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THE FOUR-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 and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary International is to assist and guide Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to accomplish the Object of Rotary to ensure Rotary's continuing relevance, and to help build a better world, emphasizing service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encouraging high ethical standards, and creating greater understanding among all people to advance the search for people in the world.

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 by 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.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

You serve your Club and all its members when you take time to attend meetings, work on committees, and promote Rotary's ideals through club projects and activities.

You serve all the members of your community when you take time to participate in the development of quality service for the youth, the elderly, the disabled, and the needy.

As you travel, you serve by taking time to learn about people from other countries, and their customs, needs, and beliefs.

And you serve by participating in Rotary programs such as the Rotary Foundation, Health, Hunger, Humanity Program, and World Community Service.

ROTARY HYMN

By George Canseco

I want to be a Rotarian for the world,
Make the Rotary flag as the flag of peace unfurled;
I shall serve my community, help achieve universal unity.
Through Rotary, I shall dedicate my all,
World understanding shall be my cherished goal.

Refrain:

With the Four-Way Test I'll pursue my quest
And if I, in a way, help obtain peace in the world,
I shall not have lived in vain.

I observe 'Service above Self',
Lend a hand to all who need my help;
I'll get my Spouse to involve in Rotary
And in Rotary ways, I will train my family. *Repeat Refrain*

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth,
Strengthened by nothing but the truth;
Let's join our hands, there's no reason we'll divide.
We shall all understand, why the good Lord is our guide.

Repeat Refrain

Peace be achieved,
We shall not have lived in vain.

ROTARY LEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS

RI Year	RCDS President	District 3860 Governor	RI President	Rotary Theme
1977-78	Willes Matiao	Jorge Royeca, RC General Santos	W. Jack Davis	<i>Serve to Unite Mankind</i>
1978-79	Willes Matiao	Manuel de Veyra, RC Cebu	Clem Renout	<i>RC Reach Out</i>
1979-80	Henry "Hen" Sojor	Honorario Hilario, RC Davao	James L. Bomar Jr.	<i>Let Service Light the Way</i>
1980-81	Marciano "Mars" Kho	Graciano Militante, RC San Juanico	Rolf J. Klarich	<i>Take Time to Serve</i>
1981-82	Sebellon "Bill" Wale	Arturo "Art" Pingoy, RC Korondal	Stanley E. McCaffrey	<i>World Understanding and Peace</i>
1982-83	Jose "Joe" Nakao	Quintin "King" Doromal, RC Dgte	Hiroje Mukasa	<i>Mankind is One: Build Bridges of Friendship throughout the World</i>
1983-84	Jimmy "Jim" Tan	Honorato Cabarroguis, Davao East	William E. Sketon	<i>Share Rotary, Serve Rotary</i>
1984-85	Gregorio "Greg" Uymatiao Jr.	Jose Lardizabal, RC Cebu West	Carlos Conseco	<i>Discover A New World of Service</i>
1985-86	Susano "Sano" Sy	Armin Cucucuco, General Santos	Edward F. Cadman	<i>You are the Key</i>
1986-87	Solano "Lan" Bulacan	Roque "Rey" Tiu, RC San Juanico	Mat Caparas	<i>Rotary Brings Hope</i>
1987-88	Dominador "Junny" Dumalag	Antonio Garcia, RC DavaoW	Charles C. Keller	<i>Rotarians: United in Service</i>
1988-89	Honorato "Andy" Andaya	Cesar Estalilla, RC CebuFuenta	Royce Abbey	<i>Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life</i>
1989-90	Youman "Boy" Uymatiao	Herminio Villano, RC East Davao	Hug M. Archer	<i>Enjoy Rotary</i>
1990-91	Alex "Jun" Amor Jr.	Martarito Redona, RC Tacloban	Paul V. Costa	<i>Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm</i>
1991-92	Zachary "Zachy" Beltran	Johnny Asencio, RC Dadiangas	Rajendra K. Saboo	<i>Look beyond Yourself</i>
1992-93	Apolonio "Boy" Diputado	Xaver Ledesma, RC Metro Cebu	Clifford Dochterman	<i>Real Happiness is Helping Others</i>
1993-94	Raul Dumalag	Nicanor del Rosario, Jr., RC Davao	Robert R. Bart	<i>Believe in What You Do: Do What You Believe In</i>
1994-95	Danilo "Danny" Olegario	Arcadio Alegrado, RC Mandaua	Bill Huntley	<i>Be a friend</i>
1995-96	Jonathan "Jone" Amante	Reynaldo Reyes, RC Davao East	Herbert Brown	<i>Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace</i>
1996-97	Patrick "Bebot" Chua	Vicente Solis Jr., RC Tacloban	Luis Vicente Giay	<i>Build the Future with Action and Vision</i>
1997-98	Henry Liu	Jesus Veneracion, General Santos	Glen W. Kinross	<i>Show Rotary Cares</i>
1998-99	Antonio "Tony" Paalan	Antonio Florendo,CebuPort Center	James L. Lacy	<i>Follow Your Rotary Dream</i>
1999-2000	Manuel "Chiquiting" Sagarbarria	Raoul Hilario, RC Davao East	Carlo Ravizza	<i>Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity</i>
2000-01	Edgar "Ed" Calinawagan	Jose Ma. Luis Cupin, Davao East	Frank Devlyn	<i>Create Awareness; Take Action</i>
2001-02	Raul Villanueva	Ramon Tirol, RC Central Davao	Richard D. King	<i>Mankind is our Business</i>
2002-03	Rafael "Raffy" Rallos	Pablo Quizon, RC San Juanico	Bhichai "Bichai"	<i>Show the Seeds of Love</i>
2003-04	Roy Arco	Roberto Domendo, RC Bislig	Jonathan Majiyagbe	<i>Lend a Hand</i>
2004-05	Jose "Joe" Chiu	Raymund Patuasi, RC Cebu West	Glenn E. Estress Sr.	<i>Celebrate Rotary</i>
2005-06	Mark Higgins	Evelyn Magno,Davao DOWntown	Carl Stenhammer	<i>Service above Self</i>
2006-07	Antonio "Tony" Cariño	Fernando Almada Jr., MetSurigao	William "Bill" Boyd	<i>Lead the Way</i>
2007-08	Rafael "Raffy" Besas	Joseph Michael Espina, CebFuenta	Wilfred Wilkinson	<i>Rotary Shares</i>
2008-09	Archer Baldwin Martinez	Pablito Parilla, RC Matina, Davao	Dong Kurn Lee	<i>Make Dreams Real</i>
2009-10	Alfredo "Dodo" Bustamante III	Antonio Veneracion, RC General Santos	John Kenny	<i>The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands</i>
2010-11	Neil Ray "Bimbo" Lagahit	Teodoro Locsin Jr.,CebuPortCenter	Ray Klighsmith	<i>Building Communities, Bridging Continents</i>
2011-12	Edmund "Ed" Gonzales	Leoncio Villa-Abrille,CebuPort Cter	Kalyan Banerjee	<i>Reach within to Embrace Humanity</i>
2012-13	Teresito "Terry" Orbeta	Peter "Perok" Rodriguez, Ormoc	Sakuji Tanaka	<i>Peace through Service</i>
2013-14	Leo Bollos	Egdar Chiongbian, RC Cebu	Ron D. Burton	<i>Engage Rotary; Change Lives</i>
2014-15	Myles Nicholas "Myles" Bejar	Remegio Salanatin, RC Davao	Gary C.K. Huang	<i>Light Up Rotary</i>
2015-16	Eliezer "Eli" Escorial	Salvador Estudillo, RC San Juanico	K.R. Ravindran	<i>Be a Gift to the World</i>
2016-17	Allan Martinez	Mary Anne Solomon, Cebu Fuente	John F. Germ	<i>Rotary Serving Humanity</i>
2017-18	Froilan Joseph "Froilan" Pinili	Art Tan, RC Davao	Ian H.S. Riseley	<i>Rotary: Making A Difference</i>
2018-19	Andre Stephen "Andre" Jacobo	Benjamin Garcia, RC Marbel	Barry Rassin	<i>Be the Inspiration</i>
2019-20	Ludo "Dodong" Managing	Philip Tan, RC Cebu West	MarkDaniel Maloney	<i>Rotary Connects the World</i>
2020-21	Renante Angelo "Ran" Lim	Rodel Riezl Reyes, RC East Davao	Holger Knaack	<i>Rotary Opens Opportunities</i>
2021-22	Renante Angelo "Ran" Lim	Anna Louisa Bumagat, RC Ormoc	Shekhar Menta	<i>Serve to Change Lives</i>
2022-23	Aurelio "Ely" Bodo	Lilo Aliño, RC Cebu Gloria Maris	Jennifer Jones	<i>Imagine Rotary</i>
2023-24	Alex Rey "Alex" Pal	Rozanne "Twinkle" Cocon-Gamboa	R. Gordon McNally	<i>Create Hope in the World</i>

PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, we acknowledge Your greatness and thank You for the many blessings of life -- especially just now for the privilege of this fellowship, and the worthy purposes for which we come together from week to week.

As each of us pauses, make us mindful of the need for Your direction in our lives.

We pray for Your continued blessings on each of us in this Rotary gathering, and on the nourishment of which we are about to partake for our physical bodies. Amen.

PROGRAM

Organizer: Maternal & Child Health area of focus team

Call to Order	Pres. Alex Pal
Invocation	Rtn Anton Dejaresco
Pambansang Awit	RCDS AVP
Rotary Hymn	AVP
Introduction of Guests	Rtn. Mark Genove
Breakfast Fellowship	
Where Hope is Planted	RCDS AVP
Fellowship Singing	PP Allan Martinez
Message by Guest	Ms. Delia Serion Dumaguete Nutrition Action Officer

Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between RCDS and the Nutritionists & Dietitians' Association of the Philippines/City Nutrition Office

Fine Moments	Sec. Ashley Morelos
President's Time	Pres. Alex Pal

Agenda:

- * Evaluation of DG's Visit
- * Matters from the Board Meeting
- * Medical Mission for Senior Citizens Thursday Oct. 5
- * Mangrove Planting on Saturday, Oct 7
- * Breast Cancer Awareness Fun Run on Sunday, Oct. 8
- * Our highly-recommended attendance:
 - Nov. 18 in Davao, Rotary Foundation Night (especially for the new Paul Harris Fellows)
 - Dec. 8-10 in Taiwan, Zone Institute
 - May 3-5 in Davao, District Convention
 - May 25-29 in Singapore, RI Convention

PE Niño Viking
Master of Ceremonies

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jan Ashley "Ashley" E. Morelos



Minutes of Sept. 20 meeting with DG Twinkle

Pres. Alex Pal called the meeting to order at 6:35 am, soon after the prompt arrival of DG Twinkle Gamboa, DLF Archie Gamboa, CoS Philip Estocada, and AG Mark Trayvilla.

1) Treas. Jessie Mascardo led the Invocation.
2) PP Henry Sojor gave the Welcome Remarks and introduced the dignitaries and guests.
3) IPP Ely Bodo, director for Membership, introduced to DG Twinkle each and every member of RCDS present, including the Anns.

4) PP Greg Uymatiao presented to DG Twinkle the RCDS donors of the Rotary Foundation. This was followed by DG Twinkle awarding the pins and certificates to the Paul Harris Fellows of RY 2022-23, produced during the term of IPP Ely Bodo: IPP Ely Bodo and PP Allan Martinez as 2-stone Sapphire; PP Raffy Besas (posthumous), Ann Rose Vincoy-Bodo, Rtn. Mitch Morelos, and PN Niño Viking.

5) Rtn. Erp Bustamante led the singing of the Club's biggest hit—the *Rotary Morning Song*. DFL Archie and Gov. Twinkle said they were listening to it for the first time, and were surprised to learn that this is an "original adaptation" by RCDS.

6) PP Henry Sojor handled the Fine Moments, wherein almost all Rotarians were fined for their accomplishments.

7) Pres. Alex Pal presented the Club's plans and programs.
8) AG Mark Trayvilla did the honor of introducing our *Hope* Creating special guest, District Gov. Twinkle Cocon-Gamboa.

9) DG Twinkle gave her Message for RCDS (Read p. 6), encouraged the members to donate to the Rotary Foundation, and invited the Rotarians and Anns to attend the Rotary Foundation Night on Nov. 18 in Davao City.

10) Pres Alex presented to DG Twinkle the new banner of RCDS -- which features a photo of a coffee mug (to signify being the world's earliest club meeting at 6:30am), and an active lifestyle at the Dumaguete boulevard -- designed by PP Ran Lim. **All the RCDS Rotarians were also encouraged to bring these banners for presentation and exchange when they have to make-up in other clubs outside Dumaguete or abroad.**

11) DG Twinkle also thanked the Club for the personalized RCDS coffee mugs presented to her, DLF Archie, and CoS Philip.

12) PE Loloy Baylon gave the Closing Remarks.

With no other matters to discuss, Pres. Alex adjourned the meeting at 8:20 am, and enjoined everyone to join DG Twinkle in the next three activities for the day:

1) At the Friendly Homes area in Purok Narra II in barangay Cadawinonan, Rtn. Jun Rex Bungabong led the Environment area of focus team in the planting of bamboo propagules with DG Twinkle herself, DLF Archie Gamboa, Cadawinonan Barangay Capt. Jimmy Tabada, and Pres. Alex Pal.

2) Then Barangay Capt. Tabada welcomed the Rotarians and guests.
3) PP Greg Uymatiao presented the Project Brief to DG Twinkle: Friendly Homes has 47 residential lots sitting on a 4,000 square-meter property in barangay Cadawinonan, including a Community Center. There are currently 27 houses there, with 86 young adult residents, and 86 children.

