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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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"The more you imagine, the more you begin to see that it is possible to accomplish your dreams!"

-President Ester Marian S. Balolot



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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR

My dear greater ladies,

After all the glamorous inductions and fellowships last July, we are now poised to improve and expand our club for this imaginative year.

August is Club Development month, which is why this month's issue highlights our club's development plans and milestones in each Area of Focus.

Like any organization, growing and retaining members is a vital aspect of a Rotary club. One of the important events for the month is the seminar on Public Image and Greater Lady Recruitment Week. This has prompted us to feature more of our Greater Ladies this month.

I am thrilled to share with you a back to back interview with two of our past presidents who reigned and showed resilience during pandemic. We are also going to get a glimpse of their profession and hobbies.

May this months issue help remind us of our greater purpose as a Rotarian and as a Greater Lady.

Once again, let me wish you all a pleasurable reading and reminiscing of August. Let it inspire you in the coming months and ignite your imaginative side.



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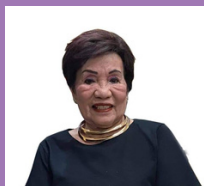
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THE GREATER LADIES

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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 bring dreams into reality including their own!

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Acosta, Carl de Liz Lamputi, PHF+1
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Virtudazo, Irish Christine Yu , PHF+1



Brigada Eskwela: Turnover of Paints and Beautification of Classrooms



Doing what makes our heart happy, gives us more drive and fuel our passion to illuminate the burden of the teachers and create a conducive learning for our young learners. Last August 19, 2022 our club initiated and donated paints and painted a few classrooms of Datu Acad Dalid Elementary School. Teachers and students were happy to see their classroom look colorful and pleasing to their eyes.

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Public Image Seminar 2022



Last August 6, 2022, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos attended the Public Image Seminar. With its aim at unleashing new skills in branding, attendees learned the significance of branding, telling your story, public image as regular basis for publishing materials. The Seminar took place in Ritz Garden Oases, Davao City, with special participation of Pres. Ester Marian S. Balolot, PDS Elvie E. Albano as the event host and PADRR Reian Mark G. Tamayo.

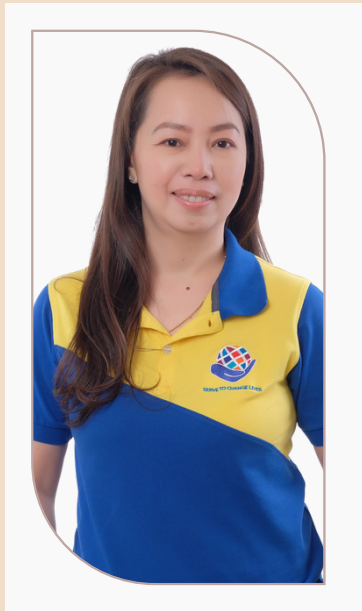
Having this engagement, we want to showcase that our club is more than just taking actions in the community, but we can also go along with arts and graphic designs.

1ST REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2022 at AB Vision



Life changing Past President



CECILLE S. VALENCIA
President
Serve to Change Lives

Q: What was your biggest motivation in becoming a Rotarian?

Cille: "All throughout the years, the least priority in my life is my welfare and well-being because what truly matters to me are my family and kids -- my life had and will always revolved to them. With that, I just realized that it is also important for me to invest on myself, so that I could be able to give back to them the same energy and love that I possess. And the best investment that I could think of is by gaining new friends and build connections that would help me in bringing out the best version of a person that I could be. From there, I decided to join the Rotary Club in which I firmly believe that could mold me into becoming a person with integrity, compassion, and leadership. For the time I have spent joining in this organization, I had never expected that I will become Rotary Club's President because my primary goals at first were just to get out of my box, build harmonious relationships, and give service to people."

Q: Who introduced you to Rotary?

Cille: "My friend, Helen Grace Lachecca- Fernandez."

