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RCDS PRESIDENT	ROTARY YEAR	DISTRICT GOVERNOR	R.I. PRESIDENT	R.I. THEME
Willes Matiao	1977 – 1978	Jorge "Jorge" Royeca RC General Santos	W. Jack Davis	Serve to Unite Mankind
Willes Matiao	1978 – 1979	Manuel "Mauel" de Veyra RC Cebu	Clem Renout	RC Reach Out
Henry Sojor	1979 – 1980	Honorario "Hila' Hilario RC Davao	James L. Bomar, Jr.	Let Service Light the Way
Marciano Kho	1980 – 1981	Graciano "Naning" Militante RC San Juanico	Rolf J. Klarich	Take time to Serve
Bill Wale	1981 – 1982	Arturo "Art" Pingoy RC Korondal	Stanley E. McCaffrey	World Understanding and Peace
Jose Nakao	1982 – 1983	Ouintin "King" Doromal	Hiroje Mukasa	Mankind is One – Build Bridges of
Jimmy Tan	1983 – 1984	RC Dumaguete Honorato "Totoy" Cabarroguis	William E. Sketon	Friendship throughout the World Share Rotary, Serve Rotary
Gregorio Uymatiao, Jr.	1984 – 1985	RC Davao East Jose "Joe" Lardizabal	Carlos Conseco	Discover A New World of Service
Susano Sy	1985 – 1986	RC Cebu West Armin "Armin" Cucueco	Edward F. Cadman	You are the Key
Lan Bulacan	1986 – 1987	RC General Santos Roque "Rey" Tiu	MAT Caparas	Rotary Brings Hope
Junny Dumalag, Jr.	1987—1988	RC San Juanico Antonio "Tony" M.Garcia	Charles C. Keller	Rotarians: United in Service,
Honorato Andaya	1988 – 1989	RC Davao West Cesar "Sar" G. Estalilla	Royce Abbey	Put Life into Rotary – Your Life
Youman Uymatiao	1989 – 1990	RC Cebu Fuente Herminio "Hermie" A. Villano	Hug M. Archer	Enjoy Rotary
Alex Amor, Jr.	1990 – 1991	RC East Davao Martarito "Tito" Redona	Paul V. Costa	Honor Rotary with Faith and
Zachy Beltran	1991 – 1992	RC Tacloban Johnny "John" Asencio	Rajendra K. Saboo	Lock Beyond Yourself
Boy Diputado	1992 – 1993	RC Dadiangas Xaver "Xavier" Ledesma	Clifford Dochterman	Real Happiness is Helping Others
Raul Dumalag	1993 – 1994	RC Metro Cebu Nicanor "Nick" Del Rosario, Jr.	Robert R. Bart	Believe in What You Do: Do What
Dannilo Olegario	1994 – 1995	RC Davao Arcadio "Dodong" Alegrado RC Mandaue	Bill Huntley	Be a friend
Jonathan Amante	1995 – 1996	RC Mandaue Reynaldo "Boy" Reyes RC Davao East	Herbert Brown	Act with integrity, Serve with
Patrick Chua	1996 – 1997	RČ Davao East Vicente "Toting" Solis, Jr.	Luis Vicente Giay	Build Future with Action and
Henry Liu	1997 – 1998	RC Tacloban Jesus "Jess" Veneracion	Glen W. Kinross	Show Rotary Cares
Antonio Paalan	1998 – 1999	RC General Santos Antonio "Anton" Florendo	James L. Lacy	Follow Your Rotary Dream
Manuel Sagarbarria	1999 – 2000	RC Cebu Port Centre Raoul "Raul" E. Hilario	Carlo Ravizza	Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency,
Edgar Calinawagan	2000 – 2001	RC Davao East Jose Ma. Luis N. Cupin	Frank Devlyn	Credibility, Continuity Create Awareness Take Action
Raul Villanueva	2001 – 2002	RC Davao East Ramon "Monet" Tirol	Richard D. King	Mankind is our Business
Rafael Rallos	2002 – 2003	RC Central Davao Pablo "Pabs" Quizon	Bhichai "Bichai"	Show The Seeds of Love
Roy Arco	2003 – 2004	RC San Juanico Roberto "Bert" Domendo	Jonathan "Jone" Majiyagbe	Lend a Hand
Jose Chiu	2004 – 2005	RC Rislio	Glenn E. Estress Sr.	Celebrate Rotary
Mark Higgins	2005 – 2006	Raymund "Ray" G. Patuasi RC Cebu West Evelyn "Len" A. Magno	Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer	Service Above Self
Antonio Carino	2005 – 2007	RC Davao Downtown Fernando "Jun" Almeda, Jr.	William "Bill" Boyd	Lead the Way
Rafael Besas	2007 – 2008	RC Metro Suriggo	Wilfred "Will" Wilkinson	Rotary Shares
Archer Baldwin Martinez	2007 – 2008	Joseph Michael "Yumi" Espina RC Cebu Fuente Pablito "Billy" Parilla RC Matina, Davao	Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee	·
	2009 – 2010	RC Matina, Davao		Make Dreams Real
Alfredo Bustamante III		Antonio "Tony" G. Veneracion RC General Santos Teodoro "Ted" B. Locsin, Jr.	John Kenny	The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands
Neil Ray Lagahit	2010 – 2011	RC Cebu Port Center	Ray Klighsmith	Building Communities Bridging
Edmund Gonzales	2011 – 2012	Leoncio "Nonoy" Villa-Abrille RC Cebu Port Center	Kalyan Banerjee	Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
Teresito Orbeta	2012 – 2013	Peter "Perok" Rodriguez RC Ormoc	Sakuji Tanaka	Peace through Service
Leo Bollos	2013—2014	Egdar R. Chiongbian RC Cebu	Ron D. Burton	Engage Rotary Change Lives
Myles Nicholas Bejar	2014—2015	Remegio Salanatin RC Davao	Gary C.K. Huang	Light Up Rotary
Eliezer Escorial	2015—2016	Salvador G. Estudillo RC San Juanico	K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran	Be a Gift to the World
Allan Martinez	2016—2017	Mary Anne Solomon RC Cebu Fuente	John F. Germ	Rotary Serving Humanity
Froilan Joseph Pinili	2017-2018	Art O. Tan RC Davao	Ian H.S. Riseley	Rotary: Making A Difference
Andre Stephen Jacobo	2018—2019	Benjamin M. Garcia RC Marbel	Barry Rassin	Be the Inspiration
Ludo Managing	2019—2020	Philip N. Tan RC Cebu West	Mark Daniel Maloney	Rotary Connects the World
Renante Angelo Lim	2020—2021	Rodel Riezl S. Reyes RC East Davao	Holger Knaack	Rotary Opens Opportunities
Renante Angelo Lim	2021—2022	Anna Louisa Bumagat RC Ormoc	Shekhar Menta	Serve to Change Lives
Aurelio Bodo	2022—2023	Lilo I. Aliño RC Cebu Gloria Maris	Jennifer Jones	Imagine Rotary
Alex Rey Pal	2023—2024	Rosanne "Twinkle" Concon- Gamboa	R. Gordon R. Melnally	Create Hope in the World
Elmore Baylon, Jr.	2024—2025	RC Downtown Davao Caroline "Caycay" Andrade	Stephanie A. Urchick	The Magic of Rotary

