

# ROTARY CLUB

OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS

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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



**ZYRA XYZA A. NAKILA**  
**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

To the Greater ladies and readers,

As we reflect on the vibrant month of September, it is my pleasure to share with you the exciting happenings and our dedicated area of focus for this past month: **"Basic Education and Literacy."** This core part of Rotary service shows our dedication to making futures brighter and communities stronger.

Here's a glimpse of what we had in store:

- **Renewal of Sisterhood with RC Paranaque Metro:** Our bonds with fellow Rotarians at RC Paranaque Metro were rekindled. This sisterhood promised new avenues for collaboration and community service.
- **Bike to End Polio:** We had an exhilarating cycling event as we joined hands with Rotarians worldwide to pedal towards a polio-free world. Our wheels spun for a cause!
- **10 Service Projects:** We set an ambitious goal of initiating 10 impactful service projects during the month, touching various facets of education and literacy. We hope you were able to participate and contribute.
- **A very special Feeding Program in Collaboration with Lions Club of General Santos:** Together with the Lions Club of General Santos, we launched a feeding program to ensure underprivileged children received both nourishment and access to education.
- **Individual Achievements:** A Greater lady was acknowledged in her innovative project for the LGU.

This past September, we harnessed our shared enthusiasm and energy to create a tangible impact in the lives of those we served. Through education, we empowered individuals, and by uniting in service, we strengthened our connections with fellow Rotarians. Together, we continued the battle to eradicate polio from the face of the Earth.

We hope you enjoyed the updates, volunteer opportunities, and ways to engage with these meaningful projects. Your involvement and steadfast support made all the difference.

Let's continue to serve, inspire, and transform lives, one page at a time.

# THE HOPE CREATING LEADERS

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# THE GREATER LADIES

*Service Above Self.*

THE GREATER LADIES are warm-hearted ladies who place high value on relationships and service. To be a greater lady, you must have surmounted obstacles, forged your own path, and continue to confront life head-on. Together, the Greater Ladies can and will make dreams become reality.

**Relationship. Service.**



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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**LINDALEE ANOS**  
PRESIDENT

Dear Greater Ladies,

As we reflect on our club's incredible journey, I'm deeply grateful for each of you. Your unwavering support has been the foundation of our success. In the second half of September, my temporary absence showcased your dedication. Instead of merely filling the void, you elevated our mission. My heartfelt appreciation goes to Club Members and Vice President Gina Cachuela for their exceptional efforts, igniting inspiration.

Your tireless work embodies the Rotary spirit, reminding us of our collective impact. Together, we forge ahead, kindling hope and fostering positive change within our community and beyond.

Yours in Rotary,  
**Prexy Lindalee**

# THE SECRETARY'S REPORT



**IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO**  
SECRETARY

Dear Greater Ladies,

I'm thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our group during the month of September. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have truly shown through, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. Here's a quick rundown of our September successes:

DATE	SERVICE PROJECT	AREA OF FOCUS
SEPTEMBER 3	FEEDING PROGRAM IN COORDINATION WITH ST. GEMMA'S KITCHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</li> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 3	DONATION OF BROOMS AND DUSTPAN WITH ROTARACTORS @ PAG-ASA INTEGRATED SCHOOL, ALABEL SARANGANI PROVINCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</li> <li>• SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENT</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 10	RIDE TO END POLIO (1 <sup>ST</sup> LEG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 12	TURNOVER OF ROTARY CORNER MINI LIBRARY @ KING SOLOMON INSTITUTE, BRGY LABANGAL, GENERAL SANTOS CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 15	DEVELOPMENT PARTNER'S MEETING AND TURNOVER OF RENOVATED ROOM, OFFICE SUPPLIES, INK AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. VENUE: THE OSH COMPLIANCE OFFICE AT DR. JORGE ROYECA, HOSPITAL, GENERAL SANTOS CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT;</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 16	BOOK DONATION AT ASPANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
SEPTEMBER 16	BOOK DONATION AT DANGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

