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RCDD Reaches Out to Support the Davao City Special Needs Intervention Center for Children



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Inclusion is not bringing children into our world. It's about building a world where every child belongs."

-Norman Kunc
Canadian disability rights advocate, author, and speaker.



ABOUT THE COVER

Beyond Service: RCDD's Heart for Every Child

RCDD extends its support to the Davao City Special Needs Intervention Center for Children (DCSNICC), a government-established facility under the City Government of Davao that has already served over 500 children since its launch in March. Through this outreach, RCDD shares care and compassion with special children—reflecting Rotary's enduring commitment to inclusion, hope, and service that truly makes a difference.

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Editorial Note:



Reaching Hearts, Building Hope

This month, our Rotary spirit found new meaning as RCDD extended its hand to the Davao City Special Needs Intervention Center for Children (DCSNICC)—a place where compassion and care come together to nurture the city's most precious little ones. Built by the City Government of Davao, the center has already served over 500 children with special needs, providing therapy, education, and above all, hope.

Our visit reminded us that service is not measured by size or scale, but by sincerity. Seeing the joy in the children's eyes and the dedication of the teachers and therapists was a powerful reflection of Rotary's heart for inclusion. It was a day that spoke not only of generosity, but of genuine connection—proof that when kindness meets purpose, beautiful things happen.

In Rotary, every act of service is a chance to make someone feel seen, valued, and loved. As we continue this journey of doing good, may we always remember why we serve—not for recognition, but to make a difference that lingers in the hearts we touch.

Together, let us keep Reaching Hearts, Building Hope, one act of kindness at a time.

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

Maayong adlaw, my dear fellow Downtowners!

As we enter the month of September, I find myself filled with gratitude — for the friendships we've built, the service we've shared, and the countless blessings that continue to remind us why we are here in Rotary.

This month is a time of renewal — not only in our projects, but also in our hearts. It's a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the gift of belonging to this family we call the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao.

Today, we celebrate something truly special — the return of one of our beloved Rotarians. Welcome home! Your presence brings warmth and joy to our club, and it reminds us that once a Downtowner, always a Downtowner. Rotary may sometimes take us to different places and seasons in life, but the spirit of service and friendship always calls us back home. We are truly happy to have you with us again.

We also celebrate our recent donation to the Davao City Special Needs Intervention Center for Children. It was a simple gesture, yet filled with meaning. The smiles of those children, the gratitude of their teachers — those are moments that touch the heart and remind us that Rotary is not just about doing, but about feeling — feeling compassion, connection, and love in action.

Through that small act, we were able to say to those children: we see you, we believe in you, and we care for you. And that, Downtowners, is what being a Rotarian is all about — to serve with kindness, to uplift with humility, and to give without expecting anything in return.

As we continue our Rotary journey this September, let us carry that same spirit with us — the spirit of unity, compassion, and joyful service. Under the theme "Unite for Good" of RI President Francesco Arezzo, may we continue to build bridges — bridges of understanding, of hope, and of love.

Daghang salamat, my fellow Downtowners, for your time, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to service. Together, let us keep shining the light of Rotary wherever we go.

May God bless each one of you and our beloved Rotary Club of Downtown Davao.



Secretary's Page

By: **MARIA REA LANE L. HORFILLA**

President-Elect / Secretary

Attendance Report

	3 rd Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	15	6	15
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	15	6	15
Membership Size	45	45	45
Excused due to health reasons	1	1	1
Net Membership Base	44	44	44
Total Attendance Divided by	34.09%	13.64%	34.09%
Net Membership Rate			

EARLY BIRDS:

1. Sylvia Navarro
2. Liza Joy Hilario
3. Bolyn Puno
4. Angelita Ang
/ Vilma Kho
5. Marina Ruivivar

GUESTS:

1. Rosanna Teruel

ROTARACTORS:

1. Kenneth Melliza
2. Princess Estrellanes

Activities for the Month

September 6

Vibrant Club Seminar
Acacia Hotel, Davao City

September 8

Health Talk on Aging and Beating Cancer
Kahayag Foundation, Juna Subd, Davao City

September 10

Book Donation Project
An Educational & Therapy Service For Children With
Special Needs
Davao City Special Needs Intervention Center for
Children, Davao City

September 13

3rd Regular Meeting
Celebration of Life, Fellowship &
Induction of New Member
Sarung Banggi, Torres St., Davao City



Sunshine and Fellowship

By: **Ethel C. Caceres**

Club Admin



SHIELA MAE S. TOLEDO
September 1



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F. GAMBOA
September 2



BELEN D. GEMELO
September 7



SYLVIA C. NAVARRO
September 28

ROTARY INFORMATION

CREATIVE THINKING HELPS FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Providing care for young children doesn't just change their lives, it changes society. A Rotarian in Louisiana, USA, found a way to make donors see that.
By **Etelka Lehoczky**

When Patrick Moore set out to raise money for early childhood education in his small community in central Louisiana, USA, he faced one big problem: exhaustion. Potential donors in the area were weary of being asked to give.