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# **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

We come before You this morning with grateful hearts as we gather for this Rotary meeting. Thank You for the gift of fellowship, the opportunity to serve, and the blessings of this new day.

Bless our discussions and guide our decisions so that our actions may bring hope, kindness, and service to those in need. Strengthen our commitment to Rotary's values of integrity, fellowship, and service above self.

We ask for Your blessings upon our club, our leaders, and our families. May we find joy in our purpose and wisdom in our plans. Bless this food before us, that it may nourish us for the work ahead.

All this we ask in Your name. Amen.

#### THE 4 - WAY TEST

of the things we Think, Say or Do:

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### "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.

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		and Rotary Hymn	AVP
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Program	03	Four Way Test	
Prayer		And Object of Rotary	
The 4-Way Test &			
	04	Introduction of Guests	Rtn. Gerard Michael Lim
Object of Rotary			
Rotary Hymn		BR	EAKFAST
Laughter	05		
Spinning Wheel Staff		Fellowship Singing	PP Boy Diputado
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Photos	07	Share a Joke	Rtn. Nonoy Ligutom
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	NAME	NICKNAME	CLASSIFICATION	ANN	TELEPHONE	RI—ID
1.	Abangan, Bernard Louie	Bernard	Master Marine Operation	Tata	0927-869-5001	11695305
2.	Adriano, Jose Edgardo J.	Edo	General Agriculture	Annabelle	250935/0917-700-2766	1261257
3.	Amor, Alex, Jr. A.	Alex	Organic Fertilizers Mfg	Boots	2252732/0908-861-9732	270207
4.	Amor, Jed Michael	Jed	Physical Therapy	Nixsy	0950 988 5575	11623568
5.	Baylon, Elmore, Jr.	Loloy	Optical Services	Etes	0917-132-9107	8474947
3. I	Bejar, Myles Nicholas G.	Myles	Legal Education	Kariza	0917-314-0002	6544688
7.	Bodo, Aurelio L.	Ely	Law Enforcement	Rose	+639814442444	8973118
3. 1	Bungabong, Jun Rex	Jun	Restaurant Operation	Gigi	0917-869-8903	11694218
	Bustamante, Elson	Erp	Trial Advocacy	Fe	4226806/4158082	6070762
	Cabiles, Robert	Rob	Water Distribution			
	Catacutan, Richard	Richard	Family Lawyer Practice	Hannah	4229067/4229984	8973052
	Catacutan, Arman	Arman	Law Practice / Public Attorney		0917-320-0775	1076990
	Chiu, Jose U.	Joe	Radiology	Ellen	4225244/2250841	270211
	Chua, Jeorex	Rex	Recycling	Amber H.	0969-240-9561	5994162
	Cayang, Christopher Jay V.	Jake	BPO Management	June	423-8336/0997-167-0140	1143244
	Dacumos, Rodelle Y.	Rodelle	Distribution Business	Janice	423-0330/0337-107-0140	1215316
	·				4227788/0998-567-1174	9373253
	Dejaresco, Anton Marlon Eric. I		Corporate Law Practice	Ling-ling Abie		1599410
	Diputado, Apolonio, Jr.	Boy	Government Prosecution		0915-780-8789	
	Duran, Robert	Obet	Merchant Seafaring	Maricar	0945-806-8113	1196768
	Fuentes, Gilbert	Bert	Food Products Distribution	Brin	2257479/4200433/4211349	5251568
	Fungo, Ronoel	Ron	Law Enforcement	Wendy	0905-230-8047	1182022
	Genove, Mark Ronald	Mark	Nutrition Education	Jin	0917-724-8265	1176858
	Green, Matthew	Matt	Psychiatric Nursing		0949-173-7265	1196768
	Higgins, Mark	Mark	Manufacturing	Flordeliza	0917-700-0034	5904343
5.	ljan, Jason	Jason	Education		0969-282-3540	1217724
6	Jacobo, Andre Stephen	Andre	Government Prosecution	Janice	0917-707-1078	811176
7	Jordan, Jeremy F.	Jeremy	Commercial Construction	Ylang	4227384/0922-844-8302	1076990
