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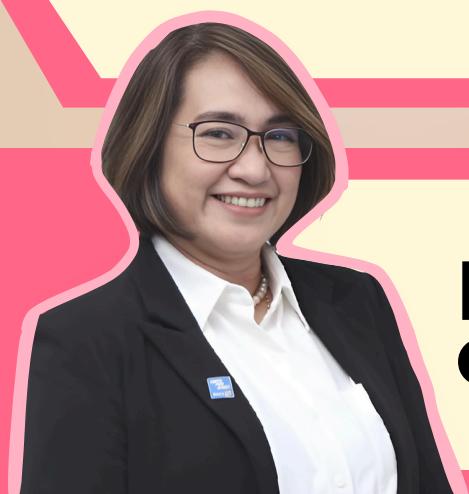
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MESSAGE OF **THE EDITOR**

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**ROTARY, RELEVANCE AND THE
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

December is a season of hope, generosity, and togetherness—values that lie at the very heart of Rotary. As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City continues to show its relevance by responding to present-day challenges while faithfully upholding the spirit of Service Above Self.

The relevance of Rotary is evident in how the club addresses the evolving needs of the community. Recognizing that cyberspace offers both opportunities and serious risks for young people, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City partnered with the King Solomon College to raise awareness on Digital Responsibility and on Cyberbullying. Through an informative session led by a speaker from Globe Telecom, students were provided with important knowledge on online safety and responsible digital citizenship—reinforcing Rotary's commitment to youth education and protection in the modern world. The season also brought joy and unity as club members came together to celebrate Christmas. The fellowship shared during our Christmas party strengthened bonds and reminded us that Rotary is not only about service, but also about friendship, joy, and a strong sense of family.

As we close 2025, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos City renews its commitment to serve with compassion, remain relevant in our communities, and stay united as one Rotary family.



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

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ENVIRONMENT CARE COMMITTEE

CHAIR PERSON: Ginalyn Cachuela

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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

CHAIR PERSON: Elvie Albano, PHF + 5

Co-Chair: Naravy "Bing" Duquiatan

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DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

CHAIR PERSON: Roselle Layug, PHF

Co-Chair: Ginalyn Cachuela

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MATERNAL CARE and CHILD HEALTH

CHAIR PERSON: Maria Jessica "Jet" Reyes

Co-Chair: Agnes Trabado

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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.



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HECHANOA-MEJIAS, HONEY HENRIETH
VENERACION, GRIZELDA

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

ALMOITE, ANITA
CACHUELA, GINALYN FE CAINGLET
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LOVITOS, AILEEN TAN

ABOUT THE COVER



TOGETHER, WE SERVE WITH CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY

This month's cover highlights the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos' commitment to youth empowerment, digital safety, and responsible citizenship through its Cyberbullying Awareness and Digital Responsibility initiative. Captured in this moment is the club standing alongside its partner and guest speaker, united in a shared mission to educate and protect the youth in today's digital age.

Set against a school-based gathering of students and educators, the image reflects Rotary's role in creating safe spaces for learning, dialogue, and awareness. The recognition being presented symbolizes appreciation for collaboration and knowledge-sharing, reinforcing that meaningful service is achieved through strong partnerships and purposeful action.

More than a photo, this cover represents Rotary's dedication to addressing timely social issues that affect the next generation. It captures how Rotarians turn concern into action—by promoting respectful online behavior, responsible technology use, and compassion in both digital and real-world communities.

This image stands as a testament to Rotary's enduring values: Service Above Self, unity in purpose, and leadership through education and advocacy. Together, we continue to serve with heart and responsibility, empowering our youth and helping build a safer, more mindful digital community.

FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

FRANCESCO AREZZO

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences — some numbering in the thousands — in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past Rotary International President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**NARAVY D. DUQUIATAN, PHF
CLUB PRESIDENT**



In the month of December, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos embraced the spirit of the season by strengthening fellowship, gratitude, and service to the community. It was a time to reflect on the year's accomplishments while reaffirming our commitment to compassion, generosity, and unity through Rotary.

Throughout the month, the club actively participated in meaningful gatherings and initiatives that fostered camaraderie among members and strengthened partnerships with fellow Rotarians. These activities reminded us that strong relationships are the foundation of effective service and lasting impact.

December also served as an opportunity to express appreciation to our members and partners whose dedication and support made our projects possible. Through shared celebrations and moments of reflection, the club reinforced the values of goodwill, understanding, and volunteerism that define Rotary.

As the year came to a close, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos remained guided by the true meaning of service—reaching out with kindness, inspiring hope, and uplifting others. This month reminded us that service is not limited to projects alone, but is also found in fellowship, gratitude, and sincere care for one another.

As Rotarians, we move forward inspired and united, ready to welcome the new year with renewed purpose. Together, we continue to serve with heart, strengthen our community, and live out the spirit of Service Above Self.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO
SECRETARY



December was a heartwarming month for the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, filled with fellowship, reflection, and continued service to the community. The club came together to celebrate the season while remaining true to Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self.

Key highlights included the Club Christmas Party, which strengthened camaraderie, friendship, and unity among members, and the Cyberbullying Awareness and Digital Responsibility seminar, promoting online safety, responsible digital citizenship, and positive behavior in the digital space.

The month's activities reminded us that service is expressed not only through projects, but also through building strong relationships and addressing important social concerns. Each moment shared and each initiative undertaken contributed to a deeper sense of purpose and connection.

As we close December, I extend my sincere appreciation to all members and partners who contributed their time, effort, and support. May we carry forward the spirit of the season—serving with kindness, unity, and renewed commitment—as we continue to make a positive and lasting impact in our community.

FROM THE TREASURY

**HELEN GRACE L. FERNANDEZ
TREASURER**



As your Club Treasurer, I would like to gently remind everyone to review your account balances and settle your annual dues by depositing them into our China Bank account. Your timely cooperation is important in keeping our club's financial operations running smoothly. With your continued support, we are able to sustain our projects, meet our commitments, and extend our service to the community, creating a meaningful and lasting impact.

Every contribution, regardless of the amount, supports our shared mission of Service Above Self. By keeping our dues up to date, we help strengthen the foundation of our club, keeping it united, active, and ready to respond to the needs of others. Let us continue to work together with dedication, integrity, and compassion, ensuring that our club remains strong and committed to serving with purpose, passion, and pride.



SERVICE PROJECTS

CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS & DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos continues to uphold Rotary's spirit of service by promoting youth empowerment, digital safety, and responsible citizenship in the community. In partnership with **King Solomon Institute** and **Globe Telecom**, the club successfully conducted a timely and meaningful seminar on Cyberbullying Awareness and Digital Responsibility.

The activity provided students with valuable knowledge on staying safe online, becoming responsible digital citizens, and using technology with purpose and integrity. Through this initiative, the club helped raise awareness on the importance of respectful and ethical behavior in the digital space, reflecting Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self through education, collaboration, and community engagement.



MEETINGS/FELLOWSHIP

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The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos held their Christmas Party on December 28, 2025.



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