4) Our partner in the project, Metro Dumaguete Water (represented by Engr. Jennifer Sibul), also presented a brief about their project at Friendly Homes which will be spearheaded by the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene area of focus team headed by Rtn. Dave Berba.

5) The president of the Friendly Homes Association, Mariane Beranio, gave her response to thank the generosity of RCDS.

6) After which, we held the unveiling of the plan and the lowering of

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Attendance on Sept. 20

- 1) Pres. Alex Pal & Irma
- 3) PE Loloy Baylon
- 4) Sec. Ashley Morelos
- 5) Treas. Jessie Mascardo
- 6) IPP Ely Bodo & IPP Rose Bodo
- 8) Treas Gilbert Fuentes & Brin
- 10) Rtn. Bernard Abangan & Tata
- 12) SaA Edo Adriano
- 13) Rtn. Jed Amor & Nixy
- 15) Rtn. JunRex Bungabong & Gigi
- 17) Rtn. Elson Bustamante & Fe
- 19) PP Joe Chiu
- 20) PP Boy Diputado
- 21) PP Junny Dumalag
- 22) Rtn. Ronoel Fungo & Wendy
- 24) Rtn. Mark Genove & Jin
- 26) PP Andre Jacobo & Janice
- 28) Rtn. Jim Jardiniario
- 29) PN Aming Jordan & Ylang
- 31) PP Ran Lim & Sasa
- 33) PP Allan Martinez & Gen
- 35) Rtn. Tona Matiao
- 36) Rtn. Mitch Morelos
- 37) Rtn. Randy Quisil & Celyn
- 39) Rtn. Carl Rabaca
- 40) Rtn. Aldrin Ramirez & Alma
- 42) Rtn. Carlos Romarate
- 43) PP Henry Sojor & Joy
- 45) PP Greg Uymatiao
- 46) PN Niño Viking & Soci
- 48) Ann Yen Besas
- 49) Ann Gina Dominga
- 50) Ann Teena Sy
- 51) Ann Vinia Vergara

Special Guests:

DG Twinkle Gamboa
DLF Archie Gamboa
CoS Philip Estocada
AG Mark Trayvilla

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal



The Perfect Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Dumaguete South made history once again with our hosting of our District Governor. We had a fun time preparing and executing the plan!

I am happy to report that DG Twinkle Gamboa, as well as DLF Archie Gamboa and Chief of Staff Philip Estocada said that they thoroughly enjoyed the activities we had planned for them.

Now, we just have to follow through on our plans for Friendly Homes. All teams for our seven Areas of Focus now have the green light to implement the programs they had planned.

After listening to DG Twinkle's message of encouragement, we also have a record-breaking number of contributions to the Rotary Foundation, which will pave the way to become Paul Harris Fellows. Congratulations to the following: **PP Myles Nicholas Bejar, Rtn. Christopher Jay Cayang, VP Jeorex Chua, PP Boy Diputado, Treas. Gibert Fuentes, Rtn. Jim Karl Jardiniario, PP Henry Liu, Rtn. Wilkie Matiao, Treas. Jessie Mascardo, Rtn. Randy Quisil, PP Chiquiting Sagarbarria for Ann Maisa Sagarbarria, PP Henry Sojor as a gift from Ann Joy for their 54th wedding anniversary; Rtn. Marcelo Sy, PN Niño Viking for Ann Soci Ame Viking, and yours truly.**

And for the first time ever, RCDS is honored to now have one **member of the Paul Harris Society, Treas. Wilkie Matiao**, our *Spinning Wheel* treasurer. He is not only the first Paul Harris Society member of RCDS; **Treas. Wilkie Matiao is the first Paul Harris Society member in the entire Area 3-D and 3-E.**

These Rotarians will be honored during the **Rotary Foundation Night on Nov. 18 in Davao City**, so I am certain DG Twinkle will be happy to see us there.

We will have three major events this week:
1) **Medical Mission for Senior Citizens on Thursday, Oct. 5 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Calindagan Gym**, spearheaded by the Disease Prevention & Treatment area of focus headed by PE Loloy Baylon. We can please show up in our Rotary shirts. If you have the red 'End Polio' shirts, the better.

2) **Mangrove planting starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Jo's Seaside in Ajong, Sibulan**, led by the Environment area of focus team of Rtn. Jobert Koerkamp. All we have to do is to show up in our Rotary uniforms, and

demonstrate our willingness to plant mangroves along the coast.

3) **Run-walk to promote Breast Cancer Awareness on Sunday, Oct 8 5 a.m. at the Pantawan, led by our Disease Prevention & Treatment area of focus team.** Please register and pay P250. We will be ably led by **PN Aming & Ann Ylang Jordan, Rtn. Mark & Jin Genove, PP Allan & Gen Martinez, and Ann Irma Faith Pal.**

Later this month, we will also have an activity to promote awareness about Polio. More on this later.

Is there a perfect Rotary Club?

Last Sunday, I was blessed by the sermon of my pastor, Rev. Jonathan Pia, who was also our Charging Officer during our induction last June. He told the story about a pastor who was approached by a church goer, saying: *Pastor, I have been coming to church but I have never signed up to be a member. You know why? Because I am looking for the Perfect Church. I want a church where nothing is wrong, and everything works as it should -- starting with the church goers, to the record-keeping, to the administration at the church office, and finally, to the pastor himself!*

The pastor looked him in the eye, and said *"I'm sorry, son, but you will never find a perfect church. Because once you find one and join it, then it will cease to be the perfect church."*

These days, anything I hear I usually equate to Rotary, which got me thinking: Is there really a perfect Rotary Club?

We can be a hundred percent Paul Harris Club, a hundred percent EREY, with no one member having outstanding dues, having a hundred percent attendance, organizing all kinds of fellowships we can think of, achieving projects in all 7 areas of focus, and best of all, having officers who never commit mistakes, but then, it will always remain *far from perfect*.

I've been looking for That Perfect Rotary Club myself. If you find one, kindly let me know.

But I'm worried that if I join it, then it will cease to be that Perfect Rotary Club.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE TO RCDS

My fellow Rotarians and spouses, all protocols have been observed, good morning!

When we speak of legacy, longevity, and luminosity within the world of service, the Rotary Club of Dumaguete South stands tall and unmatched.

Forty-six years is not just a testament to time; it's a testament to the enduring commitment, boundless enthusiasm, and ceaseless drive to uplift communities.

You're not just one of the oldest clubs in Dumaguete, but a shining example with the most vibrant membership. The rich history of your Club, diverse backgrounds, and experiences is truly your strength. This diversity is your superpower, fostering creativity, inclusivity, and innovation.

While many things change with time, your essence remains constant – a light of hope in a world that so desperately needs it. Your Club's innovative spirit in project execution is both commendable and exemplary. Your deep-rooted sense of social responsibility is what truly sets you apart.

Your Club's legacy, unparalleled leadership, and tireless efforts have touched countless lives and communities. Through your Service Projects, you have demonstrated the very essence of 'Service above Self.'