# THE SECRETARY'S REPORT



**IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO**  
SECRETARY

DATE	SERVICE PROJECT	AREA OF FOCUS
SEPTEMBER 16	CELEBRATE COMMUNITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GSC MATUTUM LIONS CLUB, GSC CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB AND POLOMOLOK PINES LIONS CLUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT;</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH;</li> <li>• COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 23	CONTINUING FEEDING PROGRAM WITH ST. GEMMAS KITCHEN in PARTNERSHIP with ROTARACT CLUB OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS and ROTARACT CLUB OF STRATFORD INTERNATIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</li> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 23	BAMBOO GROWING: A RIVERBANK REHABILITATION ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>• COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.</li> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER 23-24	ROTARIANS GREAT HOPE GARAGE SALE VENUE: CORNER GAHOLAND SARENAS STREETS, DAVAO CITY	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SEPTEMBER 30	THE BIDA (BUHAY INGATAN, DROGAY AYAWAN) PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION;</li> <li>• MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH;</li> <li>• BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</li> </ul>

DATE	MEETINGS	VENUE
SEPTEMBER 08	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Q CITI PARK HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 21	RENEWAL OF SISTER CLUB AGREEMENT WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF PARANAQUE METRO	THE GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL

# UPDATED CLUB ANNUAL DUES

## ANNUAL DUES

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DUES (SAR)	₱ 4,500.00
DISTRICT LEVY	₱ 500.00
DISASTER FUND	₱ 100.00
ROTARACT LEVY	₱ 300.00
PRM (ONLINE)	₱ <b>600.00</b>
PROJECT FUND	₱ 3,600.00
EREY	₱ 1,300.00
END POLIO	₱ 1,300.00
CLUB LISTING (DISTAS) - P4,000	₱ 160.00
CLUB LISTING (DISCON) - P4,000	₱ 160.00
GOVERNORS VISIT	₱ 584.00
RI INTERNATIONAL FEE (MANILA)	₱ 500.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL ₱ 13,604.00</b>
TRF (ANNUAL GIVING)	₱ 5,500.00
	<b>GRAND TOTAL ₱ 19,104.00</b>

### **NOTE:**

We encourage you to issue Post-Dated-Checks for ease and convenience of paying your annual dues.

Payee: Rotary Club of Greater General Santos



**CHRISELDA C. MACION**  
**TREASURER**

# SERVICE PROJECTS



*September 2, 2023, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, in collaboration with St. Gemma's Kitchen, continues its mission to feed the hearts and minds of 43 underprivileged children in Purok 19, Brgy. Lagao, and Brgy. Baluan.*

*This vital initiative, led by Charter President Paz Benedicta Salazar and Past President Edna Salazar, extends far beyond providing nourishing meals. It's about instilling hope, motivating change, and building a brighter future, one child at a time.*

**FEEDING PROGRAM CONTINUES - A SIGNATURE PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. GEMMA'S KITCHEN**

*Our club members' unwavering dedication and the support of our community are the driving forces behind this project's success. With each meal served, we reaffirm our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of these young souls.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



Donation of Wall Fans, Dust Pans, and Soft Brooms: A Breeze of Support for Pag-Asa Integrated School

*As we all know, a pleasant atmosphere is essential for effective teaching and learning. Your donation contributes significantly to the improvement of our students' overall learning experience. It is heartening to witness how your generosity directly impacts the lives of our students and educators, making their educational journey more enjoyable and productive.*

*The impact of this donation extends far beyond the physical items themselves. These thoughtful contributions play a pivotal role in creating a conducive and comfortable learning environment for our students. The wall fans will provide much-needed relief during hot and humid days, ensuring that our classrooms remain cool and comfortable for both teachers and learners. The dust pans and soft brooms will help us maintain cleanliness, further enhancing the overall atmosphere within our school.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