8.	Kleine Koerkamp, Jobert	Jobert	Agriculture	Mayet	0915 496 7297	1162356
9.	Lagahit, Neil Ray	Bimbo	Legislative Administration	Rhanie	2262422/0921-748-2349	6544686
0.	Lejarso, Josie Wen		Education		0951-968-3227	1217724
1.	Ligutom, Ponciano	Nonoy	Management Consultancy	Emy	0917-127-4267	1196768
2.	Lim, Gerard Michael	GM	Automotive Industry	Alex	0917-311-9100	
3.	Lim, Renante Angelo S.	Ran	Architecture	Sasa	4224088/0917-700-7275	5994163
4.	Liu, Henry Q.	Hen	General Merchandising	Lorna	2254676/0939-939-2411	1261259
	Managing, Ludo	Dodong	Car Distribution	Beth	0927-935-6818	985464
	Martinez, Allan	Allan	Judicial Administration	Gen-gen	2251672/0918-419-3302	607076
	Mascardo, Jessie E.	Jess	Universal Banking	Wen	4197439/0917-312-1224	698975
	Matiao, Wilkie L.	Wilky	Non-Life Insurance	Emma	2261683/0917-314-3198	270237
	Matiao, Willington L.	Tona	Transportation	Rosalia	2255830/0917-304-7199	270239
	Molas, John Michael	Owen	Merchant Seafaring	rtodalia	2200000,0011 004 1100	1220718
	Morelos, Jan Ashley E.	Ashley	Marine Engineering	Lynn	4222923/0997-330-0720	1155595
	Morelos, Rick Mitch Marthel	Mitch			0956-886-8161	1167557
			Car Transportation Services	Joy		
	Pal, Alex Rey	Alex	Communication Management	Irma	0918-940-0730	1143239
	Pinili, Froilan Joseph	Froilan	Government Administration	Val	0928-338-1821	897861
	Quisil, Randy	Ran	Rural Banking	Celyn	0917-314-1358	118689
	Rabaca, Carl	Carl	Petrol Retail	Cecile	0969-054-6370	1152528
	Ramirez, Aldrin	Aldrin	Construction	Alma	0977-817-9044	1143246
	Romarate, Carlos, Jr.	Caloy	Website Development	Michele	0917-627-5602	1155595
	Sagarbarria, Manuel, Jr.	Chiquiting	Sugar Trading	Maisa	2253889/2250676	115731
50.	Sojor, Henry A.	Henry	Education	Joy	2251472/0918-923-7342	1498057
1.	Sy, Marcelo E.	Mars	Gym Operation	Grace	0915-192-1983	270241
52.	Sumagang, John	John				
3.	Uymatiao, Gregorio, Jr. L.	Greg	Structural Engineering	Joy	2254395/2254717	270218
4.	Viking, Niño Joseph Marfren E.	Niño	Vehicle Importation	Soci	0977-801-1191	1143246
55.	Yao, Philip	Philip	Software Development	Yan		1186893

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#### MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS PP Aurelio "Ely" Bodo - five - five stone sapphire PVP Wilkie "Wilky" Matiao - four stone sapphire FP Gregorio "Greg" Uymatiao, Jr. - four stone sapphire FP Willes "Willes" Matiao three stone sapphirethree stone sapphire FP Susano "Sano" Sy (+) PAG Edgar "Ed" Calinawagan - two stone sapphire FP Marciano "Mars" Kho - two stone sapphire PP Henry Liu - two stone sapphire FP Antonio "Tony" Paalan IPP Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal - two stone sapphire - two stone sapphire PN Niño Marfren Joseph "Niño" E. Viking - two stone sapphire PP Leo Bollos - one stone sapphire PP Patrick "Bebot" Chua - one stone sapphire PP Mark Higgins - one stone sapphire PP Renante Angelo "Ran" Lim PP Henry "Hen" Liu - one stone sapphire - one stone sapphire PP Allan Martinez - one stone sapphire Treas. Willington "Tona" Matiao - one stone sapphire PP Teresito "Terry" Orbeta - one stone sapphire PP Manuel "Chiquiting" T. Sagarbarria, Jr. - one stone sapphire PP Raul "Raul" Villanueva - one stone sapphire PP Eliezer "Ely" Escorial (+) - one stone sapphire 12. PP Jaime "Jimmy" Tan (+) - one stone sapphire **B. PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS** Rtn. Jose Edgardo "Edo" Adriano PP Jonathan "Jone" Amante PADG Alex "Jun" Amor, Jr. Pres. Elmore "Loloy" Baylon

