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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR

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THE SOUL OF SERVICE

Author Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen writes: "When you help, you see life as weak, when you fix, you see life as broken, when you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service, the work of the soul."

This reminds us to take a break and reflect on the core of our Rotary mission – SERVICE. We, in Rotary are bound by a common passion, our unwavering commitment to continue to be of service to our fellowmen. It is not just what we do to serve, but how we do it.

Dr. Remen says that helping and fixing often emanate from a place of power or dominance. We may thoughtlessly see others as lacking, and we see ourselves as the answer. But service is different. Service is a partnership. "The wholeness in us, serves the wholeness in the other." It honors the dignity, strength, and wholeness of those we serve. It's not about saving others—it's about walking beside those we serve.

Genuine service arises from humility and connection. In Rotary, our projects—from feeding, providing health services, literacy to sanitation and clean water—are not just acts of charity. They are expressions of unity. We serve not because others are broken, but because we are all interconnected and we are one human family.

Let us continue our commitment to the Rotary way of life, which is service that inspires others. Let's be mindful that how we give, not what we give, has the biggest impact. Anything that we do to serve others, no matter how small, will always have an impact on those we have connected ourselves with. We become tools of change, healing, and hope when we serve with open hearts.

THE GAME CHANGER LEADERS

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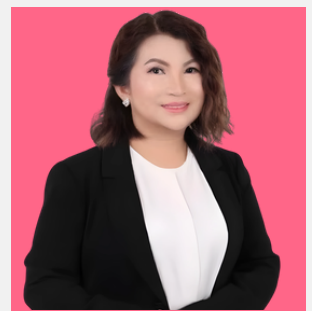
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AREAS OF FOCUS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOCUSES ON SEVEN KEY AREAS TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES:

1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention:

- Promotes peace and conflict resolution through education and community efforts.

2. Disease Prevention and Treatment:

- Works to reduce the impact of diseases by improving access to healthcare and conducting vaccination campaigns.

3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):

- Ensures clean water and sanitation, vital for public health and community development.

4. Maternal and Child Health:

- Enhances the health and well-being of mothers and children through quality healthcare and nutrition.

5. Basic Education and Literacy:

- Improves education and literacy to break the cycle of poverty and empower communities.

6. Community Economic Development:

- Supports sustainable economic growth and job creation, improving living standards.

7. Supporting the Environment:

- Focuses on environmental sustainability, conservation, and combating climate change.

IMPORTANCE OF Committees and Members

- Rotary club committees organize and execute projects, while members drive success through active participation, expertise, and commitment. Together, they create lasting, positive change in communities worldwide.

7 AREAS OF FOCUS

BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY

CHAIR PERSON: Rosalinda C. Veloria, PHF

Co-Chair: Anita Almoite

1

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR PERSON: Chriselda "Kring" Macion, PHF

Co-Chair: Theresa Napala, PHF + 4

2

PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

CHAIR PERSON: Elvie Albano, PHF + 5

Co-Chair: Naravy "Bing" Duquiatan

3

ENVIRONMENT CARE COMMITTEE

CHAIR PERSON: Ginalyn Cachuela

Co-Chair: Esther Marian Balolot, PHF

4

DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

CHAIR PERSON: Roselle Layug, PHF

Co-Chair: Ginalyn Cachuela

5

MATERNAL CARE and CHILD HEALTH

CHAIR PERSON: Maria Jessica "Jet" Reyes

Co-Chair: Agnes Trabado

6

WATER SANITATION HYGIENE

CHAIR PERSON: Lindalee Anos

Co-Chair: Mariel Diel Dinopol

7



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Greater Ladies embody a spirit of warmth, emphasizing the importance of relationships and service in their lives. To be counted among them means overcoming obstacles, carving out one's own journey, and facing life's challenges with courage. United, the Greater Ladies possess the collective power to turn dreams into tangible realities, showcasing the transformative impact of their shared vision and determination.

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos proudly celebrates another milestone as it receives the 2024–2025 Club Excellence Award from Rotary International. This recognition honors the club's dedication to fostering a positive experience for its members while staying true to the values of Rotary. This achievement reflects the passion, unity, and unwavering commitment of every member to live out Service Above Self. With hearts aligned to serve, the club continues to shine as a beacon of hope, building stronger communities and inspiring others to do good in the world.