**RIDE TO END POLIO: A JOURNEY TOWARDS A POLIO-FREE WORLD** at Salazar Estate, GSC.

*Under the visionary leadership of District Governor Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa and the guidance of District Learning Facilitator Archie Gamboa, Rotary clubs from Area 3G, 3F, and 3H of District 3860 are united in their resolve to see this mission through. A vital part of this mission is the "Ride to End Polio 2023," an initiative that underscores Rotary's dedication to eradicating polio from the face of the Earth. This multi-day cycling event, hosted in General Santos City as its inaugural 1st leg, brings together cyclists of all ages and abilities to its triumphant conclusion.*

*In the global battle against polio, Rotary International has been a beacon of hope and determination since 1988. Over the years, their tireless efforts have brought us closer to a world without this debilitating disease. The numbers speak volumes: the once-ubiquitous polio has been reduced to just two endemic countries, and the number of cases has plummeted by an astonishing 99.9%. Yet, the mission is not complete, and Rotary remains steadfast in its commitment*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



**ROTARY CORNER AT KING SOLOMON INSTITUTE: NURTURING MINDS, IGNITING DREAMS AT KING SOLOMON INSTITUTE LAST SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

*The Rotary Corner at King Solomon Institute's Library serves as a vibrant hub of learning and inspiration. It houses a treasure trove of Rotary's wisdom, including the Four-Way Test, Rotary magazines, and an array of books tailored to the interests of Senior High School and College students. Through these resources, we aim to introduce the youth to the values and opportunities Rotary embodies, encouraging them to explore the realms of Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership.*

*Rotary International, a global organization driven by a relentless commitment to community betterment, thrives on the principle that united efforts can bring about profound change worldwide. Among its many areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy stand as pillars of transformation. Within the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, the pursuit of these ideals is fervently championed, and one project shines as a beacon of hope and knowledge—the Rotary Corner at King Solomon Institute. In collaboration with esteemed partners like King Solomon Institute, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos has embarked on a mission to improve educational access and bolster literacy in communities that yearn for it through the effort of the President and our Rotarian Rtn. Linda Cantoja and it Vice President Archie this Rotary Corner made Possible.*





# SERVICE PROJECTS



**Community Partnership and Development: PAG Rochelle Jet Oco and A Ceremonial Turnover of Essential Contributions**

*In the spirit of unity and collective action, the community of General Santos City gathered on September 15, 2023, to discuss, deliberate, and dedicate their efforts to essential causes that touch the lives of its residents. The occasion took place at the Office of the Social Hygiene Clinic (OSH Clinic) of General Santos City, a significant platform for community development. When: September 15, 2023, Where: The OSH Clinic of General Santos City, Who: PAG Rochelle Jet Oco and A Ceremonial Turnover, What: Agenda for Community Well-being.*

*The event was not only about discussions but also about concrete actions. A ceremonial turnover took place, symbolizing the commitment to community development. Donations, including painting and renovation of the office, ink, and educational materials, were handed over, reinforcing the dedication to improving the OSH Clinic's infrastructure and resources.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



**Turning the Page: Rotary's Book Donations Light Up San Jose Abad Santos Last September 12, 2023**

*The Gift of Learning: Changing Lives, One Page at a Time*

*The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos understands that the gift of reading is the gift of empowerment. By providing access to quality learning resources, the club aspires to create a ripple effect of positive change, especially among the younger generations. President Lindalee Anos highlighted the Rotary Club's unwavering commitment to education and community development, stating, "Every child deserves access to quality learning resources, and we're proud to support the young minds of San Jose Abad Santos on their journey to a brighter future."*

*On a sunny day, the Rotary Club members embarked on a 50-minute journey to San Jose Abad Santos, overcoming challenges like rough roads and the scorching sun. The Gift of Learning: Changing Lives, One Page at a Time*

*In a world where knowledge is a powerful catalyst for change, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos recognizes the profound impact of books and educational resources. With this in mind, the club recently embarked on a mission to provide essential school supplies and books to the eager young learners of San Jose Abad Santos, General Santos City.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



**"Celebrate Communities" Nourishes Hope: A Joint Feeding Program by Local Lions Clubs and Rotary Club of Greater General Santos**