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38. PP Rafael "Raffy" Besas (+)
39. PP Alfredo "Dodo" Bustamante III (+)

40. Anastacia Chua (+)

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52. Rtn. Andres "Andy" Ricardo (+)
53. Rtn. Fermin "Min" Ricardo (+)
54. Rtn. Alexander "Alex" Roleda (+)

55. Rtn. Luis Tiong Sin (+)

56. Uy Po Tee (+) 57. Ann Rosenda "Rose" Uymatiao (+) 58. Rtn. Eddy "Ed" Vergara (+)

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Ann FP Lorna Liu

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15. Rtn. Crisanto Marlon "Marlon" Rondina

16. Rtn. Amado "Arman" Samante

17. Rtn. Angelo Michael "Mike" Singco 18. Ann FP Maisa Isabel "Maisa" Sagarbarria

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23. Spouse Norma Merecido Arco (+)
24. PP Antonio "Tony" Cariño (+)
25. Rtn. Efren Don "Don" Gallardo (+)
26. Rtn. Dominador "Doming" Rubia (+)
27. Rtn. Herbert "Eddie" Tia (+)
28. PP Edmund "Ed" Gonzales (+)
29. PP Sabellon "Bill" Wale (+)

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PP Raul Dumalag

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Dr. Eiro Kubota – Japan Dr. Tekeshi Katsuki - Japan

PP Marciano Kho Dr. Egbert Machtens

10. PP Teresito Orbeta

11. Dr. Rico Absin (+) 12. Mr. Bagwandas "Bhagi" Dulamal (+)

13. Mr. Eusebio "Boy" Ong (+)

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

In the past days, I traveled to my hometown in Mindanao for four days and three nights to bring my father and brother back home. Seeing them happy and comfortable among family and relatives who can care for my father brings me peace of mind. Though this is a

personal challenge, I remain steadfast in overcoming it, knowing that family is our greatest source of strength.

As we move forward this week, I want to remind everyone of our upcoming PELS/SELS and DTLS/DLA. These trainings are crucial in equipping our incoming leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to guide our club effectively. Their success in leadership will shape the future of the Rotary Club of Dumaguete South, ensuring that we continue to serve with excellence and purpose.

I am also pleased to share my commitment to contributing \$500 to The Rotary Foundation in support of our soon-to-be-approved RCDS Global Grant application. I hope that this grant will be successfully implemented during my term, allowing us to create a meaningful and lasting impact in our community.

Let us continue to work together with dedication and passion for service. Thank you for your unwavering support, and may we all be inspired to serve above self.

Yours in Rotary, Pres. Elmore Baylon Jr.

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TREASURER'S REPOR' PRES. LOLOY'S TERM