Your steadfast adherence to Rotary protocols has been an invaluable beacon, and serves as an inspiration for other clubs in your vicinity. At the same time, reminding all of the core values and formalities that make Rotary the esteemed organization it is today. Such dedication ensures that the essence of Rotary remains undiluted, and continues to shine brightly.

Each member of the Rotary Club of Dumaguete South is not just a part of a Club; they are part of a legacy, a family that has been and continues to be an instrumental force for positive change. It's a reflection of your unwavering commitment that you have not only uplifted your community, but have also groomed leaders in your Club.

In Rotary, age is but a number. It's the spirit that truly matters. And the spirit of Rotary burns bright in all of you -- from the experienced members to the young blood.

A president is a role model for young

members, and shows them that it is possible to make a difference in the world. And President Alex is one who is not bound by age, but powered by passion.

In the realm of service and community transformation, it's not just the hands that act, but the hearts that support those hands that make a difference. Each of you as a member have been at the forefront, driving change, and uplifting lives. But behind every successful Rotarian is a supportive Spouse, the unsung heroes who provide unwavering strength, understanding, and encouragement.

To the Spouses, your support transcends beyond just understanding the late nights and commitments. It's in the way you share in their joys, ease their burdens, and celebrate every achievement, no matter how small. You play an important role in amplifying the impact of the Club, and it's your silent sacrifices, love, and motivation that propel this Club to greater heights.

Today, I am happy to be with a group of individuals who don't just speak about change, but actively invest in it.

The Rotary Club of Dumaguete South has deposited \$1,500 to the Annual Fund, and \$600 to the Polio Fund! Let's aim to achieve the Club's per capita!

Supporting the Rotary Foundation is not merely a contribution; it's a testament to your unwavering belief in a world where we can make a difference, and our combined efforts can turn dreams into realities.

The Rotary Foundation is the heart and soul of Rotary's mission, serving as a light of hope and transformation for countless lives across the globe. But the Foundation's work is powered by clubs like yours – clubs that understand the profound effect of every dollar, every initiative, every project, and it sends a clear message: that you believe in a better tomorrow.

Lastly, the Rotary Club of Dumaguete South is not just about its impressive numbers or long history. It's about every member who has, and continues to breathe life into its motto. As you move forward, remember the legacy you uphold, the lives you touch, and the change you bring.

Wishing you many more years of 'Service above Self.' And together, let us Create Hope in the World! Thank you, and good morning!

TREASURER'S REPORT

SAR Dues RY 2023-2024	1st Sem	2nd Sem	Totals
1.0 Abangan, Bernard Louie	5,500.00		
2.0 Adriano, Jose Edgardo	5,500.00		
3.0 Amante, Jonathan C.			
4.0 Amor, Alex A. Jr.			
5.0 Amor, Jed Michael	5,500.00		
6.0 Baylon, Elmore Jr.	5,500.00		
7.0 Bejar, Myles Nicholas G.	4,200.00		
8.0 Berba, Angelo David A.	5,500.00		
9.0 Bodo, Aurelio L.	4,200.00		
10.0 Bungabong, Jun Rex	4,500.00		
11.0 Bustamante, Elson	5,500.00		
12.0 Catacutan, Arman	5,500.00		
13.0 Catacutan, Richard	5,500.00		
14.0 Cavang, Christopher Jay	5,500.00		
15.0 Chiu, Jose	5,500.00		
16.0 Chua, Jeorex	4,700.00		
17.0 Dejaresco, Anton Marlon Eric			
18.0 Diputado, Boy	5,500.00		
19.0 Dupio, Don A.	5,500.00		
20.0 Fuentes, Gilbert	5,500.00		
21.0 Fungo, Ronnel			
22.0 Genove, Mark Ronald	5,500.00		
23.0 Jacobo, Andre Stephen	5,500.00		
24.0 Jardiniano, Jim	5,500.00		
25.0 Jordan, Jeremy	5,500.00		
26.0 Kleine Koerkamp, Jobert	1,000.00		
27.0 Lagahit, Neil Ray	5,550.00		
28.0 Lim, Renante Angelo	4,700.00		
29.0 Liu, Henry	5,500.00		
30.0 Managing, Ludo	5,000.00		
31.0 Martinez, Allan	5,500.00		
32.0 Mascardo, Jessie	5,500.00		
33.0 Matiao, Wilkie	5,500.00		
34.0 Matiao, Willington	5,500.00		
35.0 Molas, John Michael	4,200.00		
36.0 Morelos, Jan Ashley E.	5,500.00		
37.0 Morelos, Rick Mitch Marthel	5,500.00		
38.0 Pal, Alex Rey	5,500.00		
39.0 Pinili, Froilan Joseph	5,500.00		
40.0 Quisel, Randy	5,500.00		
41.0 Rabaca, Carl	5,500.00		
42.0 Ramirez, Aldrin P.			
43.0 Romarate, Carlos, Jr.	4,200.00		
44.0 Sagarbarria, Manuel Jr.	5,500.00		
45.0 Sojor, Henry A.	5,500.00		
46.0 Sv, Marcelo	5,500.00		
47.0 Uvmatiao, Gregorio, Jr.	5,500.00		
48.0 Viking, Niño Joseph Mariren E.	5,500.00		
49.0 Yao, Philip	5,500.00		
Total SAR	229,250.00	229,250.00	329,650.00
Club Meeting Collections:			
1.0 Remaining Balance from Induction			7,800.00
2.0 TRF Contribution			55,000.00
3.0 Club Meeting Collection			14,100.00
4.0 Additional collections			6,850.00
5.0 Spinning Wheel advertisements			12,400.00
6.0 Greg's payment for activities			2,750.00
7.0 Meals during Club Meeting			1,500.00
Expenses			
1.0 Ace Logic Computer Solutions (ink)			2,340.00
2.0 J. Ventula- Cash advance for office supplies			2,799.15
3.0 TRF Contribution			55,000.00
4.0 J. Ventula Salary-July			5,295.00
J. Ventula Salary-August			5,695.00
5.0 Acelogic Computer Solutions (labor)			550.00
6.0 Nutri-Fest Walk donation			1,000.00
7.0 Remittance to Rtn. Wilkie Matiao for ads			12,400.00
8.0 Rotary District 3860 (District Levy, Disaster Fund, RI Con, Club listing)			51,300.00
9.0 Payment for Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation Inc. for RY 2023-2024 (1st semester)			6,950.00
10.0 Payment for Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation Inc. for RY 2022-2023 (1st & 2nd semester)			11,100.00
11.0 Acelogic payment of services (JO#53440 & 53463)			300.00
12.0 Rotary International			98,558.90
13.0 AB Optical			1,980.00
14.0 J. Mascardo- Refund payment Rotaract Levy			1,000.00
15.0 Ivy Muriel Trayvilla- Governor's Night			10,150.00
16.0 Chinloong Restaurant- additional meals paid by the Club			4,150.00
Total Expenses			270,538.05
Running Balance as of Oct. 3, 2023			59,111.95

ROTARY INFORMATION

APPROVED RI DUES INCREASE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

NOTE:

Dues that clubs will pay to Rotary International per member for the next three years are set as follows;

- 2022-23: \$35.50 per half year
- 2023-24: \$37.50 per half year
- 2024-25: \$39.25 per half year
- 2025-26: \$41.00 per half year



Rotary Humor

An 84-year-old lady is waiting for her husband in a bar. Suddenly a handsome man enters and sits down a few seats away. The man is so attractive that she just can't take her eyes off him.