**Partnering for the Greater Good: GSC Matutum Lions Club, GSC Centennial Lions Club, Polomolok Pines Lions Club, and Rotary Club of Greater General Santos**  
**In the spirit of unity and compassion, the communities of General Santos City have joined hands to celebrate the essence of community service. The "Celebrate Communities" initiative, in partnership with GSC Matutum Lions Club, GSC Centennial Lions Club, Polomolok Pines Lions Club, and coordinated with St. Gemmas Kitchen, is extending its unwavering support to the ongoing feeding program of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos.**

**The heart of this collaborative effort is the ongoing feeding program led by the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos in times when unity is paramount, "Celebrate Communities" showcases the boundless potential of collective action. Together, these clubs are illustrating that when we come together, there are no limits to the good we can achieve.**



# SERVICE PROJECTS



Rotaract Clubs Nourish Bodies and Souls: Continuing Feeding Program with St. Gemma's Kitchen on September 23, 2023 at Salazar Estate

## *Building Bridges, Sharing Smiles: A Collaborative Effort*

*In the spirit of unity and shared purpose, the Rotaract Clubs of Greater General Santos and Rotaract Club of Stratford International School Chapters joined forces for a heartwarming feeding program. This collaborative effort was a day dedicated to nourishing not only the bodies but also the souls of those in need, creating a beautiful tapestry of compassion and community. Laughter filled the air as joyful parlor games brought smiles to young faces, demonstrating that acts of kindness can be as fulfilling as a hearty meal.*

## *#FeedingHope: A Message of Unity and Compassion*

*The hashtag #FeedingHope encapsulates the essence of this heartwarming initiative. It signifies the hope that springs forth when communities come together, the hope that nourishing both body and soul can create a brighter future for all. The Rotaract Clubs of Greater General Santos and Stratford International School Chapters have shown that when we collaborate with a shared vision, we can nurture hope, one meal and one story at a time.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



**Rotarians' Great Hope Garage Sale: Transforming Unused Items into Community Service**

*On the 23rd and 24th of September 2023, the Rotary Club of Greater Gensan, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of South Davao, spearheaded an inspiring event that not only cleaned out cluttered spaces but also filled hearts with hope. The Rotarians' Great Hope Garage Sale, held at the intersection of Gahol and Sarenas Streets in Davao City, was a remarkable testament to the power of community service and collaboration. Rotarians from various clubs in Davao City and General Santos City came together for a common purpose: to sell unused items to the public and channel the proceeds into meaningful community service projects. The location of the event, at the crossroads of Gahol and Sarenas Streets in Davao City, was carefully chosen to maximize visibility and accessibility. The buzz and excitement around the sale quickly spread through word of mouth and social media, drawing crowds from near and far.*

*The Rotarians' Great Hope Garage Sale was not just about raising funds; it was a celebration of unity, compassion, and the power of collective action. In a world that often seems preoccupied with materialism, this event was a poignant reminder that the true value of possessions lies not in their accumulation but in their ability to make a difference in the lives of others. The Rotarians' Great Hope Garage Sale was not just a sale; it was a sale with a purpose, and that purpose was to create hope, one item at a time.*



# SERVICE PROJECTS



## Rotary Club of Greater Gensan Joins "The Bida (Buhay InaGatan, Droga'Y Ayawan) Program

*During the event, a comforting bowl of lugaw (rice porridge) and light snacks will be served to everyone in attendance. These simple yet heartfelt offerings symbolize the care and concern that the organizers have for the clients of the Rehabilitation Center. Partners include the City Government of Davao, the Rotary Club of Greater Gensan, Holy Cross of Davao College, University of Mindanao, and many others. This united front amplifies the impact of the program, demonstrating that when communities come together, they can achieve extraordinary things.*