I. ROTARY YEAR 2024-2025				
A. SAR Dues RY 2024-2025	1st SEM	2nd SEM		R.I. ID
1.0 Abangan, Bernard Louie	5,500.00	5,500.00		11695305
2.0 Adriano, Jose Edgardo	5,500.00	5,500.00		1261257
3.0 Amor, Alex, Jr.	2,500.00	3,300.00		270207
4.0 Amor, Jed Michael	5,550.00			11623568
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5.0 Baylon, Elmore, Jr.	5,500.00	5,500.00		8474947
6.0 Bejar, Myles Nicholas	5,500.00	4 475 00		6544688
7.0 Bodo, Aurelio	3,850.00	4,475.00		8973118
8.0 Bungabong, Jun Rex	5,500.00	5,500.00		11694218
9.0 Bustamante, Elson	5,500.00			6070762
10.0 Cabiles, Robert	5,500.00	5,500.00		11546318
11.0 Catacutan, Richard				8973052
12.0 Catacutan, Arman				10769909
13.0 Cayang, Christopher Jay	5,500.00	5,500.00		11432448
14.0 Chiu, Jose	5,500.00	5,500.00		270211
15.0 Chua, Jeorex				5994162
16.0 Dacumos, Rodelle	1,137.96	4,362.04		12153161
17.0 Dejaresco, Anton Marlon Eric		•		9373253
18.0 Diputado, Apolonio, Jr.	5,500.00	5,500.00		1599410
19.0 Don, Dupio	5,500.00	5,500.00		
20.0 Duran, Robert	5,500.00	3,300.00		11967688
21.0 Fuentes, Gilbert	5,500.00	5,500.00		5251568
22.0 Fungo, Ronoel	5,500.00	5,500.00		11820224
23.0 Genove, Mark Ronald	5,500.00	5,500.00		11768586
24.0 Green, Matthew	5,500.00	5,500.00		11967685
25.0 Higgins, Mark	5,500.00	5,500.00		5904343
26.0 Ijan, Jason	758.64	5,741.36		12177242
27.0 Jacobo, Andre Stephen	4,550.00	5,500.00		8111768
28.0 Jordan, Jeremy	5,500.00	5,500.00		10769905
29.0 Kliene Korekamp, Jobert	5,500.00	5,500.00		11623562
30.0 Lagahit, Neil Ray	5,500.00	5,500.00		6544686
31.0 Lejarso, Josie Wen	758.64	4,241.36		12177240
32.0 Ligutom, Ponciano	5,500.00	5,500.00		11967680
33.0 Lim, Gerard Michael	379.32	5,120.68		12202225
34.0 Lim, Renante Angelo	5,500.00	5,500.00		5994163
35.0 Liu, Henry	5,500.00	5,500.00		1261259
36.0 Managing, Ludo	5,500.00	5,500.00		9854644
37.0 Martinez, Allan	5,500.00	5,500.00		6070765
38.0 Mascardo, Jessie	5,500.00	5,500.00		6989755
39.0 Matiao, Wilkie	5,500.00	5,500.00		270237
40.0 Matiao, Willington	5,500.00	5,500.00		270237
41.0 Molas, John Michael	379.32	5,120.68		12207181
42.0 Morelos, Jan Ashley	5,500.00	3,000.00		11555959
43.0 Morelos , Rick Mitch Marthe		5,500.00		11675575
44.0 Pal, Alex Rey	5,500.00	5,500.00		11432397
45.0 Pinili, Froilan Joseph	5,500.00	5,500.00		8978611
46.0 Quisil, Randy	5,500.00	5,500.00		11868914
47.0 Rabaca, Carl	5,500.00	5,500.00		11525289
48.0 Ramirez, Aldrin	5,500.00	5,500.00		11433102
49.0 Romarate, Carlos, Jr.	5,500.00	5,500.00		11555955
50.0 Sagarbarria, Manuel, Jr.	5,500.00			115731
51.0 Sojor, Henry	5,500.00	5,500.00		1498057
52.0 Sumagang, John	5,500.00	5,500.00		
53.0 Sy, Marcelo				270241
54.0 Uymatiao, Gregorio, Jr.	5,500.00	5,500.00		270218
55.0 Viking, Niño Joseph Marfren	5,500.00	5,500.00		11432465
56.0 Yao, Philip	5,500.00	5,500.00		11868939
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	Total 250,813.88	241,061.12	491,875.00	601, 099.85
B. Club Meeting Collections:		,	,	,
1.0 Pledged for SANO FUND—PP G	reg Hymatian Ir		5,000.00	
2.0 Fine Moments	reg o ymatiao, sr.		19,550.00	
3.0 Pledged for SANO FUND—IPP A	ley Pal		= 000000	
4.0 Overpayment for Pledge—IPP			5,000.00 500.00	
5.0 Christmas Party Collection	nick i al		28,774.85	
6.0 Disaster Management Inc—Fina	ancial Support from D2060		50,000.00	
	anciai support II oiii D3600			
7.0 PIN			400.00	
8.0 Refund—BAG OF JOY			1,520.00	
C. Less: Expenses			F 000 00	
1.0 Pledged for SANO FUND—PP Gre	eg Uymatiao, Jr.		5,000.00	
2.0 Flowers for Rtn. Rosana Habaña			3,000.00	
3.0 Rotary International (1st Sem., R	RY24-25)		121,394.00	
4.0 Philippine Rotary Magazine			7,700.00	
			7,700.00	
4.0 Philippine Rotary Magazine  CONTINUATION TO PAGE 7			7,700.00	

# **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES** Month of APRIL 2025

Sunday	Mon- day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
		1 observance of Eid'l Fitr (Feast of Rama- dhan)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Birthday of Ann Wen Mas- cardo	9 Holiday Araw ng Ka- gitingan	10	11	12
13	14	15 Birthday of PP Alex Amor, Jr.	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

# ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS TEAM

#### Peace-building & Conflict-Prevention

Ronoel "Ron" Fungo, head

Myles Nicholas"Myles" Bejar Elson "Erp" Bustamante Arman Catacutan Apolonio Diputado, Jr. Andre Stephen "Andre" Jacobo Rick Micth Marthel "Mitch" Morelos Elmore Baylon, Jr.

# **Disease Prevention & Treat-**

Elmore "Loloy" Baylon, Jr., head

Jed Michael "Jed" A. Amor Jose "Joe" U. Chiu Robert "Obet" C. Duran Matthew Green Marcelo Sy

# Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Aldrin Ramirez, head

Neil Ray "Bimbo" Lagahit Randy "Ran" Quisil Gregorio "Greg" L. Uymatiao, Jr. Elmore Baylon, Jr.

### Maternal and Child Health Niño Marfren Joseph Viking,

Richard Catacutan Antonio Marlon Eric I. Dejaresco Mark Ronald "Mark" Genove Allan C. Martinez Jan Ashley 'Ashley" E. Morelos Manuel "Chiquiting" T. Sagarbarria, Jr. Elmore Baylon, Jr.

# Basic Education & Literacy Henry "Hen" A. Sojor, head

Jeorex "Rex" P. Chua Ponciano "Nonoy" Ligutom Renante Angelo "Ran" S. Lim Froilan Joseph "Froilan" Pinili Alex Rey "Alex" V. Pal Carlos "Caloy" Romarate, Jr. Elmore Baylon, Jr.

