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Club I.d. number: 31431

FELLOWSHIP
THROUGH
SERVICE

The club is passionate on serving the community through implementing sustainable projects and encouraging its members to donate.

SERVICE
ABOVE SELF

Develop professional development through member participation.

Rotary is more than just Glitz and Glamour.
We connect, we inspire and we serve to change lives.



THE GREATER

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As the new Rotary year unfolds this bulletin will features and show monthly activities of the club and highlight the core values under the guidance of the four way test.

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Imagine me
By Reian Mark G. Tamayo

When I was a kid, I wanted to be a Rotarian like my father. I used to be with my dad every time he goes to the community they served. When somebody ask me.. "what do you want to be when you were get older? I smiled and replied, I want to be like my dad who serve to change lives. Now, who would have thought, it is me serving the community wholeheartedly.

DREAMS
BECOME
REALITY

IMAGINE
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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR



ZYRA XYZA A. NAKILA

My dear greater ladies,
I am very much excited about this year's theme: Imagine Rotary, as it inspires creativity and high engagement.

I have always wondered what the theme's logo represents and the tiny dots around the circle since the first time I saw it. And then as if an answer from the universe, I found out that those dots represent each Area of Focus surrounding the rotary symbol. To me, those dots are like power stones that will complete a magical scepter. For it to come to fruition, the club, jointly with its creative officers and members must activate each area of focus, in a resourceful way and innovative projects. This will enable the rotary to unleash its magic. Magic to change lives.

With this, our first club bulletin for the Rotary year 2022-2023, highlights the inspiring life story of our president and her execution plans for the success of her reign; the ingenious, fun-filled, and vivid moments we have shared as we creatively activated one after another 3 of the power stones of the powerful scepter of the Goddesses of Rotary Club of Greater General Santos.

Before I end this musing, let me wish you all a pleasurable reading and reminiscing of July. Let it inspire you in the coming months and ignite your imaginative side.

THE IMAGINATIVE LEADERS

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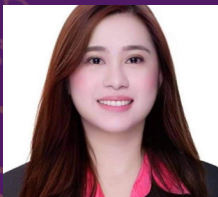
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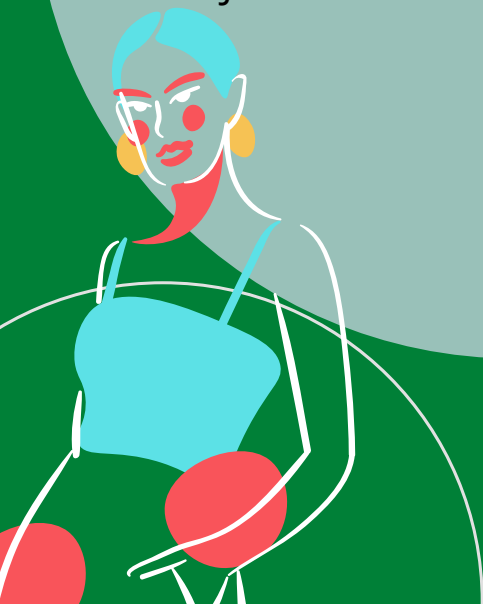
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THE GREATER LADIES

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THE
GODDESSES

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 bring dreams into reality including their own!

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Acosta, Carl de Liz Lamputi, PHF+1
Albano, Elvie Eullaran, PHF+2
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One District, One Rotary, New Year Children's Party

July 1, 2022
at St. Agnes of Montepulciano
Children's Home Inc.

Sponsors:

- PP Maria Jessica N. Reyes
- IPP Cecille Valencia
- PP Carl de Liz L. Acosta
- PAG Fidelina N. Eullaran
- PDS Elvie E. Albano





Rotary Day of Service: Bloodletting Activity

July 16, 2022 at Robinsons Place Gensan



Sponsors:

- PP Maria Jessica N. Reyes
- Jeanne Marie Camille N. Reyes
- PP Jenissa S. Arcenal
- PE Lindalee L. Anos



