEs through Pink Bazaar during the Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration and livelihood initiatives like Butchering Training Program for Working Abroad in partnership with Luchay Agri Ventures. A total of 30 beneficiaries were given PPEs for the Butchering Program. These projects aimed to uplift our community's economic resilience.

### **Peace Building and Conflict Prevention:**

During the Rotary New Year, we initiated a Peace Art by the Matigsalug Children and supported the Peace Forum about the fallen SAF 44 at the Holy Cross of Davao College. These are vital yet straightforward initiatives that promote harmony and understanding in our community.

### **Maternal & Child Health**

Our Buntis Day at the Center for Hope provided crucial prenatal support to 47 mothers, with the full backing of RCDD members in their medical fields.

In summary, our club was able to successfully and meaningfully completed a total of 22 impactful service projects in all 7 Areas of Focus with the following number of

#### **Beneficiaries:**

**2,425 – Students and Teachers**

**1,247 – Mothers and Women**

**170 – Learners with Disability**

**30 – Future OFWs**

With an over a total of 3,872 individuals shared by Rotary's magic of hope through our immeasurable selfless service and love.

I am also happy to share with you that, during DISCON 2025, our club received outstanding recognition in TRF among the 201 Clubs in the district.

**No. 2 in Total Giving to TRF – \$51,385.00**

**No. 2 in Annual Fund per capita at USD 817.56**

**USD 100 Per Capita and EREY Club**

**TRF Polio Plus Goal Achiever \$1500 giving**

**Continuing Paul Harris Fellow Club**

**17 New PHF**

**8 New Multiple PHF**

**1 New PHS**

**1 New Major Donor**

**1 New Major Gift Donor**

**2 Continuing Arch Klumph Society Trustee Circle**

Our club also accomplished 61/61 or 100% of District Goals this RY and likewise received the RI Club Excellence Award.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and tireless support of our members – The Downtowners! , our valued partners, and the community members who opened their hearts and spaces for our projects.

As I often say, ***“We are each other's magic.”*** Your passion and belief in the magic of Rotary are the true drivers of our success.

As we close this chapter, let us carry forward the momentum of hope, service, and unity. Let us continue to champion education, health, environment, and peace – because the ripple effect of our efforts can genuinely change lives.

Maraming salamat po, my beloved downtowners! Contiye to serve with love, passion, and purpose. Because in service and fellowship, we find our greatest strength, our most profound joy, and the true magic of Rotary.

Good evening, everyone!







# Secretary's Page

By: Princess Joann V. Deño  
Secretary

## Attendance Report

Regular Meeting      Service Projects      FELLOWSHIP

Members Actual Present	27	5	27
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	27	5	27
Membership Size	47	47	47
Excused due to health reasons	2	2	2
Net Membership Base	45	45	45
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	57%	11%	57%

### EARLY BIRDS:

### Visiting Rotarians

1. Joan Gulanes
2. Angelita Ang
3. Sylvia Navarro
4. Irene Aquino
5. Marilyn Puno

1. PDG Evelyn Magno
2. PDG Pablito Parilla
3. DMC Armi Geralyn "Gigi" G. Espiritu
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1. Lilian Legaspi
2. Ivan Jorn Legaspi
3. Mavy Blaire Ong
4. Mady Blaike Ong
5. Mary Jane Car
6. Ryan Dominguez
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8. Robert Mandanio
9. Larry Cornel
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11. Sheena Rose Leteral

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DOWNTOWN DAVAO - SAMAL

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SCHOOL

## Activities for the Month

### June 3

Turn-over of WASH Project at  
Toril Elementary School - Samal

### June 6

RCDD Awards Night 2024  
D'Leonor Bajada, Davao City

### June 21-25

Rotary International  
Convention - Calgary



## Sunshine and Fellowship

By: Enerie B. Aquino

Sunshine & Fellowship Chair

JHONG

KIM

PDG BILLY

JOANN

GRETCHEN

CAMILLE

PAUL



JUNE 1

JUNE 4

JUNE 5

JUNE 22

JUNE 23

JUNE 24

JUNE 28



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

**"Maghugas Kamay. Germs Goodbye!"** 💧🧼🦠

*A simple habit, a powerful impact!*

Last June 3, we proudly turned over a 2-door comfort room and a 10-faucet handwashing station to Toril Elementary School, Babak District, Island Garden City of Samal, Davao del Norte, as part of our ongoing WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Project.

This meaningful initiative—made possible in partnership with the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser and the Rotary Satellite Club of Downtown Davao - Samal—aims to promote hygiene, protect health, and support better learning environments for students.

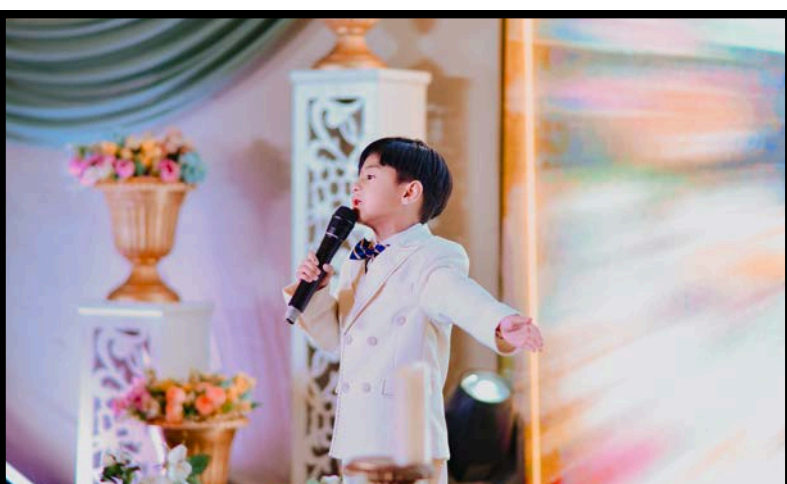






# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## AWARDS NIGHT 2025





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**Aqua Culture**



**AQUINO, ENERIE B.**  
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**Building Leasing**



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**Rotary ID No.: 5686886**  
**Engineering/Contractor**



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**Rotary ID No.: 9349297**  
**Dental Care & Digital Imaging**



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**Rotary ID No.: 3425919**  
**Real Estate Leasing**



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**Auditing/ Business Admin and  
Tax Management Service**



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**Rotary ID No.: 2348138**  
**Fruit Farming**



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**Rotary ID No.: 11584389**  
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**Livestock**



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**Pediatric Dentist**



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**Scrap Trading & Bailing**



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**BULABOG, LENIE G.**  
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**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*

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*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  
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**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.



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

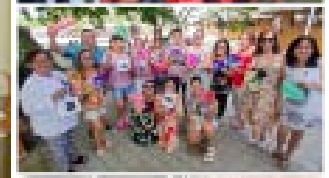
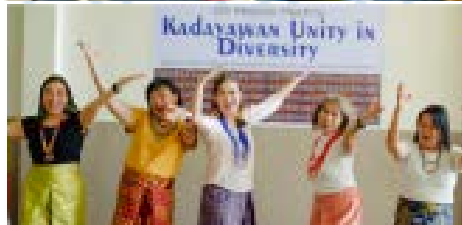
by PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar, RCDD Club Historian

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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**3860**

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