After a short while, the man notices her staring, and approaches her. Before the lady has time to apologize, the man looks her deep in the eyes, and says to her in a sultry tone, "I'll do anything you'd like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams, it doesn't matter how extreme or unusual it is, I'm game. I want \$100, and there's another condition."

Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the lady asks him what his condition is. "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words."

The lady takes a moment to consider the offer from the handsome man. She whips out her handbag, and puts \$100 dollars into his hand. She then looks him square in the eyes, and says slowly and clearly, "Paint my house."

Our needs change as we get older, we get smarter, and tend to look for bargains. *(Lynda Clarke, Victoria, Australia)*

Rotary Factoids

The Classification Principle

Virtually all membership in Rotary was based upon a "classification." Basically a classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society. The principle of Rotary classification is somewhat more specific and precise. In determining the classification of a Rotarian it is necessary to look at the "principal or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company or institution" with which an active member is connected or "that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity." It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as "bank president" but under the classification "banking." It is the principal and recognized activity of a business or professional establishment or the individual's principal and recognized business or professional activity that determines the classification to be established and loaned to a qualified person. For example, the permanently employed electrical engineer, insurance adjuster, or business manager of a railroad company, mining company, manufacturing concern, hospital, clinic, etc., may be considered for membership as a representative of the particular work he or she may be doing personally or as a representative of the firm, company, or institution for which the professional service is being done. The classification principle also permits business and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing and servicing. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within the club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering. Though the classification principle is not as dominant as it once was it is still important that we make an effort to assure that each Rotary club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community. *(from 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know about Rotary)*

DG'S CHALLENGE ON GOVERNOR'S NIGHT

Fellow Rotarians, beloved Spouses, Rotaractors, and guests, protocols have been observed, good evening!

Wow! I am overwhelmed by your attendance. A warm applause to all of you!

As my scheduled visit was fast approaching, our two dynamic Assistant Governors constantly updated me on the planned meetings and venues. They were so excited about tonight's event, and I am sure, they wanted to ensure I was just as enthusiastic as they were.

But I must confess. Coming here, I had some apprehensions and concern. I was worried about how our message will be received, and whether our goals will resonate.

But from the very first moment I set foot here, each of you not only opened your doors but also your hearts, transforming my apprehensions into admiration, and my worries into trust that all is well. The hospitality and warmth you showered upon us have been overwhelming. It felt like we were returning to a home we never knew we had, welcomed by a family we never realized we belonged to.

Your boundless generosity, the genuine smiles, and the heartfelt connections we have forged – these are the memories I will cherish, and carry with me.

I had hoped to inspire you, and connect our District with your esteemed clubs. However, in this exchange, I have come to realize that it was I who has been profoundly inspired. Your dedication, your commitment to service, and your unwavering passion to uplift those around you have left an unforgettable mark in my heart.

The very essence of Rotary is to sow seeds of hope in a world that, at times, may seem deprived of it.

With your enduring spirit and collective action, I believe we are not just planting seeds but nurturing a forest of change. Your dedication to create a better world is the beacon that lights up our darkest days, reminding us all of the strength of the human spirit when it unites with others for a shared cause.

A special acknowledgment is for the Rotary Club of Dumaguete South. Your pledge of eight Paul Harris Fellows, and one Paul Harris Society member by Charter Member Wilkie Matiao... and counting...is a testament to your unyielding commitment and generosity. It sets a precedent, inspiring others to follow, and magnifying our impact manifold.

And while we await for that coveted Major Donor commitment, I firmly

believe that with clubs as proactive and as dedicated as yours, it's only a matter of time before we witness that historic milestone.

In our shared mission of service and community-building, connections are our most potent tool. I am genuinely hopeful that the bridges we've begun to build during this visit will strengthen and flourish in the years to come.

My deepest gratitude goes out to every single member here. Your invaluable contributions, steadfast support, and unwavering faith have made this visit immensely successful. Together, we will continue championing the Rotary ideals, lighting the world with hope, and turning our most ambitious visions into reality. Once again, my gratitude goes out to each one of you... from the depths of my heart, from my Spouse Archie, and Chief of Staff Philip, for the kindness you have shown, for the stories we have shared, and for proving that in the world of Rotary, no journey is ever taken alone.

To AG Rey Lawas and AG Mark Trayvilla, your steadfast support and unwavering faith have made this visit an immense success. Together, we will continue championing the Rotary ideals, lighting the world with hope, and turning our most ambitious visions into reality.

Lastly, I look forward to the same attendance on May 3-5, 2024 for the District Convention in Davao City. Let's come together, just as we are doing today, in that same spirit of unity and camaraderie.

To the Rotary Club of Dumaguete, RC Dumaguete East, RC Dumaguete South, RC Dumaguete North, RC Bais, RC Tolong, and RC of Siquijor, may our paths cross many more times, and may our collective efforts continue to change lives and build a brighter, more connected future.

Thank you for this unforgettable experience, and together, let us *Create Hope in the World!* *Daghan salamat og maayong gabii sa tanan.*

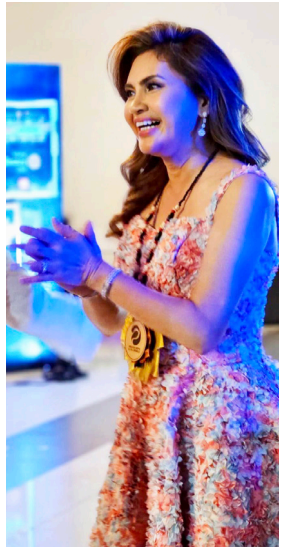


Photo Highlights



PP Jun Amor, representative of the Ting Matiao Foundation, joins the Energy Development Corp. Tripartite Monitoring Team for the quarterly monitoring of the Environmental Compliance Certificate, and the EDC airshed.



Motorbiking Rotarians. PN Aming Jordan, Rtn. Bernard Abangan, and PP Allan Martinez -- with their Ann Ylang, Ann Tata, and Ann Gen embrace the risks, enjoy the journey, and avoid regrets.



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Oct. 3 RCDS Board Meeting at DCCCO Hotel, Dumaguete City

Present: Pres Alex Pal, PE Loloy Baylon, VP Jeorex Chua, Sec. Ashley Morelos, Treas. Jessie Mascardo, Treas. Bert Fuentes, PP Ran Lim, PP Henry Sojor

The meeting was called to order at around 6:35 a.m.