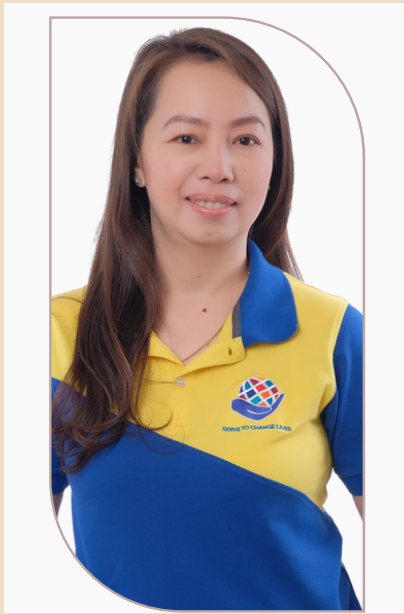
Q: How long have you been a member?

Cille: "I could not remember the exact year but one thing I remember was it was during the term of Maam Petite."

Q: Tell us about your chosen career and what advantage does it gives you in order to become an effective Rotarian and President in your term?

Cille: "If there is also one thing that I would thank myself for, that would be investing on myself through education. I had never stop exploring on what field I wanted to take and believing in myself that I can finish it as well. My first course was Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology at Cebu Doctor's College. After that, I also took up Bachelor of Science in Business Management at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University for which I think that this course is what I truly love. It did not stop there as I also took my Master's Degree at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University specializing in Business Administration. The "I Can" attitude greatly help in my execution of all the Area of Focus projects when I accepted the President's role. "

Life changing Past President



CECILLE S. VALENCIA
President
Serve to Change Lives

Q: What is the most important personal quality that must be displayed by an effective Rotary President?

Cille: *"For me it is being courageous to take on great responsibilities and the ability to adapt to changes in a pragmatic way. On top of these traits I also believe that having empathy and compassion strengthens one's ability to lead especially in a challenging time like the pandemic."*

Q: In your term, what was the major organizational change and challenges that the pandemic has brought and how did you adapt to it?

Cille: *"We faced a lot of challenges during the lockdown, the creativity and resourcefulness of each member had been tested. We held meetings via video calls through Zoom applications and made use of our available resources."*

Q: What helped that change take place effectively?

Cille: *"Apart from doing all meetings and some of the projects virtually, another thing that helped us conduct Rotary projects is the collaboration and sponsorship of different organizations and LGUs. They supported, and provided us with materials that would be used for our projects."*

I could say that a big part of the success of my term was because of all greater ladies. We learn from each other and conquer the struggles thrown at us for the sake of the general public. With the dedication, compassion, and cooperation of every one of us, we were able to manage and execute rotary projects that would benefit other people in the community"

Q: What was the most important thing you had to consider when starting a Rotary Project during the pandemic?

Cille: *"One of the challenges for the organization is the limited resources since we were all confined in our homes. The availability of our resources depends on what is available inside our houses. Although there are still ways how to gain resources, that way is surely costly as we need to pay for service and delivery fees."*



Life changing Past President



CECILLE S. VALENCIA
President
Serve to Change Lives

Q: How did you ensure that your club is able to engage every member during your term?

Cille: "I practiced the fair distribution of tasks to my co-leaders and members and made sure that I believe in their skills and trust them enough to accomplish the tasks being given to them. The distribution of tasks aims to lessen the workload of one another and to develop their respective skills being used in a certain task. Their resiliency, creativity, and dedication to serve also inspired me to go on despite the challenges faced at that time."



Let's get a bit personal.

Q: What are hobbies and interests you would like to share with the ladies in the club. What satisfaction do you get out of doing these activities and how often do you do it?

Cille: "In my free time, I join my daughter in her archery practice."

Q: How do you find work life balance:

Cille: "I make sure that I practice sustainable self-care "

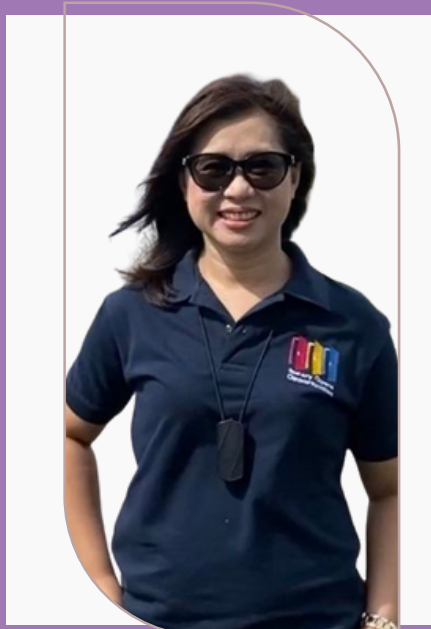
Q: Quotes to live by.