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HECHANOVA-MEJIAS, HONEY HENRIETH
VENERACION, GRIZELDA

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

ALMOITE, ANITA
CACHUELA, GINALYN FE CAINGLET
DINOPOL-DIEL, MARIELLE OLAER
LOVITOS, AILEEN TAN

ABOUT THE COVER



TOGETHER WE LEAD WITH PURPOSE

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos joyfully welcomed **District Governor Angel “Jong” G. Fernandez Jr.** for the Rotary Year 2025–2026, marking a moment of inspiration, leadership, and unity. The visit was more than a courtesy—it was a reaffirmation of what Rotary stands for: service with heart, leadership with purpose, and a vision rooted in compassion.

As Governor Jong shared his message anchored on this year’s Rotary theme, **“Unite for Good,”** members were reminded of the collective strength that comes from working hand in hand for the greater good. His words resonated deeply, igniting renewed passion and purpose in every Rotarian present. It was a powerful reminder that leadership is not measured by titles or positions, but by the lives we touch and the positive changes we bring to our communities.

Tokens of appreciation were exchanged, symbolizing gratitude and camaraderie. The smiles, the energy, and the shared commitment filled the room—proof that when hearts unite in service, meaningful change happens.

This visit serves as a guiding light for the club to continue upholding the Rotary ideals of Service Above Self, promoting kindness, hope, and collaboration in every project and every act of service.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NARAVY D. DUQUIATAN, PHF
CLUB PRESIDENT



As we commemorate Basic Education and Literacy Month, we are reminded that education is more than academic learning — it is the foundation of moral strength, informed choices, and responsible citizenship. True literacy equips people not only with knowledge but with the wisdom to live productive and meaningful lives.

The anti-drug awareness lecture initiated by Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, in collaboration with Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and Irineo L Santiago National High School of Metro Dadiangas, aligns perfectly with that vision. Drug abuse continues to threaten our youth, families, and communities. It weakens the very pillars of education and destroys the potential of countless individuals.

As a drug law enforcer, I believe it is not only my duty to uphold and enforce the law, but also my solemn responsibility to educate our community on the ill effects of illegal drugs. Prevention through awareness is one of the most powerful tools we have in safeguarding our future. When we inform, we empower; and when we empower, we protect lives.

Through Rotary's commitment to education and service, let us continue to strengthen our advocacy for a drug-free and enlightened society. Let us inspire our youth to make choices that lead to growth, integrity, and purpose.

Let us continue to uphold the ideals of Rotary — Service Above Self — by investing in the education and well-being of our youth. Let us be the light that guides them toward wisdom, responsibility, and hope. Together, we can create communities where education thrives and where every learner is safe, healthy, and free from the grip of drugs.

Thank you, and may our shared efforts guide more people toward knowledge, responsibility, and a brighter tomorrow.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO
SECRETARY



Warm Rotary greetings, Greater Ladies!

As we close the month of September and prepare for a meaningful Pink October, let us be reminded of a few important matters and upcoming activities:

◆ **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contribution**

Let us continue to support The Rotary Foundation—our vital arm in advancing Rotary’s mission of doing good in the world. Your contributions help fund sustainable projects, scholarships, and humanitarian programs. Kindly coordinate with our Treasurer regarding your TRF donations.

◆ **Attendance Reminder – Pink October Zumba for a Cause**

We encourage everyone to actively participate in our Pink October Zumba for a Cause—a vibrant and purposeful event promoting breast cancer awareness. Let’s show our unity and energy by attending and inviting friends and family to join this worthy cause.

◆ **October Service Projects**

As October approaches, our club is set to implement several service projects. Let us continue to embody Service Above Self by dedicating our time and effort to make a positive difference in our community.

Together, let’s move forward with passion, purpose, and the Rotary spirit of service and compassion.

FROM THE TREASURY

CHRISELDA “KRING” MACION
TREASURY



As your Club Treasurer, I would like to kindly remind all our members to review our account balances and settle our membership dues by depositing them into our China Bank account.

Our timely cooperation plays a vital role in keeping the financial operations of our club running smoothly. Through our continued support, we are able to sustain our projects, fulfill our commitments, and extend our service to the community, touching more lives and making a lasting difference.

Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps us live out our shared mission of "Service Above Self." By staying updated with our dues, we help strengthen the foundation that keeps our club vibrant, united, and ready to respond to the needs of others.

Let us continue working hand in hand, upholding the values of Rotary with dedication, integrity, and compassion.

Together, we keep our club strong — serving with purpose, passion, and pride.

SERVICE PROJECTS

DONATION FOR CHILDREN

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** continues to live out Rotary's call to service by bringing comfort, care, and hope to the children of our community. On **September 26, 2025**, the club visited **O.T. Santos Elementary School in Barangay Tinagacan, South Cotabato**, to share simple gifts that touched many young hearts. A total of 205 children received brand-new slippers, bringing joy, dignity, and comfort to their daily walk to school. The club also donated a sack of rice to support the school's feeding program, helping nourish young bodies and minds. This meaningful project reflects Rotary's commitment to uplift lives through compassion and service. Every shared smile reminded us that even the smallest act of kindness can create lasting change.



PDEA ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG SYMPOSIUM

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos**, in partnership with **PDEA**, successfully held the PDEA Anti-Illegal Drug Symposium, empowering youth to make informed and responsible choices. **120 Junior and Senior High School students from Irineo High School** learned about the dangers of illegal drugs and the importance of protecting their future. The event was honored by **Michelle A. Manatad**, PDEA Provincial Barangay Drug Clearing Officer, and **Edessa H. Cenas**, City Barangay Drug Clearing Officer, who shared their expertise and advocacy. Special thanks to **Past President Helen Grace Fernandez** for her leadership in organizing this impactful activity. Together, we remain committed to building a drug-free community and guiding our youth toward a brighter, healthier future.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PINK ZUMBA FOR A CAUSE

In celebration of Pink October, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos gathered for the Pink Zumba for a Cause on **October 18, 2025, at Robinsons Mall, General Santos City**. The event brought together individuals from all walks of life, dancing with purpose to raise awareness and support the fight against breast cancer.

Dressed in shades of pink, participants moved with energy and compassion, showing that every step and every drop of sweat can bring hope. With registration options of ₱100 for Zumba Only and ₱450 for Zumba with Shirt, all proceeds were donated to breast cancer organizations, extending help to patients and survivors.

More than just a fitness event, it was a celebration of life, unity, and strength—a beautiful reminder that together, we can make a difference and that no one fights alone.



Rotary Club OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES **18 Oct 2025**

JOIN NOW

pink zumba for a cause

STARTS AT **05:00 AM**

Registration
ZUMBA ONLY: PHP100
ZUMBA WITH SHIRT: PHP450.00

Venue
Robinsons Mall, General Santos City

SCAN ME

REGISTER NOW !!!

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO BREAST CANCER ORGANIZATIONS

Area 2F Area 2G Area 2H

RC General Santos RC Palomolok 101 RC Metro Dadiangas RC Greater General Santos Rotary Club of Central Palomolok Rotary Club of Marikol



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MEETINGS/FELLOWSHIP

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos successfully held its Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom Meeting.

The Rotary Club of Greater Gensan was proudly represented by PP Helen Grace Fernandez at this year's Vibrant Seminar Mindanao held on September 6, 2025 at Acacia Hotel, Davao City.



The Rotary Club of Greater Gensan was proudly represented by PDS Elvie Albano, PHF+5 at the 3rd Area Coordination Meeting (ACOM) held on September 13, 2025 at Bigben Steak and Grills.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER 18:

PP CECILE VALENCIA



OCTOBER 3

PP ANITA ALMOITE



OCTOBER 5

PP JESSICA REYES

UPCOMING SCHEDULE 2025

OCTOBER

18

**PINK OCTOBER 2025: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
ROBINSON'S PLACE OF GENSAN**

18

RUN & RAVE FOR A CAUSE 2025

NOVEMBER

08

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
RECOGNITION NIGHT**

DECEMBER

TBA

GOVERNOR'S NIGHT

“In October, we wear pink not just as a color, but as a symbol of hope, courage, and awareness. As Rotarians, we unite our hands and hearts to serve, reminding our community that every act of kindness can make a lasting difference.”

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