*In a heartfelt display of community support, the Rotary Club of Greater Gensan has teamed up with "The Bida (Buhay InaGatan, Droga'Y Ayawan) Program," a collaborative effort led by PNP ROXI and PDEA XI, to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals in need. On September 30, 2023, at 9:00 AM, a Community Outreach Program will take place at the DOH XI Drug Rehabilitation Center, nestled in the serene surroundings of Malagos, Davao City. This noble initiative has multiple facets, all aimed at uplifting the spirits and providing essential resources to those on the path to recovery. The primary objective is to conduct an anti-drug awareness seminar, catering to the educational needs of 80 residents and personnel at the Rehabilitation Center.*



# MEETINGS



## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

September 8, 2023, 6PM  
Q Citi Park Hotel

**Club Board Meeting: Planning Impactful Projects**  
The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos Board of Directors gathered to plan upcoming projects. They discussed, selected, and prioritized projects for the incoming months.

**Resource Allocation:** The board allocated resources, set responsibilities, and established timelines for efficient project execution.

The meeting showcased the Rotary Club's dedication to service, and the projects chosen exemplify their commitment to making the world a better place.

On September 21, 2023, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos and the Rotary Club of Paranaque Metro came together at the Grand Summit Hotel to renew their sisterhood, marking a significant moment in their enduring commitment to service and collaboration.

Originating from shared values, the sisterhood has been the cornerstone of impactful projects.

The sister clubs plan to collaborate in community service.

The future holds the promise of transformative projects, reaffirming the belief that together, they can create positive change in the world.



**A Renewal of Sisterhood:** The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos and Rotary Club of Paranaque Metro.



# TOGETHER FOR GOOD: ROTARY AND LIONS CLUB JOIN HANDS FOR CHILDREN'S FEEDING PROGRAM IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY



**PDS Elvie Albano**  
**Alumni Chair**

**Because service is a shared responsibility.....**

**Service is not a competition.**

**It is an outpouring of goodwill, love and care. Thus, on a sunny Saturday afternoon of September 16, 2023, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City and the General Santos City Mt. Matutum Lions Club, joined hands together for a worthy cause, that of participating in a yearlong feeding program of identified children from different Purok 19, Baluan and identified beneficiaries in Agan Subdivision all of General Santos City at the Salazar Estate, Lagao, General Santos City. It was a monumental event as it was the first time that Rotarians and Lions worked together.**





## TOGETHER FOR GOOD: ROTARY AND LIONS CLUB JOIN HANDS FOR CHILDREN'S FEEDING PROGRAM IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY -



To celebrate the union, the Rotarians and the Lions gave a Jollibee party to the children who were so enthralled with the mascot, the treat and the violet chalicos of the Lions. You see, before this all they were seeing were the Greater Ladies' Rotary shirts and banners. The Greater Ladies prepared prizes and officiated games for children. It was a fun time and one fine day to be a Rotarian and a Lion.

This year long feeding program is a project of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos in coordination with St. Gemma's Kitchen. It is a year after year feeding program since 2018. Its purpose is to intervene in the nutrition and health of the identified children.

The feeding program is being done every Saturday of the week.

To help shoulder the cost, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos works with other different civic groups and non-governmental organizations.

St. Gemma's Kitchen on the other hand, is being run and funded by RC Greater Gensan's Charter President, Paz Salazar, a Service Above Self Awardee together with her equally generous sister in-law, Past President Edna Salazar also of RC Greater General Santos.

Synergy, collaboration, cooperation, these are words often talked about in our Rotary gatherings. And so we reach out to other Rotary clubs and pool our resources. But when the collaboration extends beyond Rotary and goes to other civic groups, it is more impactful and more meaningful.

Cheers to more collaboration and yes, synergy!

# ROTARIAN PDAG ROCHELLE GAJETTE OCO WINS 6TH BEST INNOVATION PROJECT CONCEPT AWARD

Dedicated Rotarian PDAG Rochelle Gajette Oco has been recognized with the 6th Best Innovation Project Concept Award for her groundbreaking initiative, "Laking Ginhawa sa PhilHealth KonSulta." Launched on August 15, 2023, by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of General Santos City, the project aims to increase the registration rate of economic frontliners for the PhilHealth KonSulta package and other primary care services. This not only promotes health equity but also institutionalizes an Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Office, headed by Dr. Oco herself.