Cille:

"Life will knock us down, but we can choose whether or not to stand back up"

Transforming Team Past President

Rotary Year 2020–2021



CARL DE LIZ ACOSTA
President

Rotary Connects the World

Q: Please tell us about your terms journey during pandemic. How did you manage to execute rotary projects despite of the lockdown situations etc.?

Carl: *"By the grace of God. With the help and support of the Greater Ladies who continue to serve and to deliver the community service projects of the club. The pandemic did not hinder the Greater Ladies from doing what they do best, that is to deliver and implement the club's community service projects especially those for the women and the children like the feeding program. The technology is also of great help during the pandemic."*

Q: What was your biggest motivation in becoming a Rotarian?

Carl: *"The sense of having a family in the Greater Ladies. To be in the company of the amazing Greater Ladies, some of whom I already knew before I became a Rotarian."*

Q: Who introduced you to Rotary?

Carl: *"My college barkada in the University of the Philippines-Visaya, and also Atty. Psyche Rizsavi Fontanilla-Mamadra who invited me to the club."*

Q: How long have you been a member?

Carl: *"Since July 1, 2018"*

Q: Tell us about your chosen career and what advantage does it gives you in order to become an effective Rotarian and President in your term?

Carl: *"I am a lawyer. I was in litigation for 12 years before I entered the government service.*

When I was the Club President, I was then active in litigation.

Being a lawyer for more than a decade helps me in my journey as Club President.

The network that I already have also helps in the implementation of the club's community service projects especially during the height of the pandemic in 2020.

However, those are mere add ons. The biggest advantage in becoming an effective Rotarian and Club President came from the support given by the Greater Ladies who made everything possible, and who made my journey as President smooth, beautiful, stress-free, and successful. Beside an effective President is a group of supportive and amazing club members."



Transforming Team Past President



CARL DE LIZ ACOSTA
President
Rotary Connects the World

Q: What is the most important personal quality that must be displayed by an effective Rotary President?

Carl: "Every Rotarian has the ability to lead; they already have that innate ability to be a leader. Aside from this, I think, one has to have the ability to listen, the willingness to learn more, the willingness to delegate, to think outside of the box, and to be compassionate."

Q: In your term, what was the major organizational change and challenges that the pandemic has brought and how did you adapt to it?

Carl: "There are a lot of challenges at that time. First, the areas of focus was increased from 6 to 7, Supporting the Environment was added. Second, majority of the members in the club belong to the age group of 55 and up who are most susceptible to the risks of COVID-19. Third, the extended lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. Fourth, the lack of preparations for the pandemic. We are not prepared. We have no basic medical supplies to address the pandemic. Fifth, the new technology of doing almost everything online. Finally, those challenges from first to fifth became opportunities for the club. We take advantage of the technology in doing things. We are able to implement projects despite the lockdown. We became more creative and inventive.

In sum, the club immediately acted and implemented community service projects aimed to address the pandemic.

For example, the club in partnership with the Red Cross and London Beach Resort was able to provide 15 units of Portable Hand Washing Facility to the LGU. Also, the club was able to provide the local frontliners through the City Health Office with face masks, face shields, alcohol, bottled water, food, and others. Likewise, during the said pandemic when the face to face classes are not possible, our club in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Stratford International School launched the Klehe'w Akbasa project. Our rotaractors held small group tutorials to elementary students in General Santos City and in Sarangani Province. Those were a few of the opportunities that open the doors for time-bound and situation-appropriate projects during the pandemic."

Transforming Team Past President



CARL DE LIZ ACOSTA
President
Rotary Connects the World

Q: What was the most important thing you had to consider when starting a Rotary Project during the pandemic?

Carl: "The availability of the resources, the supply of materials, the logistics of getting and delivering the supplies, and the manpower."

