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The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 12noon at the Casino Español de Cebu, Ranudo St., Cebu City, Philippines





The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do.

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- @ High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 1 The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- O The advancement of international understanding. goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARIAN'S PLEDGE:

I am a Rotarian I will always uphold the TRUTH.

I am a Rotarian I will always strive to be FAIR in all my dealings with my Fellowmen.

Lam a Rotarian I will always endeavor to build GOODWILL and UNDERSTANDING in my community, among my countrymen and people of all nations.

Lam a Rotarian I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the greatest number. of people in the spirit of ROTARY SERVICE.

I am a Rotarian I will always uphold the Rotary International Motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

















ROTARY CLUB OF METRO CEBU RI DISTRICT 3860, CLUB NO. 17123

Casino Español de Cebu Ranudo St., Cebu City

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WELCOME TO OUR BI-MONTHLY REGULAR MEETING

September 03, 2025

PROGRAM

- Call To Order by Pres.
 Evelyn T. Nuñez
- Invocation, Philippine National Anthem and Rotary Hymn
- 3. Four Way Test
- 4. The Rotarian's Pledge
- 5. Fellowship Singing
- Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- MOA Signing for Scholarships of CAN CARE
- 8. Talk on Basic Education and Literacy: PE Elcasmer Acedo
- 9. Secretary's Report
- 10. President's Report
- 11. New Generation Corner and Other Matters
- 12. Adjournment

















ROTARY HYMN

I want to be a Rotarian for the world

Make the Rotary flag as the flag of peace unfurled
I shall serve, my community, help achieve universal unity.

Through Rotary, I shall dedicate my all World understanding shall be my cherished goal

With the 4-way test, ill pursue my quest And if I, in a way help obtain Peace in the world, I shall not have lived in vain

I observe service above self
Lend a hand to all who need my help
I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
And in Rotary ways, I will train my family

With the four way test, we'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world, we shall not have lived in vain.

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth Strengthened by nothing but the truth

Let's join our hands, there's no reason we'll divide We shall all understand why the good Lord is our guide

With the four way test, ill pursue my quest
And if I, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world I shall not have lived in vain

Peace be achieved, we shall have not lived in vain.

















Secretary's Time



Fellow Rotarians,

August has been a month of milestones for the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu. We celebrated the successful joint induction of our two Rotaract Clubs, proudly hosted the Area 1 Coordination Meeting, and welcomed

District Governor Jong Fernandez during his Governor's Visit to our club, which was highlighted by the induction of our newest member, Rtn. Jericho Paolo Bacalso.

We also continue to nurture our long-term commitments, including the regular implementation of the Dengue Warrior Program in Brgy. Calamba, Cebu City. We capped the month with our flagship project EMPOWER360 in Balamban, advancing awareness on Anti-VAWC Laws and Animal Rights, held alongside the Capitol's Medical and Surgical Mission. Lastly, we also celebrated the lives of our August birthday celebrants, PP Glenda, DG Jong, Pres Evelyn and Auditor Adrian, reminding us that every Rotarian's journey adds meaning to the work we do together.

As we now welcome September, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we continue to live out our calling as People of Action.

















Secretary's Time

This month brings a full calendar of meaningful engagements: the MOA signing for CAN CARE scholarships with four new scholars in Alegria, a talk on Basic Education and Literacy, participation in the Vibrant Club Seminar, submission of our two RCMC nominees for the PHYLA Awards, our contribution to the Health Care Center Renovation, Dental Kit Distribution and providing Legal Services in South Cotabato, ACOM Dumaguete, and the chartering of a new Interact Club.

The BER months are here, and so is our resolve to create ripples of change in every community we serve. Let us keep the spirit of August alive, carry it into September, and continue inspiring hope through action.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Elcasmer Acedo Secretary Rotary Club of Metro Cebu RY 2025 - 2026

















President's Time



Rotary September bulletin

September 03, 2025

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we enter our third month of Rotary Year 2025-2026, I wish to thank our Team K and the rest of our members for their dedicated service and wholehearted cooperation in successfully accomplishing all the scheduled activities in our August calendar.

Your commitment and spirit of service has contributed to making our projects meaningful and impactful to the community.

Special thanks to those who have generously contributed their time, talents and resources in the full implementation of our Carreta Dengue Eradication Project and the efficient, productive and fruitful Governor's Visit last August 20.

The theme for the month is dedicated to advancing BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY - a cause close to our mission of creating lasting change. As Rotarians we are called to respond with action, compassion and hope.

















President's Time

Through our projects like our partnership with a school in providing scholarships for a Vocational Training Program, aims to help individuals prepare for employment and self-sufficiency, empowering them and communities through knowledge and learning.

May we continue to uplift children, families and communities by supporting literacy, lifelong learning and skills development and bring us closer to a more empowered community.

Let's continue to make September a month of learning, sharing, service and remind ourselves that education is not only about gaining knowledge but also about opening doors to opportunity, dignity and hope.

