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"KAYA GAMUTIN NG
MERDAL LAMANG ANG
BREAST CANCER"

TRUTH

There is no reliable evidence
from human studies that
any remedies can treat,
prevent or cure any type of
cancer.



Together, We Inspire Hope through Action



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SELF**

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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR

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**A MONTH OF AWARENESS, ACTION,
AND RECONNECTION**

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos embraced October as an opportunity to raise awareness, and continue its mission of “Service Above Self.” It was a month marked by purpose, unity, and meaningful service.

October focused on the importance of women’s health through our club’s significant Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives. Our Pink Zumba event energized and united the community in promoting fitness, solidarity, and empowerment. It was followed by a comprehensive Breast Cancer Awareness Forum, where participants learned about early detection, risk factors, and available support systems. By providing safe spaces for dialogue, and health education, our club helped equip individuals with the information that can save lives.

Another highlight of this month was the worldwide Rotary program to End Polio. This month, we joined other Rotary Clubs in the area in a highly successful End Polio Fun Run. This project brought together hundreds of runners, families, athletes, Rotarians, youth leaders, and community supporters with a determined purpose to finish the fight against polio.

October is also the Rotary Alumni Reconnection Month. I am grateful and proud to be one of the two Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) alumnae in our club. Our experiences as GSE participants opened our hearts to the transformative power of Rotary—its ability to build global understanding, cultivate leadership, and inspire lifelong service and friendship. Because of those experiences, we continue to be in Rotary: motivated, grateful, and committed.

These initiatives—advocating to end polio, championing breast cancer awareness, and reconnecting as Rotary alumni, are powered by a shared vision: to create a healthier, more informed, and more engaged community. They reflect Rotary’s lasting belief that when people come together with compassion and purpose, meaningful change becomes possible.

Let us continue to United for Good!

THE GAME CHANGER LEADERS

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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

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THE GREATER LADIES

**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.



ROSTER OF MEMBERS

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +4

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NAPALA, THERESA MIRANDA
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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +3

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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 INSPIRE HOPE THROUGH ACTION

This month's cover features the Pink Zumba for a Cause, a joyful and meaningful event led by the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos. The bright pink shirts and big smiles show the love, energy, and unity of Rotarians and friends who came together to support raising awareness for breast cancer.

The event was filled with laughter, music, and movement. Every dance step and every drop of sweat was a sign of strength, courage, and hope for those who are fighting or have fought breast cancer. It was a reminder that together, we can make a difference, not just through words, but through action, compassion, and care.

The Pink Zumba for a Cause was more than just a fun activity, it was a celebration of life and community. It showed how service can be joyful and how simple acts, like dancing together, can spread awareness and love.

This cover reminds us of Rotary's theme, "Unite for Good", that when we stand side by side, support each other, and share kindness, we create positive change. The smiles and pink colors in the photo capture the true spirit of Rotary: serving above self, inspiring hope, and leading with purpose.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NARAVY D. DUQUIATAN, PHF
CLUB PRESIDENT



October has been a month filled with purpose, unity, and meaningful outreach for our club. Through our activities, we strengthened not only our advocacy work but also our connection with the community we serve.

One of our highlights this month was the Pink Zumba for a Cause. This event brought together Rotarians, families, and supporters in a lively and energetic activity that promoted both health and awareness. Seeing everyone move together in support of breast cancer advocacy reminded us that even simple actions can create a powerful impact when done collectively.

We also held the Pink Forum, a seminar dedicated to sharing important information on breast cancer. By offering a platform for open discussion and education, we helped encourage early detection, understanding, and support for individuals and families who may be affected. Knowledge is one of the strongest tools in fighting illness, and we are proud to take part in spreading it.

These two events reflect our club's commitment to service that uplifts, empowers, and cares. Each project—whether big or small—brings us closer to our mission of making a positive difference in the lives of others. To all Rotarians, partners, and volunteers: thank you for your dedication throughout the month. Your efforts and enthusiasm continue to inspire meaningful change in our community.

Let us carry this spirit forward as we continue serving with compassion and purpose.

Mabuhay, and thank you for your continued support of Rotary!

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO
SECRETARY



October was a month filled with purpose, service, and heartfelt commitment. Although I was unable to be physically present during two of our biggest events: **Pink October and Run and Rave to End Polio**; my heart was with the club every step of the way as I attended to duties in Cebu.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Past President Elvie Albano and Past President Helen Grace Fernandez. Your leadership, strength, and unwavering dedication carried the club with grace during my absence. Thank you for stepping forward so selflessly, for making sure the spirit of service continued without pause, and for showing what true Lions leadership looks like.