PDAG Rochelle Gajette Oco's visionary leadership has given rise to a transformative project aligning with Rotary's mission of fostering positive and lasting change. This award underscores her dedication and serves as a reminder that even a single idea can lead to profound and enduring transformations.

Rotary International celebrates the exceptional contributions of its members, and Rochelle Gajette Oco's project is a testament to the power of Rotary in inspiring innovative solutions for a brighter and healthier future.

# ROTARACT CORNER

## ROTARACT CLUB PRESIDENT TRIUMPHS AT MR. AND MS. LABANGAL 2023



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In a glittering spectacle of grace and poise, President Darienz Eve Avary Dela Rosa of the Rotaract Club of Stratford International School emerged triumphant as Ms. Sangguniang Kabataan 2023 in Brgy. Labangal, General Santos City. This crowning achievement marks a significant milestone in her journey of community service and empowerment. The announcement of President Dea's victory was met with cheers and applause, resonating throughout the vibrant neighborhood. Her coronation as Ms. Sangguniang Kabataan 2023 reflects not only her beauty but also her unwavering dedication to serving the community.



## RAIN OR SHINE: UNITING FOR MANGROVE PLANTING AND COASTAL CLEAN-UP



### DETAIL >

## RAIN OR SHINE, WE PLANT MORE! MANGROVE PLANTING AND COASTAL CLEANUP IN SARIF MUCSIN, BRGY. BALUAN

In the spirit of environmental stewardship and community collaboration, a dedicated group of individuals braved all weather conditions to make a significant impact on the ecosystem of Sarif Mucsin, Brgy. Baluan. Rain or shine, they came together for a noble cause - Mangrove Planting and Coastal Clean-Up - an event that exemplified the unwavering commitment of the community to safeguarding their coastal environment.

Organized by the Regional Advisory Council XII, this ambitious initiative brought together several esteemed partners who share a common passion for environmental conservation. Among these partners were the Holy Trinity College of General Santos City, the Holy Trinity College Leo Club, the GSC Mt. Matutum Leo Club, the STI Duolos Leo Club, the Rotaract Club of Dadiangas, the Rotaract Club of Greater Gensan, and the Rotaract Club of Greater Gensan-Stratford Chapter.

# AREA OF FOCUS COMMITTEES



## 7 AREAS OF FOCUS CHAIR PDDG FIDELINA N. EULLARAN

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**MEMBERS:**  
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**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
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PDRG IRISH CHRISTINE VIRTUDAZO

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RTN. DARLYN RUTH GOMEZ  
RTN. HONEY HENRIETH MEJIAS

### SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
VP GINALYN CACHUELA

**MEMBERS:**  
DIR. ZYRA AL-FARAJ  
DIR. GINA DE GUZMAN

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Turnover of Rotary  
Corner at King  
Solomon Institute

**SEPTEMBER 16**

Area Com Meeting  
at TIBUD SKMPC  
Office, Polomolok  
2:00PM - 5:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 16**

Distribution of  
School Supplies  
at Aspang  
Elementary  
School

**SEPTEMBER 16**

Feeding Program  
in Collaboration  
with Mt. Matutum  
Lions Club

**SEPTEMBER 20**

Distribution of  
School Supplies at  
Sapan Sapan  
Elementary School

**SEPTEMBER 22**

Renewal of  
Sisterhood  
Agreement with  
Rotary Club  
Metro Paranaque

**SEPTEMBER 29**

Fiesta Dinner at  
Paz Salazar  
Residence

**SEPTEMBER 30**

Fellowship  
Meeting

# September

## *Birthday Celebrants*

05 – GENE PATRICK VALENCIA

11 – FERDIE & CHESKA FERNANDEZ

14 – ADO DULA-OGON

18 – CECILLE VALENCIA

21 – FRANCES BRENT ANOS

22 – SHALIMAR CORTEZ

28 – AILEEN LOVITOS

## *Wedding Anniversary*

18 – NELSON & CHRISelda MACION



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