Let us carry this momentum forward as we embrace more opportunities and challenges of the coming months and continue to live out the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self". .

With much appreciation,

Rtn. Evelyn Trani - Nuñez President Rotary Club of Metro Cebu RY 2025 - 2026

















WELCOME

Special Guests:



Vice Mayor Verna Magallon Alegria, Cebu

and 4 RCMC Scholars of CanCare Caregiving School from the Municipality of Alegria, Cebu



















Member's Insight Corner*

HANDS and HEARTS: The Rotarian Commitment to Service

By: Rtn. Rev. Fr. Alwen Jimenez

Diocese of San Carlos

As Rotarians, we come together with hearts that are deeply moved by our commitment to service and the

pressing needs of our community. The motto "service above self" is more than just a saying; it's a calling that runs through the very core of who we are.

When we choose to put service first, we reflect the teachings of Christ, who reminds us in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." In the Philippines, where floods sweep through homes and hope feels like a distant memory, our acts of genuine service become a powerful expression of love and compassion. It is during these trying times—when the waters rise and justice seems elusive—that the true depth of our hearts is revealed.

"Unite for good" is a phrase that resonates with urgency for us today. Unity among us is not about being the same; it is about coming together with a shared commitment to uplift the common good, especially for those who are most vulnerable. As Rotarians, we are called to engage in service that transcends personal recognition. In the face of challenges like corruption in flood control, we have the opportunity to be shining examples of hope and integrity, as captured in Galatians 5:13: "Serve one another humbly in love."

Now is the time for us to truly connect with our communities. We must listen to their stories, seek to understand their struggles, and walk alongside them in solidarity. Every small act of kindness we offer creates a ripple effect of love and support that brings us closer together. Philippians 2:4 encourages us to "look not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others," and it reminds us that our strength lies in our collective action.

As we move forward, let's embrace our calling to serve with open hearts and a genuine sense of responsibility. Together, as we unite for good, we have the incredible potential to transform lives and shine a light on pathways toward justice and dignity. May our collective efforts reflect the divine light of service, guiding us through the challenges we face, as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that is in desperate need of healing.

*Member's Insight Corner is a special section for RCMC members to express their thoughts on service, leadership, fellowship or any information relevant to their classification. Through this sharing, RCMC hopes to foster openness, understanding and respect and a better relationship towards each member, and the community we serve.

















RCMC Hosting the District Governor's Visit (August 20, 2025)

On August 20, 2025, the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu proudly welcomed District Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez Jr. for his official club visit, accompanied by District Executive Secretary Christine "Kit" Chua, District Chief of Staff Janel Seno Obnimaga, and Assistant Governor for Area 1B Walter Cang.







The day began with a meeting with the club's Board of Directors, where leaders shared updates on membership, The Rotary Foundation, public image, service projects, and club administration. DG Jong provided valuable insights on the Rotary Club Excellence Award, district goals, and Rotary International priorities, while also recognizing flagship projects like Empower360 and the dedication of individual Rotarians.



The Governor commended the club's strong public image plan, acknowledged the fulfillment of financial obligations to the District and RI, and emphasized contributions to The Rotary Foundation and the use of District Grants to expand service impact.



He praised the vibrant youth programs through Rotaract and Interact Clubs and celebrated the club's membership growth, with three new members inducted this Rotary year, including one during his visit. The event re-energized members, reinforcing their commitment to strive for excellence as People of Action and to create lasting change in their communities.





















RCMC Regular Membership Meeting and Induction of New Member (August 20, 2025)

Right after the Governor's visit, RCMC conducted its regular membership meeting which marked a special moment with the induction of our newest member, **Rtn**. **Jericho Paolo Bacalso**, who was sponsored by PP Eddie Barrita.









Rtn. Jericho is a seasoned real estate professional, property developer, and business development specialist whose expertise spans construction, project management, and innovative ventures in Cebu's real estate sector. As Broker Owner of RE/MAX Empire Realtors, he has played a key role in positioning Cebu as a hub for investment, retirement, and tourism opportunities, while fostering strong networks and driving sustainable growth.

Beyond his real estate work, Jericho also Professor of **Business** serves as а Operations Management at iAcademy Cebu, equipping future leaders with skills in brokerage and development.

His leadership in organizations like the PAREB Cebu North Real Estate Board highlights his passion for collaboration, innovation, and community engagement. With commitment to service and impactful partnerships, Jericho embodies the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," bringing his expertise to empower lives, strengthen

communities, and inspire lasting change.

Also during the meeting, the members greeted Happy Birthday to DG Jong and AG Glenda.























EMPOWER360: Awareness and Lecture on Anti-VAWC Laws & Animal Rights at ebu Provincial Hospital - Balamban, Cebu (23 Aug. 2025)

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, in partnership with All-Terrain Medical Relief Organization (AMRO), successfully held an Empower360 session on the protection of women and children from violence and Animal Rights.