#### Community Economic Development

Jeremy "Aming" Jordan, head

Bernard Louie "Bernard" Abangan Abangan
Christopher Jay "Jake" Cayang
Gilbert "Bert" Fuentes
Mark "Mark" Higgins
Henry "Hen" Q. Liu
Ludo "Dodong" Managing
Wilkie "Wilky" L. Matiao
Willington "Tona" L. Matiao
Philio "Fony" Ve Philip "Epoy" Yao Elmore Baylon, Jr.

#### Environment Jobert Kleine Koerkamp, head

Jose Edgrado "Edo" J. Adriano Alex "Jun" A. Amor, Jr. Jun Rex D. Bungabong Jessie "Jess" E. Mascardo Judan Carl "Carl" Rabaca Elmore Baylon, Jr.

#### **Additional Activities**

#### September 2024

**Environmental Project** 

|TBA

Governor's Visit | Sep 10-15

#### ♦ October 2024

**Breast Cancer Awareness** Activity | TBA World Polio Day | Oct 24

#### March 2025

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene | TBA

#### SPINNING WHEEL STAFF

**JUN REX BUNGABONG** Club Secretary Chairman

# Members: CARLOS ROMARATE, JR. CHRISTOPHER JAY CAYANG

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# ATTENDANCE REPORT

### **MARCH 26, 2025**

- 1. Rtn. Tona Matiao
- 2. SAA Edo Adriano
- 3. Pres. Elmore Baylon, Jr.
- 4. Treas. Jess Mascardo
- Rtn. Matthew Green
- 6. Rtn. Rodel Dacumos
- 7. Rtn. Jake Cayang
- 8. PP Alex Rey Pal
- 9. PP Jose Chiu
- 10. VP Ashley Morelos
- 11. Rtn. Gerard Lim
- 12. PAG Alex Amor, Jr.
- 13. PP Allan Martinez
- 14. PP Ely Bodo
- 15. Rtn. Gilbert Fuentes
- 16. Rtn. Randy Quisil

# **Guests and Visiting Rotarians:**

1.

# WHERE TO MAKE-UP (AREA 3D)

# **THURSDAYS**

Rotary Club of Dumaguete East

8:00p.m. Ang Tay Golf Club Café

### **FRIDAYS**

Rotary Club of Dumaguete North

6:30p.m. Ang Tay Golf Club

# Rotary Club of Dumaguete

7:oop.m Chil-Out Bar, Bantayan

#### **ROTARY HYMN**

By George Canseco

I want to be a Rotarian for the world, Make the Rotary flag be 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

#### Refrain:

goal.

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 involved 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.



# **Laughter Corner**

# **Bad Eyesight**

"I have bad news for you, Mrs. Kline, " the optometrist said, "I'm afraid it's about time that you have to wear glasses."

"Oh no, Doctor, " replied the old woman, "it's time for you to wear glasses. I have mine on."

Source: World's Funniest Joke

# TREASURER'S REPORT PRES. LOLOY'S TERM

CONTINUATION FROM PAGE 6	
5.0 Admin Salary (SSS, Phil Health & Pag-ibig)	F 60F 00
July 2024	5,695.00
August 2024	5,295.00
September 2024	5,295.00
October 2024	6,451.00
November 2024	5,525.00
December 2024	8,862.83
January 2025	6,451.00
February 2025	5,525.00
6.0 Acelogic Computer Solutions ink	3,870.00
7.0 Pledged for SANO FUND—IPP Alex Pal	5,000.00
8.0 Refund from Overpayment of Pledge—IPP Alex Pal	500.00
9.0 Medical Mission at Dobdob Valencia (c/o AG Mark & IPP Chiqui)	6,240.75
10.0 District Levey and Disaster Funds	45,600.00
11.0 Payment of Wreath for the late PP Alex Roleda (c/o Pres. Elmore)	3,000.00
12.0 Payment for Eye glasses for Medical Mission	10,010.00
13.0 Reimbursement of Medical Mission expenses (c/o Pres. Elmore)	5,895.00
14.0 Refund payment for PIN—10pcs (c/o PP Ran Lim)	863.40
15.0 Rotary International (2nd Sem., RY 2024—2025)	130,708.80
16.0 Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation Inc. (2nd Sem.)	8,600.00
17.0 RCDS Club Listing 2025	2,500.00
18.0 Re: Opening of New Account for Club Fund to PBB	145,248.07
19.0 Donations for Kids (APO ISLAND) through the Anns of RCDE	11,780.00
20.0 Expression Flower Shop (wreath for PP Raul Dumalag)	4,000.00
21.0 Jonette Ventula—CA for supplies	2,481.25
Total Expenses for RY 2024-2025	572, 491.10
Less: Total Expenses for RY 2024—2025	