SERVICE PROJECT

Feeding Program
in Partnership with
St. Gemma's Kitchen

July 5, 2022 at Purok 11, Brgy. Lagao





SERVICE PROJECT

Nutrition Drills

July 20, 2022 at Robinsons Place Gensan



Sponsor:
PP Chriselda C. Macion



SERVICE PROJECT

Nutrition Month Culmination and Awarding Ceremonies cum Partnership Signing

July 27, 2022 at Robinsons Place Gensan





SERVICE PROJECT

Basic Orientation Seminar,
Team building and Induction
of new Rotaract members

July 31, 2022 at Watergran Beach Resort



INDUCTION AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES

July 9, 2022 at Phela Grande Convention Center



Induction of new member: Naravy D. Duquiatan



Induction of officers

Renewal of Sister Club Agreement with President Marie Agnes Inocencio of Rotary Club Paranaque Metro

INDUCTION AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES

July 9, 2022 at Phela Grande Convention Center

Guest Speaker: Honorable Loreto B. Acharon



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Valedictory Speech



CECILLE S. VALENCIA
President
Serve to Change Lives

Good evening to our guest speaker (which will properly introduce later) fellow rotarians and guest. I hope all of you are well and blissful as I am right now because my heart is beyond grateful for this memorable and meaningful moment. Allow me to express how proud I am not just of my journey as the Rotary Club President of greater general santos but most especially how all of us have worked eagerly to make our organization as purposeful as it should be. The past few months have been a struggle for all of us, as we are sometimes being hindered by various factors, as well as the different battles in our personal life. I would not be surprised right now how we were able to surpass all of it because I have witnessed the dedication and cooperation you have given to this club. Our efforts are anchored on the strong bond and foundation we built all throughout our journey. We were there for each other helping hand in hand to achieve the organization's goals and objectives. Truly, no words can give justice on how thankful and proud I am to all of you. My success as a President is not measured on the things I had contributed to this club, but on how we were all able to connect with each other and how many individuals we were able to help and possibly change lives through Rotary Club. And that would not be possible to attain without the aid of numerous persons who made contributions to the organization's success.

I would like to thank the officers and members who have exerted their effort and provided resources without hesitation. Lastly, a massive thanks to the One above for guiding us every step of the way. We are now flipping another page to look forward to the next chapter of Rotary Club of Greater General Santos and I am confident that the next president, Ester will be a great leader in lifting every page of our book. I hope everyone would support her just like how you supported me as your President. I considered all of you an eye-opener because it is through all of you, that I have seen and realized things that contributed to my growth and the club's improvement. Let us continue to have igniting hearts to spark someone's humanity, and to instill in ourselves that we should always "Serve to Change Lives". I am Cecile Subang Valencia, your President that served and lead you for the year 2021-2022. serve to change lives , now signing off.



Acceptance Speech



ESTER MARIAN S. BALOLOT
President
Imagine Rotary

To our guest of honor: Congressman Loreto B. Acharon. It is my pleasure to have you here tonight despite of your very hectic schedule as a newly appointed Representative of 1st Lone District of GSC. To my fellow rotarians, friends and family.. Thank you all for being here tonight. My dad was the past president of RC Metro dadiangas.. and at an early age I was already exposed to the Rotary world. We used to take part in the service projects during my dad's term and I was able to witness his good leadership. I want to thank my parents for their unending support and to my dad for setting as a good example. Everything I do is for my family. They are my deepest why and my inspiration to become a better person and a good leader. From a certified Rotakid, I have fully grown into a Rotarian. To the person who invited me.. my sponsor and my mentor PAG Fidelina Eullaran thank you for all the challenges and for guiding me every step of the way. When I was selected to become the president of our club, at first, I doubted myself.. I told myself I am not rich, I don't even own a house or a car of my own.. I am not a business owner. I am just a regular employee, working for our family business.. Can I possibly be able to lead a prestigious club?

But then, looking back, I may not be rich but I am thankful that I have my parents who provided me with good education and it was them who molded me to become a better person. I may not have all the resources that I need but at least I have my club members who are inspiring ladies in different professions who share the same passion for helping and serving people. I am very thankful that we have our partners, our sister club Rotary Club of Parañaque Metro represented by President Marie Agnes M. Inocencio. Thank you very much for partnering with us for the future projects. To the Los Hermanos de Heneral Santos thru President Caloy Ferrariz, thank you very much for the donations amounting to 26k to our Feeding Program. But above all, I want to thank the almighty God who will be my inspiration in helping those who are in need. And I, myself, I want to serve, I may not have much financially but I will give my all.. my time, service and dedication.. little as I have, I will serve and I want to be a person for others especially the marginalized, I want to help the oppressed and to give them a voice... to be able to give than to receive.. because I believe that in this world we have a deeper purpose in life and we have to look out for each other.. We have to help those who have less.. and I will let myself be an instrument to help and to serve. Rotary is not just all about the glitz and glamour.. Rotary is more of community service. I humble down myself as your newly inducted president and I accept all the duties and obligations. May it be a fruitful journey to all of us.. Lastly, I would like to quote the message of the first-ever lady Rotary International President Jennifer Jones.. "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference" Let us say it aloud together "Imagine Rotary". The more you imagine, the more you begin to see that it is possible to accomplish your dreams! Imagine a world without hungry people, a world so safe.. a world without misery.. no poverty.. where people help hand in hand.. Imagine a better world with love and unity. Thank you very much for believing in me and let us make this world a better place.