This was conducted simultaneously with the Capitol's Medical & Surgical Mission in celebration of Cebu's 456th Founding Anniversary—where maior and minor surgeries, dental consultations, and legal assistance were offered to hundreds of Cebuanos in need.



Together with Gov. Pamela Baricuatro, Mayor **Amos Cabahug**, AMRO, and partner organizations, our Rotarians and Rotaractors engaged over 60 beneficiaries in Balamban. Gov. Pam even joined in by raising a VAWC-related question, further sparking awareness and dialogue.































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Beyond the 60+ individuals directly reached, the real impact of this activity is far greater. Each attendee becomes a voice of advocacy—sharing what they learned with their families, friends, and communities. Even if just one person was empowered to act against violence or to protect animal welfare, that single transformation already creates ripples of change.

With 6 Rotarians, 4 Rotaractors, and countless this effort volunteers, highlighted Rotary's commitment to Peacebuilding and Conflict **Prevention**, ensuring that advocacy for rights and welfare goes hand-in-hand with delivering essential health services.































Continuing the Fight against Dengue at Brgy. Carreta, Cebu City (23 Aug. 2025)

Our empowered **Dengue Warriors** of Brgy. Carreta, Cebu City are once again on the ground, applying **Sumilarv** & **Natular** to stagnant waters as part of our sustained **Dengue Eradication Campaign** under **Empower360**.

Taking the lead is **Hon**. **Rhodora Pyls**, Barangay Councilor and Chairperson of the Committee on Health, together with the community who remain steadfast in protecting families from dengue.



This initiative, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu (RID3860) and spearheaded by RCMC President Atty. Evelyn Trani Nuñez with our health champion and our Past President Dr. Wyben Briones, shows that collective action and community empowerment are key to building safer, healthier neighborhoods.





























Rotary International Highlights



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The Board, guided by the RI code of policies, conducted a special session to select the organization's leader after the resignation of RI President-elect SangKoo Yun, who decided to step back from his Rotary responsibilities and focus on his recovery from recent cancer treatment.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1988 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi six years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He has worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC and carrying out projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He is a member of Jericho Business Club, an organization in his home city that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK and director of the Safe Blood Africa project, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

The president of Rotary International serves a one-year term, presiding over the Board of Directors and providing inspirational leadership for the organization. As the spokesperson for the global network, the president visits clubs around the world to promote Rotary's values and represent the organization at major events. Rotary chooses its president from members who have demonstrated extensive leadership experience within Rotary, including service as a club president, district governor, and member of the Board.

















New Generation Corner





M	ONTH	JULY 2025		
•	Project Name	Play with Purpose		
•	Date of Project	July 29-31, 2025		
	Project Description	A fun and interactive booth featuring games such as <i>Balance the Coin on the Lemon</i> , a free activity where participants use their own coins, and <i>Match the Cups</i> , a team-based color-matching challenge for groups of 4–5.		
•	Target Beneficiaries	Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary (SSHJM)		

MC	ONTH	AUGUST 2025		
•	Project Name	Harana Project: Himig at Puso		
•	Date of Project	August 28-29, 2025		
	Project Description	This activity aims to engage the community through the timeless Filipino tradition of serenading, serving as a platform for students to express friendship and appreciation while immersing themselves in the beauty of OPM.		
	Target Beneficiaries	Interact Club Funds for iZest Project 2025		

Prepared by:

Ms. Rica F. Potot SHS-AdC Interact Club Moderator

















Upcoming Projects

REMINDER



UNITE FOR GOOD



Month of September 2025 Schedule of Activities



03
TALK ON BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY



EMPWER 360: MOA SIGNING WITH CAN CARE



18-19

EMPOWER 360: HEALTH CARE CENTER RENOVATION, DENTAL KIT DISTRIBUTION & LEGAL SERVICES



CHARTERING OF NEW INTERACT CLUB

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PHYLA NOMINATION SUBMISSION



VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR 2025 - VISAYAS



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AREA 1 COORDINATION MEETING























RCMC 2025-2026 Officers and Board of Directors

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Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the blessings of this day and for the fellowship we come here to share. Dedicate us to your service; the service of Rotary and the service of Rotary's programs around the world. Let there be peace in our hearts, calm in our souls, and love in our being. Help us to make every effort to live better lives.

Hear our prayers, and grant us peace. We ask these things in Your name. Amen.







RI DISTRICT 3860

Certificate of Attendance

This	is	to	certify	that		of the Rotary Club o
						has attended the regular weekly meeting of the club
on _					_, 20	at the Casino Espanol de Cebu, Ranudo St., Cebu City.

President / Secretary RY 2025 - 2026

















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Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

(Proverbs 19:21)



















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Rotary Club

















WATER, SANITATION, MATERNAL AND BASIC EDUCATION AND HYGIENE CHILD HEALTH AND LITERACY

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