"Going out and asking for money just doesn't work right now," says Moore, a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Louisiana, USA. "As a business owner and a person who's served on foundation boards, I've seen how you get asked every day, twice a day, for donations to different causes. After a while, people are just tired."

But in late 2023 Moore found a compelling reason to knock on donors' doors no matter how tired they might be. A foundation serving his local area, the parish of Rapides, Louisiana, was offering a matching grant that could bring millions into the community for desperately needed childcare. The foundation said it would match the amount donated by the community. Moore decided to show local business leaders that supporting early childhood education would build a better workforce in the long term.

He knew just how important the cause was.

"I saw a presentation about early childhood education at our Rotary club. It stunned me," he says. "We saw pictures of the brain of a child that had gotten attention and care, and one that had not. The difference was really striking."

Children's brains form more than a million new neural connections every second from birth through age five, according to the First Five Years Fund. A stimulating, attentive environment produces better cognitive development and improves kids' ability to manage their emotions. Because this is the only time when children's brains grow and change at such an intense rate, there's no way to repair the damage in a child who is neglected during these years.

"People truly don't understand that most of a child's brain is developed by the time they get to kindergarten, first grade," says Cindy Rushing, the director of early childhood for the Rapides Parish school district and liaison to the Rapides Early Childhood Network. "If we don't do it in the early years, it's not going to get done. Waiting until they're in high school is too late."

A business case for childcare

Moore and other members of his Rotary club had been looking for ways to support early childhood education for some time. When they heard about the matching grant, sponsored by the local Rapides Foundation, they were shocked to learn the deadline was only four months away. But Moore thought a sense of urgency might motivate exhausted local donors to give. Knowing many were business owners like himself, he decided to make a business case for donating.

"I put together a kind of investment plan. I went to different entities and said, 'I'm going to give you an opportunity to invest,'" he says. "When you ask these businesses, 'What do you need?' they say, 'Oh my gosh, we need workers.' Well, by paying for early childhood education, we're basically planting seeds. This money will help our community have a stronger workforce in the future."

Once Moore got people to think that far ahead, his pitch proved irresistible.

"One person, when I told them that, said, 'Wait a minute, this is like a recruitment and retention program,'" Moore says. "I said, 'Bingo, baby! You've got it.'"

The Alexandria club members also contributed substantially. Led by 2023-24 President Katie Vanderlick, the club agreed to donate \$20,000 from its own small foundation. Individual members contributed around \$20,000 more. Several of them had already been working with local organizations and the state government to bring more funding into the community. "Early childhood is a foundation for all the learning that takes place later," says club member and former District Governor Cindy Cespiva. "And it makes a huge difference to families when parents have that opportunity to put their child in a quality setting. They can go to work and not have to worry about childcare."

Including Moore's efforts, Rotary members raised close to \$500,000 by the deadline. The Rapides Foundation matched that sum, and then the state government matched the total. Ultimately, the \$500,000 that Moore and his club helped raise became \$2 million for early childhood education scholarships in Rapides Parish.



Patrick Moore, a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Louisiana, USA, found a novel way to raise funds for early childhood education in his community.

'She's going to do big things. I can feel it.'

Moore met one of the recipients of those scholarships through the director of a childcare center in his neighborhood. Angel Sands has her three-year-old daughter Ryatt enrolled at the center.

"I was so relieved when I found out about the scholarship program. I was calling around to different day cares, trying to figure out how much I would be looking at paying, and I couldn't afford it," Sands says. "The program has done a world of good for me."

Once she could afford childcare, Sands was able to take classes to obtain her general high school equivalency diploma. She's currently training to become a medical assistant, a profession she's chosen because of a tragedy in her own life. In 2018 she lost her nine-day-old son to sepsis. She believes he died because of errors made by medical staff and hopes she can learn to do better for other mothers. While she's in class, she's glad to know Ryatt is receiving top-notch care.

"They have a great curriculum for the kids," she says. "My kid comes home telling me the days of the month, and I'm like, 'OK, wait, you're three!' She's going to do big things. I can feel it."

That depends partly on the more immediate future. The Rapides Foundation, the Rotary Club of Alexandria, and around 50 community partners have committed to raise funds for three more years' worth of scholarships. Beyond that, the fate of early childhood education in Rapides is less certain. Rushing hopes increased awareness will translate into support for more funding at the state level.

Moore continues to let donors know their money is working for them. Recently he created a Return On Investment report about the grant, just to keep things businesslike.

"Often, if you fund a park or something, there's a ribbon cutting and a picture in the newspaper. And then six months later the park's overgrown, and it's like, 'What happened?'" he says. "So I sent out an ROI report to say, 'Here's what we did with your money,' just to show that longer term impact. That's how they think at the corporate level. They're always thinking about the bigger picture."

DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

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Zone 10A



*Tri-District Appreciation Visit of
TRF Trustee Chair Holger Knaack
(D3850, D3860, D3870)*

*Regional Rotary Foundation & Membership
Awards Ceremony Rotary Year 2024-25*

"Celebrating Growth, Honoring Generosity"

3:00 PM | October 16, 2025

Lapu-Lapu Ballroom, Bai Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu

Attire: Business | Registration Fee: Php 3,000.00

**The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair
Holger Knaack & Spouse Susanne**



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DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES



A MAGICAL RENDEZVOUS: DISTRICT AWARDS FOR RY 2024 - 2025

October 17, 2025 | Friday | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
bai Hotel Cebu, Mandaue City, Cebu

Attire: Club Presidents - White inner, Blazer &
Theme Tie/Scarf
Others - Club Uniform & Blazer

Registration Fee: P1,800 (Until September 30, 2025)
Bank: Chinabank
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Account #: 109700006648

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DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR 2025 – MINDANAO

Rotarians and Rotaractors from across District 3860 gathered for a day of learning and inspiration during the Vibrant Club Seminar 2025 – Mindanao. The sessions covered topics on membership growth, youth engagement, public image, sustainability, financial management, and more — all aimed at strengthening Rotary clubs and amplifying their impact in the community.

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VIBRANT CLUB
Seminar 2025
MINDANAO



DG Angel "Jong" G. Fernandez, Jr.

RESOURCE SPEAKERS



PDG Anna Louisa A. Bumagat
MEMBERSHIP REIMAGINED:
Drawing Membership in
New Ways



PP Maria Teresa Sarrajo-Malawan
NOT YOUR LOCO'S ROTARY:
Modern Moves to Engage
the Young and the Restless



PDG Rodel Riezi S. Reyes
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
UNLOCKED: The Magnitude
of Our Impact



DGN Edwin M. Valencia
BUILDING BETTER
COMMUNITIES TOWARDS
SUSTAINABILITY



PDG Lili I. Aliño
CREATING CLUB PUBLIC
IMAGE PLAN: Your Rotary
Club's Success



PP Anthony John D. Modequillo
USING MULTI-MEDIA TO
CONNECT AND INSPIRE



Rtn Maryselle U. Olivan
ZONE 10A ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC IMAGE
AWARDS FOR FY 2025-2026



PDG Philip N. Tan
CLUB STRATEGIC PLANNING
AND FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT



PAG Bernardino T. Amago IV
CLUB CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS

Start At 08:00 AM
Acacia Hotel, Lanang,
Davao City
SATURDAY
06 September 2025

Registration Rates:
AUGUST 24-31, 2025 Php 3,000
Rotaractor Php 2,000

Contact Us: DDLF Jose Fortunato F. Uy – RC Central Davao
Vibrant Chair for Mindanao

DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

Health Talk on Aging and Beating Cancer

A meaningful and informative health talk and consultation focusing on aging gracefully and preventing cancer was held in partnership with the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao.

Dr. Rolando “Doc Oyie” Balburias shared practical insights and medical advice on how to live healthier, more mindful lives through proper nutrition, lifestyle balance, and early prevention. Participants also had the opportunity for one-on-one consultations, allowing them to better understand their personal health and wellness needs.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

Book Donation Project

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) adopted the library of the newly established Davao City Special Needs Intervention for Children (DCSNIC) by donating books for early childhood development. Its partner in service, the One World Institute (OWI), also donated educational toys. The signing of the Deed of Donation and turnover ceremony was held earlier today, September 9, 2025, at 9:30 am at DCSNIC.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao held its 3rd Regular Meeting last September 13, 2025, at Harana & Sarungbanggi, Torres St., Davao City. The afternoon was filled with fellowship, laughter, and meaningful discussions as members gathered to share updates and plans for upcoming activities.

A special highlight of the day was the induction of our returning member, Ma. Rosanna Teruel, who was warmly welcomed back into the Rotary family.



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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 its 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. RCDD 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

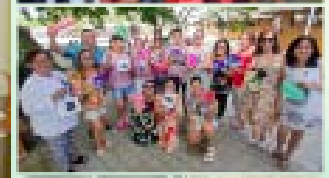
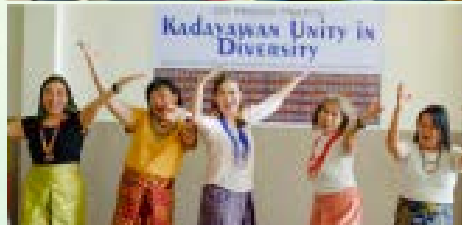
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RY 2023-2024 marked another milestone when another club Past President, Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa was the District Governor, the second from the club. The first woman District Governor came from the club, Charter President Evelyn "Len" A. Magno (RY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