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MESSAGE OF **THE EDITOR**

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**ON GRADUATIONS AND THE CALL TO
GREEN STEWARDSHIP**

The month of April tells us that endings open doors to new beginnings. As schools celebrate graduation and students step into a new chapter of their lives, we are reminded that life is a continuous journey of learning, growing, and striving to create a meaningful difference in the world by being catalysts of change.

April is the Environment Month in the Rotary Calendar and we are reminded to ponder on another important responsibility: our duty to care for the environment, and to sustain and protect future generations. Rotary challenges each of us to use our knowledge, influence, and leadership to save and protect our planet and call on others to do the same. Caring for the environment is more than planting trees or reducing waste; it is about cultivating a culture of responsibility, sustainability, and compassion for humanity. As Rotarians, may we continue to nurture both people and the environment. For every ending comes a beginning – and every act of service plants the seeds for a better and greener tomorrow.

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

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ENVIRONMENT CARE COMMITTEE

CHAIR PERSON: Ginalyn Cachuela

Co-Chair: Esther Marian Balolot, PHF

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DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

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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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PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

CHAIR PERSON: Elvie Albano, PHF + 5

Co-Chair: Naravy "Bing" Duquiatan

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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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HECHANOVA-MEJIAS, HONEY HENRIETH
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ALMOITE, ANITA
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ABOUT THE COVER



TOGETHER, WE BREAK GROUND FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

This month's cover captures a significant milestone for the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, highlighting our unwavering commitment to community development. The photo features our dedicated members, alongside local partners, during a groundbreaking ceremony for a new community project. With shovels in hand and a shared vision in heart, this moment marks the beginning of a physical foundation that will soon support and uplift our fellow citizens.

The setting, surrounded by the natural beauty of our local landscape, serves as a reminder of our responsibility to nurture both the environment and the people within it. The unity displayed by the Greater Ladies and fellow Rotarians in their vibrant pink and white uniforms symbolizes the energy and passion we bring to every initiative. It is a testament to the fact that meaningful change begins with a single step or in this case, the first turn of the soil.

This ceremony is more than just a formal event; it represents the "Service Above Self" ethos that drives our club. By investing in infrastructure and sustainable community projects, we are not just building structures, but we are building opportunities, safety, and a better future for the families of General Santos City. The smiles on the faces of our volunteers reflect the joy found in collective action and the hope that comes from seeing a plan turn into reality.

As we move forward with this project, let this image serve as an inspiration to us all. It reminds us that when we combine our resources, our strength, and our compassion, we can transform a patch of earth into a symbol of progress. Together, we continue to plant the seeds of service, ensuring that our legacy of kindness and cooperation continues to grow and flourish for generations to come.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NARAVY D. DUQUIATAN, PHF
CLUB PRESIDENT



As we welcome the month of April, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos continues to find deep inspiration in our collective journey of "Service Above Self." This month has served as a powerful testament to our commitment to both the people and the environment that sustain us.

By turning the first sod for new educational facilities and nurturing our riverbanks through environmental action, we are actively shaping the landscape of our community's future. These efforts go beyond mere construction or planting; they represent our promise to foster environments where children can thrive and nature can flourish. This month reminds us that leadership is most effective when it is rooted in the earth and aimed at providing long-term security, shelter, and inspiration for those who will follow in our footsteps.

Beyond our physical projects, April has highlighted the enduring strength of our fellowship and the incredible power of our partnerships. Whether collaborating with local government units, our dedicated club leaders, or the energetic youth of the Rotaract Club, we have proven that our impact is magnified when we move as one heart and one mind.

As we look toward the remainder of the Rotary year, let us carry this momentum of compassion and unity forward into every task we undertake. Together, we remain steadfastly dedicated to uplifting our Indigenous communities, protecting our natural resources, and serving as a constant beacon of hope and progress for all of General Santos City.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

IRISH CHRISTINE Y. VIRTUDAZO
SECRETARY



The month of April has been a remarkable period of action and accomplishment for the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos. As we reflect on our recent milestones, it is clear that our club's strength lies in our ability to transform shared goals into tangible results.

From the historic groundbreaking of the classroom at Cabansal M. Larry IP School in Maasim to our environmental advocacy, every project this month tells a story of dedication. These initiatives are not just entries in our bulletin; they are living proof of our commitment to education, environmental protection, and the empowerment of our Indigenous communities.

Our success this month was further highlighted by our celebration of Earth Month, where we united with the LGU and the youth of the Rotaract Club to plant bamboo, securing our riverbanks for a greener future. As your Secretary, it is inspiring to document the unity that defines our club witnessing firsthand how our collective efforts create a ripple effect of positive change throughout General Santos City.

As we move into the final stretch of the Rotary year, let us maintain this organized and passionate approach to service. Together, we will continue to build a legacy of kindness, ensuring that every project we undertake leaves a lasting foundation of hope for those we serve.



FROM THE TREASURY

HELEN GRACE L. FERNANDEZ
TREASURER



As your Club Treasurer, I am reaching out to encourage everyone to stay current with their account balances by settling any unpaid dues through our designated China Bank account. Maintaining a healthy and organized financial foundation is what allows our club to operate smoothly and sustain the various programs we champion. To assist with this and maintain our standard of transparency, a summary of member balances will be shared next month, providing a clear opportunity for everyone to review their records and finalize their contributions.

The impact of our service projects relies heavily on the collective support of our members. By fulfilling these financial commitments, you are directly fueling our ability to help those in need and keep our club's mission moving forward with strength and unity. We truly appreciate your cooperation and your unwavering dedication to our shared goals. Together, let us continue to lead with accountability and ensure that our resources are always ready to serve the community.

SERVICE PROJECTS

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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM FOR
CABANSAL M. LARRY IP SCHOOL



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** continues to turn vision into action through the recent Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new classroom at **Cabansal M. Larry IP School** in **Maasim**. This initiative is a dedicated step toward providing our Indigenous communities with better access to education, ensuring that every child has a stable and supportive place to learn. By laying this foundation, we are not just building a structure, but creating a gateway to new opportunities and a brighter future for the students and families of the region.

This project is a testament to the power of unity and the "Service Above Self" ethos that drives our club. We extend our deepest gratitude to our generous sponsors, government partners, and dedicated leaders whose collaboration and shared commitment have made this vision possible. When hearts unite in service, the impact reaches far beyond the construction site, spreading a message of dignity, solidarity, and lasting hope for the entire community.



TRABAHO FAIR 2026

The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos** recently marked **Earth Month** by leading a meaningful tree-growing activity along the **Buayan River** in **Barangay Ligaya** on **April 24, 2026**. In partnership with the **Local Government Unit** and enthusiastic **Rotaractors** from **UST-General Santos**, our members planted bamboo trees to serve as natural guardians against soil erosion and flooding. This initiative is a clear reflection of our commitment to environmental stewardship, providing a sustainable solution that protects both the local landscape and the families who depend on it.

This effort highlights the incredible impact of community collaboration and the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self." By bringing together veteran leaders, local officials, and the youth, we have planted more than just trees—we have planted a sense of shared responsibility and hope for a greener future. It serves as a powerful reminder that when we unite with compassion and a common purpose, our collective actions create a lasting, positive difference for our environment and the generations to follow.



MEETINGS/FELLOWSHIP

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BIRTHDAYS & ACHIEVEMENTS



April 14

PP KRING MACION



April 30

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