1) Semestral dues. Pres. Alex Pal reported that almost all Rotarians have paid their semestral dues and thus, there is no more need to give a written notice to members who have yet to pay their P5,500 semestral dues.

RESOLVED: The Club will begin collecting dues for 2nd semester in December to coincide with the deadline for the reporting of active members for the second semester.

2) Medical Mission. The Nutritionists & Dietitians Association of the Philippines will conduct a medical mission for senior citizens this Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Calindagan gym starting at 8:30 a.m.

RESOLVED: The Club, through the Disease Prevention & Treatment area of focus headed by PE Loloy Baylon, will support this event. RCDS will give out reading glasses to senior citizens on Thursday.

3) Mangrove Planting . The Club was invited by the Association of Mangrove Planters of Oriental Negros (AMPO) who will conduct a mangrove planting activity on Saturday, Oct. 7, together with alumni of the Ship for South East Asian Youth Program (SSEAYP) and Metro Dumaguete Water.

RESOLVED: The club will support this activity by sending representatives to plant mangroves on Saturday, Oct.7, at 7:00 a.m. at the Jo's Chicken By the Sea in Ajong, Sibulan.

4) Polio Awareness. We need to conduct an activity for Polio Plus Awareness this month of October.

RESOLVED: The Club will conduct a Ride-for-Polio Awareness on Saturday, Oct. 21. We will choose a scenic route and a relaxing destination for our fellowship lunch, and return to Dumaguete by the afternoon.

5) Projects at Friendly Homes. After the successful ground-breaking ceremony and bamboo-planting activity at Friendly Homes last Sept. 20, we now can begin the programs for our 7 areas of focus.

RESOLVED: To encourage our 7 Areas of Focus teams to begin the programs they had planned for the Friendly Homes community.

6) **DisCon on May 3-5 in Davao City.** Some Rotarians were able to avail of discounted airline fares for Cebu-Davao-Cebu on Philippine Airlines courtesy of Ann Joy Sojor. Those who were not able to buy their tickets may explore other means to get to Davao for the District Convention. PP Ran Lim suggested that we look for apartments-for-rent that the Rotarians and Anns may want to use on those days.

RESOLVED: The Club will explore by November room options for the May trip in Davao. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

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the time capsule by DG Twinkle, AG Mark Trayvilla, Pres Alex Pal, PP Greg Uymatiao, and the local leaders.

7) DG Twinkle gave a brief Message commending the efforts of the Club.

8) PE Loloy Baylon gave the closing remarks.

9) Emcee for the activities, PP Ran Lim, then invited the guests to join RCDS for early lunch at the TMF Farm in barangay Junob.

Fellowship Lunch:

1) At the TMF Farm owned by the RCDS-Ting Matiao Foundation, the Rotary Anns welcomed the Rotarians and special guests to a barrio fiesta-themed lunch where we had mouth-watering Pinoy food, **lechon from PP Bimbo & Ann Rhanie Lagahit, lechon kanding from PP Henry & Ann Lorna Liu, kinilaw from PP Ran Lim, ice cream from PN Aming & Ann Ylang, Sans Rival cake from Ann Maisa Sagarbarria, kakanin desserts from Ann Wendy Fungo,** lemonade from the green lime and fresh buko harvested from the TMF Farm.

2) The lunch fellowship program was **hosted by Ann June Cayang** who did a most wonderful job as the perfect master of ceremonies and serenader -- even Rtn. Jake was surprised as it was his first time to see his Ann host a significant event like that.

3) PP Greg Uymatiao gave a brief background about the TMF acquisition, and was thankful for how the Rotary Anns spruced up the Farm for the special guests

in about two weeks.

4) The area was cleaned-up and curated by the Anns headed by Ann Ylang Jordan, with members: Ann Tata Abangan, Ann Wendy Fundo, ann Celyn Quisil, Ann Alma Ramirez who brought in their personnel, and Irma Faith Pal. They also conceptualized the photo wall with the rattan peacock chair, and the Pinoy Games with prizes -- which were a big hit for everyone.

The Anns were ably/physically assisted by PP Ran Lim, Sec. Ashley Morelos, Rtn. Aldrin Ramirez, Rtn. Bernard Abangan, PN Aming Jordan, and Pres Alex Pal.

5) By 1 pm when everyone was ready for their siesta (having started the day by 6 am), Pres. Alex Pal thanked everyone for their active cooperation, especially IPP Ely Bodo who is HPG chief, and Rtn. Ron Fungo, Dumaguete chief of police, for securing the areas during the Governor's Visit.

Governor's Night, Sept. 22

1) The theme was *Sparkle with DG Twinkle*, and RCDS came dressed in blue cocktail attires.

2) RCDS is thankful to **PP Chiquiting & Ann Maisa Sagarbarria for our lechon, and to PP Allan & Ann Gen Martinez for the RCDS Open Bar.**

3) After about 12 weeks of rehearsals, the RCDS sang an interpretation of *Where Hope is Planted*, conducted by Ann Mayette Koerkamp, and eventually earned the "golden buzzer" from DG Twinkle herself (Read her Challenge on p. 9)

Ann Mayette also performed *Sa Kabukiran* to the delight of the audience. It was truly a night to remember.

PROPOSED RCDS AGENDA FOR RY 2023-24

Month	Activity	Area of Focus/Incharge
JULY 2023	Semestral dues P5,500	(Treas. Jess Mascardo)
1 Saturday	Rotary New Year: Shoe-giving	Basic Ed & Literacy (VP Rex Chua)
19 Wednesday	Club assembly	(Pres. Alex Pal)
16 Sunday	Rotary bloodletting	Disease Prevention & Treatment
24 Monday	Training of Vallehermoso Water Register with Rotary.org	Water & Sanitation (Rtn. Caloy Romarate)
AUGUST		
14 Monday	<i>Brigada Eskwela</i> at Looc Elem School	Basic Ed & Literacy
20 Sunday	RI Day of Service: Mental Health Awareness at Talay Rehab Center	Disease Prevention & Treatment
SEPTEMBER	Basic Educ & Literacy Month	
17 Sunday	RI Day of Service: Coastal Clean-Up; Tree Growing	Environment
20 Wednesday	*Special Club Meeting with DG Twinkle *DG's Visit at Friendly Homes *Barrio Fiesta lunch at TMF Farm	All 7 Areas of Focus
22 Friday	District Governor's Night	
OCTOBER		
5 Thursday	Medical Mission	Disease Prevention & Treatment
7 Saturday	Mangrove-Planting in Ajong, Sibulan	Environment
8 Sunday	Pink October Fun Run	Maternal & Child Health
10 Tuesday	ACOM	
16 Monday	DG Twinkle's birthday	
24 Tuesday	World Polio Day: Patak Polio	Disease Prevention & Treatment
NOVEMBER	The Rotary Foundation Month	
18 Saturday	Rotary Foundation Night	(ACom)
DECEMBER		
2 Saturday	RCDS anniversary-Christmas party	(Rtn. Aldrin Ramirez, Sagarbarrias)
8-10 Friday-Sunday	Zone Institute in Kaoshiung, Taiwan	(Pres. Alex Pal)
13 Wednesday	Election of Officers for 2024-2025	
JANUARY 2024	Semestral dues P5,500	(Treas. Jess Mascardo)
FEBRUARY		
5 Monday	Rotary Empowering Girls	Peace and Conflict-Prevention
18-24 Sunday-Saturday	Rotary Week	
22-23 Thursday-Friday	Rotary Job Fair	Economic & Community Devt
MARCH		
APRIL		
11-13 Friday-Sunday	PETS/SETS in Dumaguete	
19 Friday	Paul Harris' Birthday	(ACom)
MAY		
3-5 Friday-Sunday	DisCon in Davao	
4 Saturday	Rotary 'Break the Stigma'	Disease Prevention & Treatment
24 Friday	PP SANO Fund commemoration	(Rtn. Bert Fuentes)
25-29 Saturday-Tuesday	RI Convention in Singapore	(Rtn. Bert Fuentes)
JUNE		
8 Saturday	Mangrove planting	Environment
15 Saturday	Turnover-Induction	(PE Loloy Baylon & Ann Etes Baylon)