Q: How did you ensure that every member of the club engaged and active during your term?

Carl: "We set our meetings and fellowships virtually on regular basis, at least once a week.

We sometimes do virtual get together parties with themes. This way, we are able to continue our creativity and productivity despite the lockdown.

Also, we are able to spend time with each other, check each other's health and well-being, and etcetera."

Let's get a bit personal.

Q: What are hobbies and interests you would like to share with the ladies in the club. What satisfaction do you get out of doing these activities and how often do you do it?

Carl: "Going outdoor like the beach or the park- walking or running. Baking and being a plantita which I acquire and learn during the pandemic/lockdown.

I do them whenever I have time. Going to the beach with the family is a must at least every 2 months; and a weekly walk in the park or a visit to a museum is mandatory. Aside from the relaxation it brings, it brings me closer to nature and allows me to breathe. But most importantly, it gives me the most important one, quality time with the family."

Q: How do you find work life balance:

Carl: "I enjoy my work as much as possible but I also find time for self growth, time to enjoy with my family and taking care of my child."

Q: Quotes to live by.

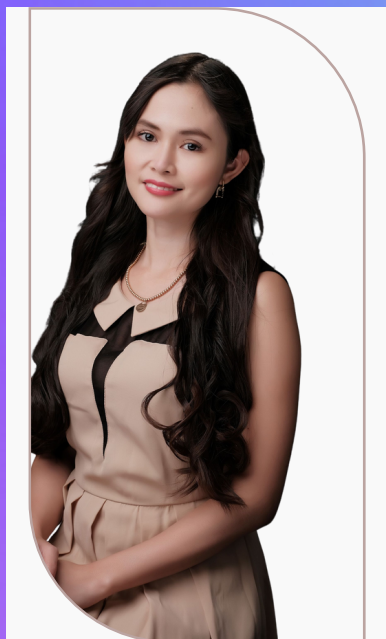
Carl:

1. "What excites you and scares you at the same time, go do that!"
2. "Live the life you have imagined."
3. "Choose your battles wisely."

The president's message



My Dear Greater Ladies,



ESTER MARIAN S. BALOLOT
President
Imagine Rotary

Thank you for your unending support. I am so overwhelmed and I am happy that in our first 2 months, we have accomplished so much. I am very thankful to our sponsors for the service projects and thank you for your presence during the Rotary activities. I am hoping to see you in our future events. Never forget that in everything that we do, we do it for love and for the service of our Almighty God. I hope that our friendship will prosper and as stated in the 4-way test, let us build better friendships. It will be a long way for us but I hope you will never let go of our team. We are all in this together and let us work together for our goals. We are a happy family of Rotarians and I hope that you will continue to support our future projects for the love of Rotary. It will be a challenging road ahead of us but I am with you throughout this journey to lead the way.

The secretary's report

We, the Greater Ladies are living up to our club's name by creating an impactful 1st two months since the beginning of Rotary Year 2022 .

A total of 7 Service Projects were delivered, covering 4 Areas of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy, Maternal and Child Health, Disease Prevention and Health and Economic and Community Development. The club's development planning through regular and committee meetings allowed for each project to be executed in a timely manner.

One of the highlights for July is our sisterhood renewal with RC Paranaque Metro, which has paved way to expanded community service in 1 Area of Focus.: Basic Education and Literacy.

We have also received substantial cash donation from an NGO: Los Hermanos, amounting to P26,000.00. The fund was then turned over to St. Gemma's Kitchen for our on going Feeding Programs under Maternal and Child Health Area of Focus.