# RI DOLLAR RATE

# ASSESSMENT PER ROTARIAN PER SEMESTER PHP5,500.00

1US\$ = Php58.00

D. Running Balance as of March 21, 2025

AUD = 1.61

NZD = 1.77



# **TRF Contribution**

572, 491.10

28, 608.75

For Matching Grant

1. PP Mark Higgins -29,000.00

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	PLEDGES SANO FUND , RY 2024—2025						
		AMOUNT	AMOUNT	DATE PAID	ADDITIONAL	DATE PAID	
1.	Abangan, Bernard Louie	PLEDGE	PAID				
2. 3	Adriano, Jose Edgardo Amor, Alex A., Jr.						
4.	Amor, Jed Michael	2 000 00	2 000 00	42.14 24	4 000 00	46 14 24	
5. 6.	Baylon, Elmore, Jr. Bejar, Myles Nicholas	2,000.00	2,000.00	13-May-24	1,000.00	16-May-24	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	Bodo, Aurelio Bungabong, Jun Rex		10,000.00	21-Aug-24			
9.	Bustamante, Elson	3,000.00	3,000.00	09-May-24			
10. 11.	Cabiles, Robert Catacutan, Richard						
12. 13.	Catacutan, Arman Cayang, Christopher Jay		1,000.00	21-Aug-24			
14. 15.	Chiu, Jose	5,000.00	5,000.00	15-Aug-24			
16.	Chua, Jeorex Dacumos, Rodelle	5,000.00	2,000.00	30-Oct-24			
17. 18.	Dejaresco, Anton Marlon Eric Diputado, Boy	5,000.00	2,000.00	20-Aug-24	3,000.00	24-Sep –24	
19.	Duran, Robert	1,000.00	1,000.00	09-Aug-24	,	·	
20. 21. 22.	Fuentés, Gilbert Fungo, Ronoel	5,000.00	2,000.00	19-Aug-24	1,000.00	30-Oct-24	
22. 23.	Genove, Mark Ronald Green, Matthew	2,000.00	2,000.00	09-May-24			
24.	Higgins, Mark	_,	_,	, = ·			
26.	ljan, Jason Jacobo, Andre Stephen						
27. 28.	Jordan Jeremy Kleine Koerkamp, Jobert						
29.	Lagahit, Neil Ray Lejarso, Josie Wen						
23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33.	Ligutom, Nonoy	2,000.00	2,000.00	09-May-24			
32. 33.	Lim, Renante Angelo Liu, Henry	5,000.00 5,000.00	5,000.00	09-May-24			
34.	Managing, Ludo Martinez, Allan	,	•	•			
3 <u>6</u> .	Mascardo, Jessie						
37. 38.	Matiao, Wilkie Matiao, Willington	5,000.00	5,000.00	17-May-24			
35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.	Molas, John Michael						
41.	Morelos, Jan Ashley Morelos, Rick Mitch Marthel	F 000 00		40.4 04			
42. 43. 44.	Pal, Alex Rey Pinili, Froilan Joseph	5,000.00	5,000.00 3,000.00	19-Aug-24 21-Aug-24			
44. 45	Quisel, Randy Rabaca, Carl	1,000.00 5,000.00	1,000.00	09-May-24	1,000.00	24-Sept-24	
45. 46. 47.	Ramirez, Aldrin	3,000.00					
48.	Romarate, Carlos, Jr. Sagarbarria, Manuel, Jr.						
49. 50.	Sojor, Henry Sy, Marcelo	2,000.00	1,000.00	21-Aug-24			
51.	Úy, Ryan	E 000 00	E 000 00	12 101 24			
51. 52. 53.	Uýmátiao, Gregorio, Jr. Viking, Niño Joseph Marfren	5,000.00 5,000.00	5,000.00	12-Jul-24			
54.	Yao, Philip	68.000.00	57,000.00		6.000.00		
	TOTAL PLEDGES TOTAL COLLECTIONS AS OF Marc	th 05, 2025				<u>63,000.00</u>	

SANO FUND, RY 2024—2025 PRES. LOLOY'S TERM					
I. BEGINNING BALANCE FOR ROTARY YEAR 2024—25 A. Collections (July 2024—June 2025) 1.0 Pledges for RY 24-25 2.0 Donations from Sy Family 3.0 Pledged for RY 2025—2026 (PE Niño Term)	63,000.00 68,000.00 6,500.00 TOTAL 137,500.00	137,500.00			
Less:  B. Expenses (July 2024—June 2025)  1.0 Travel expenses c/o IPP Alex and Pres. Elmore for District Turn-over and Inauguration  2.0 Vibrant Club Seminar Registration (Pres. Elmore)  3.0 Vibrant Club Seminar Registration (PP Ran)  4.0 Vibrant Club Seminar Registration (PP Ran)  5.0 RIPE Seminar registration in Manila (IPP Alex)  6.0 RIPE Seminar registration in Manila (PP Ran)  7.0 Canlaon Medical Mission on Feb. 7, 2025 (For Medicine)  8.0 For DELS/SELS on April 3-5, 2025  II. TOTAL BALANCE AS OF March 26, 2025	21,651.68 2,530.00 2,530.00 2,515.00 3,000.00 3,000.00 20,000.00 26,500.00 TOTAL 81,726.68 Less: PE Niño'S Term Total Balance	(81,726.68) 55,773.32 6,500.00 49,273.32			

# **ROTARY DIGITAL**

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# People call him Membership Mario.

"It's not rocket science," he says. "If you look at our numbers, some people say we have stabilised at 1.2 million. I say we have stagnated at 1.2 million." The word "stabilise" makes people sit back and relax, he believes, whereas the word "stagnate" makes people want to sit up and do something.

The puzzle, he says, is figuring out why membership is increasing in some areas and decreasing in others. "Maybe it's demographics, maybe it's economics, maybe it's an

thing," he says. "The challenge motivates me so much because it's a mosaic of different regions and different performances that makes it very challenging and at the same time very attractive."

