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Rotary Club of Downtown Davao celebrates
Rotary New Year with

Day Care Children.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology, Rotary members are called to be a force for unity. Through our collective service, we bring together people of every background—across races, religions, and professions—in a shared mission to do good in our communities."

-Francesco Arezzo Rotary International President



ABOUT THE COVER

Uniting for Good: A Joyful Start to the Rotary New Year

With bright smiles and even brighter hearts, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao welcomed Rotary Year 2025–2026 under the theme "Unite for Good" led by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. This year's kickoff wasn't just a meeting—it was a celebration of hope, held hand in hand with day care children whose laughter filled the air. Through games, storytelling, and thoughtful gifts, members shared the true spirit of Rotary: service wrapped in joy, compassion, and fellowship. As the new year unfolds, the club steps forward united, ready to create even more moments that inspire and transform lives.



Editorial Mote:



As the calendar turns, so does our story—and this year, The Professionals steps into a fresh chapter filled with promise, purpose, and possibility. The Rotary wheel spins once again, bringing with it a season brimming with opportunities to serve, to lead, and to inspire.

This is more than the start of another Rotary year; it is, in every sense, a magical year to unite for good. A year where our differences become our strength, our service becomes our common language, and our dreams for a better world take shape through action.

The past months have been a testament to the power of Rotary in motion: projects that touched lives, partnerships that transcended borders, and moments that reminded us of the profound truth—when we come together, there's no limit to the good we can do. In the hands of dedicated professionals like you, every project becomes a story, every meeting a spark, and every act of service a ripple of change.

In this edition, you will see reflections of what we stand for—initiatives that uplift learners and empower communities, medical missions that heal, collaborations that cross seas, and celebrations that honor service above self. These are not just events; they are milestones in a journey we walk together.

As we turn this new page, let us carry forward the energy that has defined our past successes and the optimism that will shape our future victories. Let's build on the magic of unity—whether in service projects, in fellowship, or in the quiet yet powerful moments where we simply choose to care.

The year ahead is ours to shape. Together, we will transform challenges into opportunities, and opportunities into lasting impact. This is our time, our calling, our shared commitment—to create change, to inspire hope, and to make this Rotary year truly unforgettable.

Welcome to a new season of The Professionals. The magic begins now.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Corazon L. Costan President, 2025-2026

My dear fellow Downtowners, Today marks the first page of a brand-new chapter in our club's story — a year filled with promise, purpose, and the power to make a difference. As we gather for our first meeting of Rotary Year 2025–2026, I am deeply honored to serve as your president and to walk this journey with each one of you.

Our Rotary International theme this year, "Unite for Good" as shared by RI President Francesco Arezzo, calls us to be a beacon of hope in a world that needs compassion, understanding, and action more than ever. Together, we will turn this theme into a living reality — uniting our talents, time, and resources to serve not only our community but also the larger world that connects us all.

The year ahead will be filled with opportunities to grow our fellowship, strengthen our service, and inspire others through our example. Let us face every challenge with creativity, every project with dedication, and every opportunity with the joy of shared purpose.

To my fellow members: your commitment, your ideas, and your passion will be the heart of everything we do. Let us listen to one another, support one another, and celebrate every victory — big or small — as we work hand in hand to create lasting change.

Here's to a magical year of service, friendship, and unity. Let's make 2025–2026 a year we will remember with pride and gratitude.



3. Angelita Ang 4. Kim Louise Ho 5. Vilma Kho

Secretary's Page

By: MARIA REA LANE L. HORFILLA

President-Elect / Secretary

Attendance Report	1st Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	22	9	22
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	22	9	22
Membership Size	44	44	44
Excused due to health reasons	1	1	1
Net Membership Base	43	43	43
Total Attendance Divided by	51.16%	20.93%	51.16%
Net Membership Rate			
EARLY BIRDS:	GUESTS:		ROTARACTORS:
1. Belen Gemelo	1. Patricia "Trixie" Aquino		1. Kenneth Nomar Melliza
2. Sylvia Navarro	2. Ryan Dominguez		

Activities for the Month

July 1

Rotary New Year Center for Hope, Agdao, Davao City

July 7

2nd Area Committee Meeting Roadway Inn, Davao City July 9

1st Regular Meeting and General Assembly Cafe Tavera, Davao City

July 17

National CPR Day - CPR Training Bago Gallera Gym, Davao City

July 20

Districtwide Bloodletting Activity
Stella Maris Academy of Davao, Davao City



Sunshine and Fellowship By: Ethel C. Caceres Club Admin





ROTARY INFORMATION

ROTARY INITIATIVE SUPPORTS MIDWIVES IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

To address a maternal health crisis, Rotary members help midwives build leadership skills and professional networks

By **Hannah Shaw**

About 830 women and 7,000 newborns, mainly in low- and middle-income countries, die each day because of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. These deaths are mostly preventable. Midwives are key to preventing them, so an initiative organized by Rotary members is supporting the essential work of midwives in Papua New Guinea and Australia.