Meet the Imaginative president



ESTER MARIAN S. BALOLOT
President
Imagine Rotary

Name: Ester Marian S. Balolot
Occupation: Civil Engineer at AB Vision Engineering Construction
Age: 31 years old
Educational Background: Masters in Engineering Major in Civil Engineering
How many years in Rotary: 3 years
Sponsor: PAG Fidelina N. Eullaran
Reason for joining Rotary:

I want to pay it forward. I want to be able to give more to those who are in need especially the marginalized communities. Rotary is about volunteerism and I want to be a person for others.

Share with us your plans as the President of the Rotary Club and how do you plan to execute all the service projects alongside your busy career.

It all starts with a goal. Before the start of the rotary year, we have already set the goals that we plan to achieve. The next thing is to plan. I delegated the members to different committees so that they can proceed with the planning stage to provide meaningful projects under the seven areas of focus. Next to this is the implementation of the project and turnover of the donations to the chosen community or group. After this is monitoring of the projects and making sure that the project is well maintained by the beneficiaries. It is not an easy task but time management is important to be able to balance work, family and club responsibilities.

Additional career questions:

1. What exactly do civil engineers do?

Engineers are responsible for planning, design and construction of buildings, roads and other infrastructures. It is an opportunity to provide resilient structures to the community which are able to withstand earthquakes and other forces.

2. Did you always want to be an Engineer? If not, what was your dream career when you were younger?

When I was young, I wanted to be a flight attendant so I can travel to different places. I also want to be in the fashion industry because I love to dress up and look my best. By the time I was about to go to college, my dad insisted that I should study engineering so I can help in our family business. I can remember that moment and I cried because I hate math subjects and I cannot imagine myself in a male dominated profession when I know that I am very girly. It was really hard for me but I didn't have a choice back then. As the years gone by I have endured and I tried harder to survive in my course. It was a struggle for me but I'm glad I was able to graduate. Months after graduation, I took the board exam and I passed the licensure exam.

3. Who are the influential people would you say have had the biggest impact on who you are today?

It is my family who influenced me to become the person I am today. They are my biggest inspiration to always do better and this is my way of giving back to them for the sacrifices they have made to raise me..

4. What is your greatest challenge and how do you overcome it?

The greatest challenge was during the pandemic when travel is restricted by lockdowns. Those times we were working on projects not just in General Santos City but also in Kiamba and Marbel. Some construction materials were also hard to obtain due to the travel restrictions and the material cost went higher. I am glad I have my AB Vision Team who worked hard despite all the challenges. We work as a family and we will always stay strong and resilient to work on our projects.

5. What is the best part of your day at work?

My favorite part is sipping my favorite healthy coffee and listening to my favorite music while doing office work. It makes me work efficiently and I am happier even if I have many deadlines to meet.

6. What is the one skill you wished you'd learned before becoming an engineer?

Being an engineer is becoming a leader to your team. Everyday you will face many challenges and you have to solve various problems. Leadership is the most important skill that needs to be learned and improved as an engineer.

Why am I a Rotarian?

I am a Rotarian because rotary gives me a sense of family. A family who serves the people, and the community. The service projects centered on helping the women and the children are one of the reasons why I became a Rotarian. Rotary is a family of diverse professionals wherein each Rotarian shares her expertise, thus, allowing a venue in acquiring new skills and knowledge; and in return, allows me to share my professional expertise. I am a Rotarian because I believe in making a difference to one person at a time; in touching the life of one person at a time.