With the generous members' "bayanihan and malasakit" attitude, we were also able to raise cash and goods donation on top of the club fees which has enabled the club to be able to reach out to more beneficiaries.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Date	Project Title	Area of Focus	No. of Attending Rotarians
July 1	One District, One Rotary: New Year Children's Party	Maternal and Child Health	4 out of 25
July 1	Feeding Program in partnership with St Gemma's Kitchen	Maternal and Child Health	2 out of 25
July 5	Feeding Program in partnership with St Gemma's Kitchen	Maternal and Child Health	2 out of 25
July 16	Rotary Day of Service: Blood Letting Activity	Disease Prevention and Health	7 out of 25
July 20	Nutrition Drills 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disease Prevention and Health• Maternal and Child Health• Basic Education and Literacy	7 out of 25
July 27	Nutrition Month Culmination and Awarding Ceremonies cum Partnership Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disease Prevention and Health• Maternal and Child Health• Basic Education and Literacy	2 out of 25
July 31	Basic Orientation Seminar and Induction of new members of Rotaract Club of Greater General Santos and Rotaract Club of Greater General Santos-Stratford International School	Basic Education and Literacy	2 out of 25
August 1,	Paint Turn over and Beautification of Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Education and Literacy• Economic and Community Development	6 out of 25

The secretary's report

CLUB MEETINGS and FELLOWSHIP

Date	Meeting Agenda	Attending Rotarians
July 8	Gov't & Non-Gov't Agencies Meeting	8 out of 25
July 9	Induction and Fellowship	25 out of 25
July 10	Committee Meeting: Breakfast Meeting with RC Paranaque Metro President	7 out of 25
July 16	Board Meeting	15 out of 25
July 28	Gov't & Non-Gov't Agencies Meeting	8 out of 25
July 29	Committee Meeting: Turn over of Cash to St Gemma's Kitchen	8 out of 25
August 6	Committee Meeting: Public Image Seminar	2 out of 25
August 12	1 st Regular Meeting and Fellowship	6 out of 25
August 18	Gov't & Non-Gov't Agencies Meeting	1 out of 25
August 27	Area Comm Meeting	2 out of 25
August 29	Area Comm Meeting	1 out of 25

The relaxed pandemic restrictions, has allowed us to do face to face meetings , and at times hybrid with some participants online. This has allowed more members to actively participate in both meetings and service projects.

As we create impactful actions for the community, we are also helping ourselves bring meaning and purpose to our individual lives. With the average number of attendees ranging from 2 to 8 members, we are hoping to increase these number as we move on this Rotary year.



Zyra Zyza A. Nakila
Secretary

The treasurer's report

The following have already fully settled their mandatory dues for
RY 2022- 2023



1. PP Carl de Liz L. Acosta



2. PP Agnes G. Trabado



3. PP Chriselda C. Macion



4. PP Jenissa S. Arcenal



Helen Grace L. Fernandez
Treasurer



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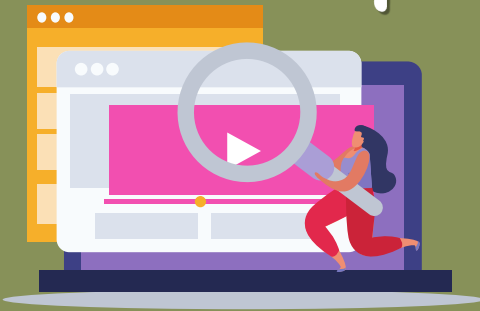
Rotary International Dues	4,500.00
Phil. Rotary Magazine	300.00
District Levy	500.00
Disaster Levy	100.00
Rotaract Levy (Com based)	100.00
Rotaract Levy (School based)	100.00
Polio Fund	500.00
Project Fund	3,000.00
EREY	1,300.00
TRF (\$100)	5,700.00
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Grand total	16,100.00

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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



September 7
Turnover of goods for drug offenders at Municipal Hall, Glan

September 10
Turnover of goods at Brgy. Tamban for flood victims

September 17
Mangrove Planting at Sarif Mucsin

September 22
Covid-19 Vaccination & Fluoride application at H.N. Cahilsot Elementary School

September 22
Drug Preventive Seminar at H.N. Cahilsot Central Elementary School

September 29
MOU signing with USAID for Youthworks PH

October 1
Pink Zumba at Robinsons Place 5:30am

October 8
The Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminar at Sotogrande, Davao City

October 8
Fun Run by Polomolok 101

October 13
Governor's visit, 6 P.M. at Red Fern Pavillion

October 15
Governor's night, 6 P.M. at Venue

October 22
Bike to End Polio

October 24
World Polio Day

October 29
Club Project: Fashion show and dinner for a cause





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