According to the World Health Organization, increasing the number of midwives worldwide by just 10% could save up to 1.3 million lives each year. Rotary clubs are working to help meet that need, in part through leadership and advocacy training. Working with the Australian College of Midwives and the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Society, they launched the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership

Buddy Project. As of April 2025, the project strengths. has helped 52 midwives from Papua New Guinea and 31 from Australia develop their skills. says, but

The program is rooted in collaboration. Australian midwives are paired with midwives from Papua New Guinea for five-day leadership workshops. The process culminates in a yearlong community health project designed and led by the midwives in Papua New Guinea, with continued support from their Australian counterparts.

Project organizer Judith Brown, a retired midwife and past president of the Rotary Club of Morialta, South Australia, says the exchange between the midwives is reciprocal and prioritizes learning from one another's

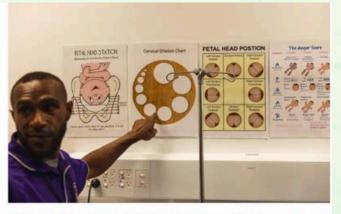
strengths. The partnership enables midwives to learn about other cultures and develop their professional skills, Brown says, but the primary focus is "trying to help women just have a voice in both countries."

These collaborations have had lasting effects, from providing essential equipment to addressing issues like teen pregnancy. But at the heart of the program are the enduring connections between midwives who share specialized knowledge, a sense of global community, and a commitment to saving lives.

- July 2025



Julie Kep (right), a midwife and facilitator for the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project, speaks with Torea Tore at Port Moresby General Hospital during a Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project workshop. Midwives do much more than deliver babies. In some places, they facilitate up to 90% of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and adolescent health services.



Simon James Kopalua, a midwife in a remote region of Papua New Guinea, participates in the fifth cohort of the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project. On a tour of medical facilities in Port Moresby, the midwives find inspiration for their community projects. In clinical settings, documenting procedures through signs like these can save lives.



Judith Brown (left), a workshop organizer and member of the Rotary Club of Morialta, South Australia, talks with Mary Sitaing, a midwife and president of the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Society. They have worked together to facilitate the workshop for six years.



Helen Hall leads a session for the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project. She joined the Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye in Victoria, Australia, after getting involved in the project through the Australian College of Midwives. Rotary members are, she says, "people I want to spend time with. ... They look locally, they look nationally, and they look globally at what they can do and how can they bring their skills into it."

DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES



WIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR 2025

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 | ACACIA HOTEL, LANANG, DAVAO CITY

REGISTRATION RATES:

August 1-23, 2025 Php 2,800 August 24-31, 2025 Php 3,000 Rotaractor Php 2,000

PAYMENT DETAILS:

GCASH: EARLIZ CLAIRE UYKING NUMBER: 09178491500

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Account Name: RCCENTRAL DAVAO INC.
Account Number: 759-058-6786

Registration Link:

https://events.rotarydistrict3860.org/vibrant-clubseminar-2025-mindanao/

HAPPY ROTARY NEW YEAR!

It's been the tradition of Rotarians all over the world to dedicate each new Rotary year that starts on July 1st to the new generation. For our Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD), we celebrated with our day care kids at our Center for Hope community center in Agdao, Davao City. Because July is also Nutrition Month, the children enjoyed listening to the story of "Joey and the Gulay Gang" that highlights the importance of eating vegetables to be strong and healthy. Then they ate freshly baked malunggay pan de sal and hot arroz caldo cooked within the community and drank milk and water. We all shared our new year chocolate cake as a treat but we followed it with a toothbrushing drill with their new toothbrushes and toothpaste. All kids got new storybooks and art supplies and water tumbler. What a fun and memorable way to start a new Rotary year and #UniteForGood.















Empowering Education Through Unity!

The Brigada Eskwela initiative by Rotary District 3860 Area 2C Clubs brought together volunteers, including the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, to prepare Anectito Barbarona Elementary School for the upcoming school year. Together, we're making a difference for our students!















2nd Area Committee Meeting

President Corazon Costan
represented the club during the
2nd Area Committee Meeting held
last July 7, 2025 at Roadway Inn,
Davao City. The gathering served
as a platform for fellowship,
collaboration, and alignment of
upcoming district initiatives.















1st Regular Meeting and General Assembly

A strong and spirited start to
Rotary Year 2025-2026! The Rotary
Club of Downtown Davao held its
1st Regular Meeting and General
Assembly last July 9, 2025, at Café
Tavera, Davao City—an evening
marked by fellowship, purpose,
and renewed passion for service.