RCDS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

1. Rtn. Jose Edgardo “Edo” Adriano
2. PP Alex “Jun” Amor Jr.
3. PP Roy Arco +
4. PE Elmore “Loloy” Baylon
5. Hans Brauchli +
6. PP Rafael “Raffy” Besas +
7. Ann Rosewilyn “Rose” Vincoy-Bodo
8. PP Alfredo “Dodo” Bustamante III
9. Rtn. Elson “Erp” Bustamante
10. PP Jose “Joe” Chiu
11. Anastacia Chua +
12. Rtn. Bonifacio “Bonnie” Chua
13. Rtn. Rajan Bhagwandas Dulamal
14. Rtn. Dominador Dumalag Sr. +
15. Rtn. Gilbert “Bert” Fuentes
16. PP Mark Higgins
17. Ann Marcelina “Bebe” Sy-Kho
18. PP Neil Ray “Bimbo” Lagahit
19. PP Henry “Hen” Liu
20. PP Archer Baldwin Martinez +
21. **Rtn. Jessie Mascardo**
22. Ann Anita L. Matiao +
23. Rtn. Martin “Ting” Matiao +
24. Rtn. Atilano “Jun” Merced Jr. +
25. Rtn. Rick Mitch Marthel Morelos
26. PP Jose “Joe” Nakao +
27. PP Eutropio “Trops” Ochavillo +
28. PP Danilo “Danny” Olegario
29. Eusebio “Boy” Ong +
30. Vivian Ong
31. Ann Nanila “Nani” Paalan +
32. 33. Rtn. Andres “Andy” Ricardo +
33. Rtn. Fermin “Min” Ricardo +
34. Rtn. Irwin Hanes Roberts
35. Rtn. Alexander “Alex” Roleda
36. Rtn. Julian Carlos “Carlo” Teves
37. PP Manuel “Chiquiting” Sagarbarria
38. Rtn. Luis Tiong Sin +
39. Ann Beth Sy
40. Ann Valentina “Teena” Sy
41. Uy Po Tee +
42. John Gareth Uymatiao
43. Ann Joy Sybico-Uymatiao
44. Ann Rosenda “Rose” Uymatiao +
45. PAG Youman “Boy” Uymatiao
46. Dr. Franciene Paalan-Vasquez
47. Rtn. Eddy “Ed” Vergara
48. PN Niño Marfren Joseph Viking

What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

A Paul Harris Fellow is a person who has been recognized as having done something significant for others through a contribution of \$ 1000, which will be spent on humanitarian efforts around the world.

A Paul Harris Fellow is recognized for service to the club and the community.

The recognition is named after Paul Harris, founder and organizer of the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905. He was founder of the Rotary idea, and the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

Upon Paul Harris' death in 1947, memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, the Rotary Foundation has been achieving the noble objective

of furthering “understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations”.

In 1957, the idea of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed as a means to promote voluntary giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Although the concept of making \$1,000-gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s the program began to gain popularity.

The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin, and a certificate have become highly-respected symbols of a substantial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

RCDS MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

3-Stone Sapphire

PVP Wilkie “Wilky” Matiao
PP Willes Matiao
PP Susano “Sano” Sy +
PP Gregorio “Greg” Uymatiao Jr.

2-Stone Sapphire

IPP Aurelio “Ely” Bodo
PAG Edgar “Ed” Calinawagan
PP Marciano “Mars” Kho
PP Antonio “Tony” Paalan

1-Stone Sapphire

PP Leo Bollos
PP Patrick “Bebot” Chua
PP Eliezer “Eli” Escorial
PP Renante Angelo “Ran” Lim
PP Allan C. Martinez
Rtn. Willington “Tona” Matiao
PP Teresito “Terry” Orbeta
Pres. Alex Rey “Alex” V. Pal
PP Jaime “Jimmy” Tan +
PP Raul Villanueva

ROTARY 'AREAS OF FOCUS' TEAMS



Peace-building & Conflict-Prevention

Ronoel "Ron" Fungo, head

Myles Nicholas "Myles" G. Bejar
Aurelio "Ely" L. Bodo
Elson "Erp" Bustamante
Arman Catacutan
Don A. Dupio
Andre Stephen "Andre" Jacobo
Rick Mitch Marthel "Mitch" Morelos
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal



Disease Prevention & Treatment

Elmore "Loloy" Baylon Jr., head

Jonathan "Jone" C. Amante
Jed Michael "Jed" A. Amor
Jose "Joe" U. Chiu
Jim Karl "Jim" Jardiniano
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Angelo David Berba, head

Neil Ray "Bimbo" Lagahit
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
Randy "Ran" Quisil
Aldrin Ramirez
Gregorio "Greg" L. Uymatiao Jr.



Maternal & Child Health

Niño Marfren Joseph Viking, head

Richard Catacutan
Antonio Marlon Eric I. Dejaresco
Mark Ronald "Mark" Genove
Allan C. Martinez
Jan Ashley "Ashley" E. Morelos
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
Manuel "Chiquiting" T. Sagarbarria Jr.