What works in Korea may not work in Germany, and what works in Germany may not work in Brazil or the U.S., he says. "We have to be humble and very attentive to the different scenarios."

# The 2025-26 presidential message is Unite for Good.

"I think 'unite' is a very powerful word," he says. "It's a very powerful word in a divided world."

It's easy to sow division, he says, but much harder to find common ground. "We are always looking for somebody's defects," he says. "We should be looking for somebody else's talents." That's where Rotary comes in, offering the opportunity for people to connect with others in their community and around the world.



Brazilians love their football, and Mario is no exception. He was delighted to welcome compatriot Mirandinha to the Action Summit in Newcastle to launch a polio initiative involving football.

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## **ROTARY DIGITAL**

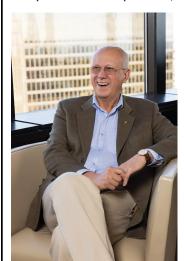
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De Camargo's business used to print 25 million to 30 million items per year: coffee table books, romance novels, automotive industry manuals — "you name it," he says. "We were replicators of ideas. Printers have a mission to reduce ignorance."

# Rotary is the best leadership training he's ever had.

De Camargo has been on several boards in his industry, but it was through Rotary that he learned how to be a leader. "Rotary is the best school of leadership I've had," he says. De Camargo says Rotary taught him to speak in public, one of people's biggest fears, along with flying. ("If I was still afraid of flying and speaking in public, I wouldn't be president of Rotary International, because all we do is public speaking and flying!" he says.) He also learned when to stop talking and listen.

"You have to pay attention to what people are telling you," he says. "It is an exercise of humility." And he learned how to motivate people who aren't getting paid to perform a task. "When you're motivating volunteers, you don't have that tool of payment. The only tool you have is inspiration, motivation, and challenge to make them a better person."



Professionally, Mario was president of the printing company Gráfica Bandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil.

This is the most memorable Rotary advice he's received: Never ask for anything, never refuse anything.

As co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, de Camargo received these words of wisdom from John Kenny, a past Rotary president who was The Rotary Foundation trustee chair at the time. "That has oriented my Rotary journey," he says. "I never refused any job that was given to me by Rotary or The Rotary Foundation, but at the same time I offered myself for different positions without knowing what the result would be," he says. "I could never fathom that I would be here someday."

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# CLUB MEETING LAST MARCH 26, 2025 AT CHIN LOONG RESTAURANT



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# **ROTARY DIGITAL**

# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MÁRIO

STORY BY: ROTARY CORRESPONDENT

After a day of interviews with the committee vetting candidates for 2025-26 Rotary International president, Mário César Martins de Camargo returned to his hotel and waited. And waited. "It's an elimination process," he says. "The anxiety level reaches sky high."

When he got a call asking him to return to Rotary headquarters in Evanston, his first thought was that he'd made some sort of mistake. As he walked the few blocks to the building, he mentally reviewed everything he'd said.

When he finally realised why he'd been called back, it was an emotional moment, he says. "The nominating committee stands up and applauds you, and you are invited to say your first words as president. Mine were, 'Are you guys sure?"

They were, of course. De Camargo's Rotary résumé goes back decades. A member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, Brazil, since 1980, he served as his club's Rotary Youth Exchange officer the following year at age 24 and as its president in 1992-93.

He was governor of District 4420 (part of Brazil's São Paulo state) in 1999-2000, Rotary Foundation trustee in 2015-19, and Rotary International director in 2019-21. He has also served Rotary as an RI learning facilitator, committee member and chair, and task force member. De Camargo and his wife, Denise da Silva de Camargo, also a Rotarian, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

#### "ROTARY IS THE BEST SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP I"VE HAD"

Professionally, de Camargo was president of the printing company Gráfica Bandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He has served as president and chair of several printing and graphics trade associations. He has been on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a medical centre in Santo André, sponsored by his Rotary club that sees more than 200,000 patients a year. That's his official biography. But we wanted to know, What's de Camargo really like, what makes him tick? Here's what we found out.

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## **ROTARY DIGITAL**

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# His biggest regret is that he stopped playing piano.

From the ages of 8 to 21, de Camargo played piano. He even attended a music conservatory for nine of those years. While in Germany apprenticing at a press manufacturer, he attended German language classes at the Goethe Institute.

The school had a Steinway piano that "to me, was the Rolls-Royce of pianos," he recalls. The school's dean allowed him to play it under one condition: he perform for the school when his training was finished. "It was the last time I played the piano," he says, explaining that family and work obligations began to take more of his time. "I really regret not being able to continue because it is a self-rewarding experience."



The 2025-26 Rotary International president, Mário César Martins de Camargo, spoke at the Action Summit in Newcastle last year.

# He believes printers have a noble cause.

Printing presses have their origins in China, where movable type was invented in the 11th century. When Johannes Gutenberg created the mechanized printing press in Germany 400 years later, it launched the mass production of books, newspapers, and more throughout Europe.

"The press and the publication of books and ideas changed the world," de Camargo says, allowing scientific findings to be shared more widely, decreasing censorship as it was harder to destroy a "dangerous idea," and giving the general public access to educational materials.

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