Saving Lives, One Compression at a Time

Last July 17, 2025, in celebration of National CPR
Day, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao
proudly sponsored a meaningful CPR and AED
Awareness Campaign hosted by our partners
from the Rotary Club of Calinan Davao, held at
the Bago Gallera Gym, Davao City.
It was a powerful day of learning and
community engagement, as barangay staff,
BDRRMC, and the Women of Bago Gallera took
part in hands-on CPR and AED training. Our very
own President Cora didn't just observe—she
enthusiastically joined the training, showing true
leadership and commitment to community
preparedness.















A Day of Giving Life, One Drop at a Time

Last July 20, 2025, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao proudly joined the bloodletting initiative held at Stella Maris Academy of Davao, with the Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao as Host Club and the Rotary Club of South Davao as assisting partner—together with the Rotary Clubs of Areas 2A, 2B, and 2C.

This life-saving initiative was made possible through the strong collaboration with our generous partners: Stella Maris Academy of Davao, its Parents and Teachers Association, Board of Trustees, and the Sub-National Blood Center for Mindanao—whose support was instrumental in making this effort a success.

















ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



LIPAD SA BALAY PAGLAUM



On July 1, ADRR/President Cess proudly joined the Rotary New Year kick off with the theme: Unang Lakang - Rotary Day for Children, a yearly tradition dedicated to helping children start the school year prepared and motivated. The activity brought together volunteers, parents, and community partners with one shared goal — to provide essential school needs and encourage a positive learning mindset among young students. During the event, Pres Cess assisted in distributing school supplies, dental kits, and snacks to the children. Each child received not only the materials they needed for school but also a message of encouragement to keep pursuing their education. The inclusion of dental kits also highlighted the importance of oral hygiene, promoting both health and wellness alongside academic readiness. Beyond the tangible support, the presence of Rotaract members added warmth and energy to the program, engaging with the children and fostering a sense of care within the community. The smiles and excitement from the young learners reflected the meaningful impact of the initiative. Through its participation, Rotaract once again demonstrated its commitment to supporting education, promoting health, and inspiring hope—small steps that create lasting change in the lives of children and families.

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RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2025-2026

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 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 as it moves forward.

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 club was when it's Centennial Dream Team in RY 1998-1999 won grand slam in all the 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 as a multi-awarded club through its 32 years of service, to the present

In RY 2011-2012, RCDD was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, and in RY 2023-2024 as "Promised Club" with all the members contributing to the Endowment Fund with (5) Major Donors. RCDD is consistent to be among the top contributors to the Rotary Foundation (TRF), RCDD is the 2nd club among all districts in the Philippines as a promise club.

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. The humanitarian service projects continue to address the community's needs for the children's welfare and development during their formative years, through a Day Care Center. It also addresses their needs for medical- dental and healthcare as well as livelihood skills training. RCCD has sponsored a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) as a partner-in-service together with some non-government organizations, the Philippine National Police (PNP), other local and International Rotary Clubs, the City Government and Business Organization

RCDD was 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 (Visayas and Mindanao). The Club started with twenty-eight (28) women executives with various profession 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, who then became the Chief of the Philippine National Police, and RCDD's first male club President (2022-2023). This turned RCDD as a mixed club from an all-women club, practicing Rotary's principle of Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness (DEI).

RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2025-2026

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

RY 2023-2024 marked another milestone when another club 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).

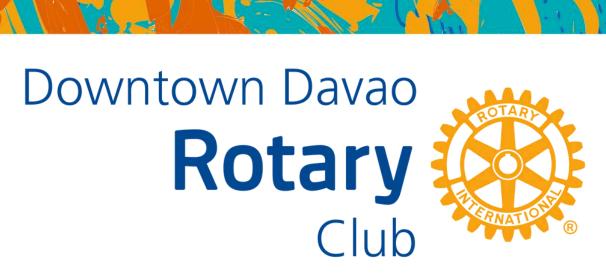
There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity, inspired and motivated by the happy smiles and grateful response from the people it serves, much appreciated than the various awards it receives, annually.

On RCDD's 33rd year, it has 44 strong men and women of various professions and leaders in their own fields of expertise. The Roster of Membership is a balance of Senior-aged group, middle-aged and of the young generation. There are 35 female and 9 male members, under the new leadership of Corazon L. Costan, one of the club's pioneering members.

President Corazon L. Costan hopes to maintain the club's brand of excellence with members dedicated to Rotary's ideal of SERVICE. RCDD will respond to the call of RI President Francisco Arrezo, to "be a force for UNITY in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography and ideology." Through the club's service projects RCDD will bring together people of different religion, age and profession, sharing one vision and mission to UNITE FOR GOOD.







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