Carl de Liz L. Acosta
Past President



October 2021 was when I got inducted into the only all-female club of Rotary in the City of General Santos. 9 months into being a club member now, these are what I have uncovered and experienced firsthand:

1. Being a Rotarian is a BIG privilege.
2. Service above self is REAL. And there is a different kind of "high" and self-fulfillment in being part of a service project execution. It is beyond glitz and glamour.
3. Being in Rotary is no different from being in the corporate world. The nostalgic feeling of setting company KPIs or Goals every year and ensuring they are delivered on time took away the feeling of cluelessness from me.
4. And what I loved most about our club is that everyone is a team player, everyone gets a chance to become an officer (even a newbie like me); there is no beaurocracy; all the ladies know how to have fun and be as unique and original as they can display their strengths and even their weakness without fear of being judged but rather be admired.

I believe in the saying "Work hard, play harder", it is even better here as all the ladies know how to unwind without breaking the bank.

Indeed, there are no dull moments when I am with my Greater ladies.

I am a Greater goddess. I am proud to be an imaginative Rotarian.

Zyra Zyza A. Nakila
Secretary

Why am I
a Rotarian?



Club annual dues

Rotary International Dues	4,500.00
Phil. Rotary Magazine	300.00
District Levy	500.00
Disaster Levy	100.00
Rotaract Levy	100.00
Polio Fund	500.00
Project Fund	3,000.00
EREY	1,300.00
TRF (\$100)	5,700.00

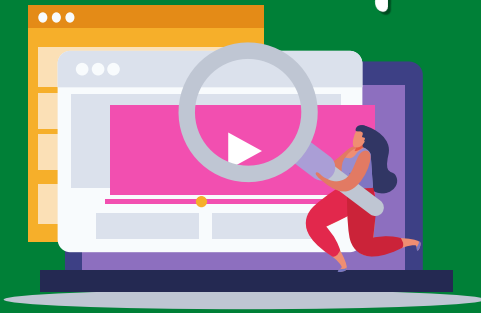
Grand total **16,000.00**

**Payment can be in an installment basis.
Please issue PDC to cover your total dues.**

**Note: RI dues projected amount only, waiting for SOA from RI
For printed copy of PRM, additional 500 will be charged**

Groupings

Please take note of the groupings who will be responsible for hosting of the meetings. The regular meeting will be held every first friday of the month. The second friday is for meeting and planning with your respective committee. The third week will be for project implementation. Fellowship will be on the last friday of the month. ♥



Group 1 (August, January, June)

1. Ester Marian
2. AG Jet
3. Helen
4. Rose
5. Lindalee



Group 3 (October, March)

1. Cille
2. Ginalyn
3. Carl
4. Edna
5. Riza



Group 2 (September, February)

1. Zyra
2. Roselle
3. Gie
4. Bing
5. Aileen



Group 4 (November, April)

1. Kring
2. Jenissa
3. Mommy Dhel
4. Elvie
5. Pauline



Group 5 (December, May)

1. Pinky
2. Agnes
3. Maam Tes
4. Jet Reyes
5. Jam

Important dates to remember

August 13 - RC Koronadal Central Induction at Cinco Ninas

August 19 - Turnover of paints at Datu Acad Dalid Elem. School

August 20 - RC Central Polomolok at Polomolok Gym

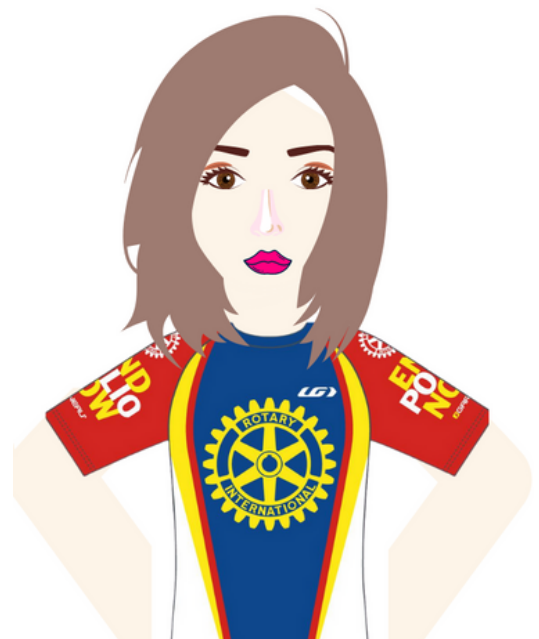
August 21 - RC Gensan Tuna Port at Phela Grande Convention

September 10 - Mangrove Planting

October 9-16 - Governor's visit

October 15 - Governor's night

October 24 - World Polio Day





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