16 Spinning Wheel



Basic Education & Literacy

Henry "Hen" A. Sojor, head

Jeorex "Rex" P. Chua
Renante Angelo "Ran" S. Lim
Froilan Joseph "Froilan" Pinili
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
Carlos "Caloy" Romarate Jr



Community Economic Development

Jeremy "Aming" Jordan, head

Bernard Louie "Bernard" Abangan
Christopher Jay "Jake" V. Cayang
Gilbert "Bert" Fuentes
Henry "Hen" Q. Liu
Ludo "Dodong" Managing
Wilkie "Wilky" L. Matiao
Willington "Tona" L. Matiao
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
Phillip "Epo" Yao



Environment

Jobert Kleine Koerkamp, head

Jose Edgardo "Edo" J. Adriano
Alex "Jun" A. Amor Jr.
Jun Rex D. Bungabong
Jessie "Jess" E. Mascardo
John Michael "Owen" Molas
Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
Judan Carl "Carl" Rabaca

OCTOBER 2023 CELEBRATIONS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 PP Mars & Bebe Kho wedding anniversary	3	4	5	6 VP Jeorex Chua birthday	7 PP Andre Jacobo birthday
8 Wilkie & Emma Matiao wedding anniversary	9	10	11	12 Irma Faith Pal birthday	13	14
15 Jessie & Wen Mascardo wedding anniversary	16 Joy Uymatiao birthday	17 Bert & Brin Fuentes wedding anniversary	18 Brin Fuentes birthday Jobert & Mayet Koerkamp wedding anniversary	19 Ashley & Lynn Morelos wedding anniversary	20	21
22	23 Louie & Tata Abangan wedding anniversary	24	25	26 Val Pinili birthday	27	28 Pal Amante birthday
29	30					

WHERE TO MAKE-UP Area 3D

THURSDAYS

Rotary Club of Dumaguete East
8:00 p.m. Ang Tay Golf Club Cafe

FRIDAYS

Rotary Club of Dumaguete North
6:30 p.m. Ang Tay Golf Club

Rotary Club of Dumaguete
7:00 p.m. Chill-Out Bar, Bantayan

Rotary



Rotary Club of Dumaguete South
District 3860, Area 3D

Club of _____ of Rotary
has attended
the RCDS Regular Weekly Meeting on _____, 20____
held at Chin Loong Restaurant, Rizal Boulevard, Dumaguete City;
or has participated in an RCDS 'Area of Focus' Activity held at
_____.

Jan Ashley "Ashley" E. Morelos
Secretary

Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal
President



RCDS ANNS' CORNER

Like their talented husbands, the RCDS Anns are an equally-dynamic group, capable of doing various tasks that could help Rotary achieve its goals, and more. On this page, we feature each Ann so we can all get to know them better.

Hard work and the right timing

Wife. Mother. Accountant. Utility Company Director. Businesswoman. Resort Owner. Rotary Ann. How did she get there?

A question that provokes curiosity, and an honest look into her journey gives an answer that celebrates this accomplished woman, and inspires the next generation.

Our assistant treasurer, Ann Alma Flores-Ramirez, was born in the province of Benguet to a Kapampangan father and Tanjayanon mother.

Her father, who worked at the Benguet Mines in Tanjay, one day saw her mother by the roadside, fell in love, and when the mines closed, he whisked her to Benguet. There, Ann Alma was born and raised up to sixth grade. Then bringing the family, her parents moved back to Negros Oriental, and settled in barangay Batinguel. She then studied at Silliman University High School.

Little did she know then that her future husband, Rtn. Aldrin Ramirez, was residing only about two meters away from their house. Living in proximity with each other, the youngsters Alma and Aldrin conveniently became close friends growing up. Ann Alma fondly remembers how that early, she already felt how Rtn. Aldrin would care for her and “palangga” her “as a friend”.

Without realizing it, the good friends Alma & Aldrin were seriously obeying God’s commandment to Love thy neighbor. And without delaying it any longer, their love story began, and began to flourish. They are now blessed with two daughters, 24 year-old Patricia KC, and 17 year-old AJ Marie.

Ann Alma started her accountancy journey at Silliman University, and finished it at the Australian Institute of Higher Education in Sydney, Australia. In between that period, she graduated with a BS in Computer Science from the University of San Juan Recoletos in Cebu.

Throughout her education, Ann Alma demonstrated academic prowess by consistently being a Dean’s Lister. Earning high grades in class seemed effortless perhaps due to her exceptional ability, and channeling her inner Elle Woods, and with her “smiling eyes” she says candidly, “Murag sayon ra man to!”

Even with her degree in Computer Science, Ann Alma’s work experiences at PNB in Manila, at the Dumaguete City government, and at the Department of Education-Dumaguete always landed her in the accounting division.

In 2010, personal circumstances prompted the Ramirez couple to bravely try their luck in Australia through a work-and-study program. While Ann Alma was finishing her Bachelor of Accounting, Rtn. Aldrin worked in construction.

Both being go-getters and not being work-shy, and armed with their complementing strengths, Ann Alma & Rtn. Aldrin started their first business called Air Lagging, that specialized in insulation work on plumbing systems. Rtn. Aldrin’s meticulous workmanship, coupled with Ann Alma being savvy in

business and technology found an opportunity for a profitable side hustle.

With immigration laws not in their favor that time, the couple opted to return to Dumaguete, and start another business with the help of a friend, calling it Air Glass & Aluminum Services. Clients who seek their services for glass installation would often ask if they can do repairs on surrounding structures as well, suggesting to the couple: “Completoha nalang ninyo!”

Ann Alma then saw this breakthrough as an opportunity to establish Air Construction Services. With Rtn. Aldrin’s construction experience in Australia, and Alma’s hands-on management style, the couple have been able to make both businesses thrive and prosper.

They have since come a long way from repairing walls and getting them ready for glass installations to now building houses and even constructing roads and dikes.

(If you had been wondering what’s with all the Air Glass and Air Construction, Ann Alma teasingly explains it has to do with Rtn. Aldrin’s love for Nike Air Jordans.)

Ann Alma’s directorship in the policy-making Board of the Negros Oriental Electric Cooperative II came as a surprise. She admits it was with the help and support of her father-in-law and Rtn. Aldrin’s extensive network that she is now serving as an elected officer. At Noreco II, she says her prior business training allows her to scrutinize issues and proposals that need her attention, mindful that her decisions must benefit the consumers.

Her passion for civic engagement is carried on through their active involvement with Rotary, giving her a sense of community and the opportunity to meet more friends, and engage in service of others — a variation from their busy lives as entrepreneurs.

Whenever Ann Alma visits her mother’s hometown in Tanjay, she says she continues to be amazed by the natural view, hence, the inspiration for their new venture called Victoria’s Mountainview Resort. The natural landscape provides her family a breathing space to recharge from their busy schedules, something that she sincerely wishes to share with others. She says that although the endeavor is quite challenging, financially and time-wise, Ann Alma swears how she finds joy and fulfillment in creating and seeing her vision for the space come to life.

Ann Alma’s life journey has been a slow and steady adventure. She has come to love the process in any of her endeavors, be it in academics, business, or civic engagements. It helps that the strength of Rtn. Aldrin, her genuine partner in all respects, is in his “people skills” and that she complements it with her astute business acumen.

Even with the various successes in their businesses, Ann Alma continues to live a simple life, enjoys listening to live bands and dancing, and looks forward to Netflix marathons during her downtime. She can only wish that her example of hard work and confidence in knowing when to seize opportunities would someday inspire their daughters to carve their own niches in life. *(Ann Jin Honculada-Genove)*

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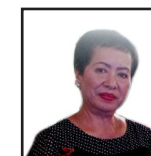
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