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THE GREATER LADIES IN THEIR BOLLYWOOD  
ATTIRE

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

*Finally, "The Greater" is back. It was in hibernation for a long time but here it is once again ready to be of service to help change lives.*

*The Greater is a publication of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City. Through the years it has taken on different forms and transformations. This is the first time its going digital.*

*The Greater is going to be published on a monthly basis and shall cover the activities of the club for the month.*

*The editorial board welcomes all your suggestions and contributions in the form of articles, pictures and financial support.*

*Thank you and here is to an amazing life changing year ahead of us!*





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# MEET THE GREATER LADIES

**THE GREATER LADIES** are affectionate women who feel strongly about friendship and service.

To be a greater lady you are a woman who have overcome challenges, forged your own destiny and continues to face life head on.

Together, the Greater Ladies can and will change lives including their own!



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# Valedictory Speech

June 29, 2021



Another rotary year has come to a close and now it is time to pass on the gavel to our new President. But before that, allow me to walk you through the achievements of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos for the Rotary Year 2020 – 2021.

During this Transforming Year, we are able to achieve the District Awards for:

1. Significant Contribution for co-hosting the Membership Development Seminar.
2. Club Administration Award, specifically- My Rotary Account Club Distinction Award
3. Membership Award (for having maintained at least 15 active members)
4. 100% Membership Retention Award
5. Club with Membership Growth Award
6. New Generation Membership Award (for sponsoring a New Rotaract Club, the Rotaract Club of Greater General Santos Community Based)
7. Membership Development Achievement Award
8. End Polio Now Awareness Campaign Award
9. I Run to Help End Polio Award (for co-hosting the said event)
10. Rotary Public Image Award
11. Being Nominated for 4 Times to 4 Areas of Focus in the Best Service Projects Awards, namely:
  - a. for the Maternal & Child – the Feeding Program in partnership with St. Gemma's Kitchen;
  - b. for the Disease Prevention & Treatment – the Drumvatory project where the club gave 15 units of portable handwashing facility to the local isolation units in the city;
  - c. for the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene the Drumvatory project
  - d. for the Support to the Environment – the "Basura Mo, Itapon Mo" Trashbin project;
12. Also, our club received the Certificate of Significant Project Award (For having implemented at least 1 service project in the 7 Areas of Focus
13. 100% Sustaining Member Club/ and 100 USD per Capita Annual Fund Award
14. Sustaining 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Award
15. Polio Fund District Goal Achiever of \$200 and 100% Member Participation Award
16. Rotary Citation Award
17. Eight (8) Greater Ladies have leveled up as Paul Harris Fellow:

PDS Elvie,  
PP Dhel,  
PP Tess,  
PP Agnes,  
Rtn. Lindalee,  
PP Helen,  
PP Gie, and  
IPP Carl

18. Lastly, the Leadership Distinction Award (Outstanding President).

That was indeed a way of wrapping up the year and some inspiration to starting a new rotary year for us, from Transforming to Changing Lives. I had a very memorable, inspiring and fulfilling journey during this Transforming Year, not only in rotary but also in my personal life as well as in my profession and career.

To our Transforming Governor, Gov. Riz, Thank You for the guidance and encouragement;

To our Asst. Governor, Joel Inabangan, Thank You for all the reminders, and for the mentorship;

To our Board of Directors, my gratitude for your untiring commitment, dedication, and for your guidance in making sure that our club will have a successful year. You are indeed the anchor of the club.

To the ever amazing and beautiful Greater Ladies, my heartfelt and big Thank You for the support and for doing very well, for rising up to the challenges and for insuring that our projects, meetings, and fellowships were all successful.

To my family, my husband and my son, thank You for being understanding, supportive, for the encouragement to always do, the best I can, and for allowing me to explore.

It is my honor and privilege to be given the opportunity to serve as the club's 25th President, for the RY 2020-2021. The pandemic has tried to test our limits but it has only made us better. It has helped bring our club to a new level, and that the present situation is never a hindrance but became an opportunity to do even better. It has helped us come up with out of the box strategies in order to continue serving the community and to implement projects most needed in the present situation. Indeed, the Transforming Year has helped us hone our skills, and now, we are more than ready to serve to Change Lives...

I am confident that our club is in the best hands for the Rotary Year 2021 – 2022. President Cecille, I wish you all the best in the year ahead, we are one with you, we are more than ready for the upcoming challenges and opportunities...

Thank you and let us enjoy the rest of the day!

## ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

President Cecille Subang Valencia

July 24, 2021

Let me start this by thanking each and every one of you for the continuous support and outpouring love you have given in this organization. Despite all of the challenges that we encountered for the past years, you are still there – holding on and helping without any hesitation. And with that, I am still hopeful that this spirit would continue to exist especially in this year's theme “Serve to Change Lives”.

Fellow Rotarians, Past District Governor Bing Garcia good afternoon. It is on this profound note that I am accepting this position as President of the Rotary Club of Greater Gensan, for the Rotary Year 2021-2022, with the theme: Serve to Change Lives The Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta/ has announced the Rotary Year 2021-2022 presidential theme-Serve To Change Lives. He urged members/ “to become more involved in service projects/ saying that caring for and serving others /is the best way to live/ because it changes not only peoples' lives/ but also our own”. We can help families in sustaining their everyday needs. It would also be better if we provide free courses and trainings for adults, so that they have enough knowledge in various fields and be hired in different companies. Those are just some of the things we can do in order for us to change other lives. And I hope and trust the beneficiaries that these opportunities would not be wasted and taken for granted. I am hopeful that they would see it as a new door, for them to make their lives be a meaningful one. Not only that, but I also hope that we inspire many people as we can to help those underdeveloped communities and conflicted areas. Let me also remind all of you that all your efforts and help – be it in a form of financial assistance or through your service are being appreciated and valued.

For us, as an organization, there is no such thing as a “small help” because without you, our projects could not be possible. And without you, we cannot spark joy and change others' lives. Your service is of great importance. As we go along/ the humps and bumps of this uncertain world we will be more inclined to help those in need. But remember it is important to realize that we are only stewards of everything that we call our own/ and Somebody truly owns everything and the day will come that we will be made accountable/ on what was loaned to us. Does wealth really matter? At the end of the day, when the Lord will ask what did you do to the least of your brothers? With that, I Thank you for the trust you had bestowed upon me. Let us work together to serve in order to change lives /to make this world more hospitable and kinder for everybody.

The most intimate induction we ever had!





# BLOOD LETTING PROJECT

July 29, 2021

Robinsons Place, National Highway, General Santos City





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**SAFE**