Your efforts remind me that in this club, we are more than officers; we are a family, lifting each other when we are needed most.

As we close the month of October, may we continue to serve with the same compassion, unity, and heart that made this month truly meaningful.

FROM THE TREASURY

HELEN GRACE L. FERNANDEZ
TREASURER



The Rotary Club of Greater Gensan expenses for the month of August.

DATE	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
August 27	Fellowship dinner at <u>Lovenest</u>	4,500.00
August 30	Share in the ACOM meeting	5,000.00
Total for August		9,500.00

The Expenses for the month of September

DATE	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
September 5	Governor's Visit meals	11,128.00
September 5	Governor's visit tarp	576.00
September 5	Registration for the Vibrant Seminar	2,800.00
September 25	14 dozen slippers for OT Santos School	4,368.00
September 26	Tarp for the Project at OT Santos	216.00
September 27	120 pcs bottled water for PDEA project at <u>Ireneo School</u>	1,230.00
September 29	120 pcs Jollibee burgers for students of <u>Ireneo School</u>	5,850.00
September 29	Tarp for the PDEA Forum	216.00
Total for September		26,384.00
Total for August & September		35,884.00

SERVICE PROJECTS

PINK ZUMBA FOR A CAUSE

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** continues to uphold Rotary's spirit of service by promoting health, unity, and hope in the community. On **October 18, 2025**, the club led the **Pink Zumba for a Cause at Robinsons Place Gensan**, gathering Rotarians, families, and supporters for a morning filled with energy and purpose. The event raised breast cancer awareness and honored the courage of fighters, showing how Rotary inspires change and uplifts lives through unity and kindness.



PINK FORUM

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** continues to uphold Rotary's mission of service through education and compassion. On **October 18, 2025**, the club hosted the **Pink Forum at Robinsons Place Gensan**, bringing together women, students, and community members for learning and sisterhood. Discussions on breast health and early detection offered guidance and hope, reflecting Rotary's commitment to healthier, empowered communities. The forum reminded everyone that early awareness saves lives and that supporting one another makes us stronger, inspiring positive change in the fight against breast cancer.



ROTARY RUN AND RAVE TO END POLIO

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** proudly joined the **Rotary Run & Rave to End Polio on October 18, 2025**, an evening where compassion, purpose, and unity came alive. **Led by the Rotary Club of Dadiangas and organized by the Rotary Clubs of Area 2FGH**, the event brought together Rotarians, families, and supporters who moved with one mission to help end polio for good. With every beat of the music, every stride on the track, and every cheer from the crowd, participants showed their hope and determination for a healthier future. More than just a run, it became a joyful movement of advocacy where rhythm met purpose, and the spirit of Rotary illuminated the night with strength, solidarity, and the belief that a polio-free world is possible.



SERVICE PROJECTS



PINK ZUMBA FOR A CAUSE:

Where Kindness Turns Into Healing

Our Pink Zumba for a Cause became one of those moments that truly touch the heart. What started as a simple fundraising activity turned into a powerful reminder of how kindness and community can change lives. Seeing everyone come together, dancing, showing support, and giving whatever they could, was incredibly moving.

Because of your generosity, we were able to raise funds and immediately extend help to our five beneficiaries. Each of them is facing a difficult and deeply personal battle against breast cancer, and the support you shared brings them more than financial aid. It gives them courage, hope, and the comfort of knowing that they are not alone in this journey.

To everyone who participated, donated, encouraged others to join, or sent their love from afar, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You did not just support an event, you touched real lives. You made five women feel seen, supported, and strengthened during a time when they need it the most.

Your kindness reminds us that even small acts, when done together, can create something truly meaningful. And for our beneficiaries, your presence and generosity became a warm light in the middle of a very tough fight.

Thank you for proving that compassion still lives in our community, and that together, we can make someone's battle a little lighter and their hope a little brighter.

MEETINGS/FELLOWSHIP

♥ FELLOWSHIP. 💛 SERVICE. ⭐ IMPACT.

THIS IS WHAT RC GREATER GENSAN IS ALL ABOUT! #SERVICEABOVESELF #UNITEFORGOOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos successfully held its Board of Directors at the Grand Summit Hotel on October 31, 2025



The Rotary Club of Greater Gensan joined fellow clubs of Area 2FGH for a Special Area Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at SG Events Center, SG Farm, Glandang, Tupi, South Cotabato.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER 5, 2025

PP JESSICA N. REYES

REMINDER

NOVEMBER IS



**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
MONTH**

"You must work - we must all work to make the world worthy of its children."

Pablo Casals

Rotary 

A black and white photograph of two young children in a war-torn area. One child is holding the other, and they are both looking towards the camera. The background shows rubble and smoke.

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