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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Good day fellow Midtowners,

As January unfolds, let's reflect on the values that unite us as Rotarians. This month, we gather for meetings and fellowships, strengthening our brotherhood and recommitting to service. Through lively discussions and shared experiences, we deepen our connections and renew our dedication to making a positive impact in our community and beyond. Let's carry the spirit of Rotary with us, embracing our role as agents of change and fostering a brighter future for all

JAN JOSHUA SALAZAR
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Editor and Chief



HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

Founded in 1993, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos has been a beacon of service and community engagement for over 30 years. Situated in General Santos City, Philippines, our club is an integral part of District 3860, Zone 3F, contributing to Rotary International's global mission of promoting understanding, goodwill, and world peace.

Comprising more than 46 dedicated individuals, our club is committed to the principle of "Service Above Self." Our mission is clear: to change lives both locally and globally through meaningful service projects and financial support. Guided by our vision, we strive to cultivate a dynamic membership that embodies our core values and works tirelessly to bring about systemic and enduring change in our communities.

At the heart of our club are our core values, which define who we are and how we operate. Rotary Belongingness underscores our belief in the strength of unity and collaboration, recognizing that together, we can achieve far more than we could individually. Caring Relationship emphasizes the importance of love, trust, and respect among our members and their families, fostering unbreakable bonds of solidarity. Joyful Service reminds us that service should never be seen as a burden but rather as a source of passion and fulfillment. Finally, Cheerful Giving embodies our selfless dedication to giving back to our communities without expecting anything in return, finding happiness in the act of giving itself.

As we look back on our history, we are proud of the impact we have made and the lives we have touched. Yet, we are also mindful of the work that lies ahead. With unwavering dedication and a steadfast commitment to our values, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos will continue to be a force for positive change, both now and in the future.





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THE FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE SAY, THINK, OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?**
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL?**

THE 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:
FIRST: THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUAINTANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;

SECOND: HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS; THE RECOGNITION OF THE WORTHINESS OF ALL USEFUL OCCUPATIONS; AND THE DIGNIFYING OF

EACH ROTARIAN'S OCCUPATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE SOCIETY;

THIRD: THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;

FOURTH: THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH A WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS

UNITED IN THE IDEAL OF SERVICE.

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THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR THE USE OF ROT



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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotary Family,

As we embark on the journey of January, let us pause to reflect on the foundational principles that bind us together as Rotarians. This month, we come together for our regular meetings and fellowships, an opportunity not only to strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood but also to reaffirm our commitment to serving others. Through these gatherings, we share insights, engage in meaningful discussions, and collectively chart the course for our future endeavors.

In the spirit of Rotary, let us leverage these moments to deepen our connections and foster a sense of unity within our club. As we engage in dialogue and collaboration, let us draw inspiration from the impactful work of our predecessors and remain steadfast in our mission to make a positive difference in our community and beyond. Together, let us carry the torch of service and continue to uphold the values that define us as Rotarians.

As we navigate through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us approach each meeting and fellowship with enthusiasm and determination. May the camaraderie we share during these gatherings fuel our passion for service and propel us towards our collective goals. I look forward to standing alongside each of you as we strive to leave a lasting legacy of service and goodwill in the world.

RICHARD BACQUIANO
President



ABOUT THE COVER

ROTARIAN ALAIN GABRIEL ALZONA

The cover of our bulletin proudly features our esteemed Rotarian who has achieved remarkable success in the Toyota Gazoo Racing Vios Cup 2023 Promotional Class.

With an outstanding performance, they have clinched the title of **OVERALL CHAMPION**, symbolized by the prestigious trophy and gold medal. Their impressive journey includes securing second place in Race 7, followed by a triumphant victory as Champion in Race 8.

Additionally, they showcased their exceptional skills by emerging as the Grand Prix Champion, solidifying their position as a driving force in the motorsport arena. Join us in celebrating their remarkable achievement and representing our Rotary club with pride and excellence.

SERVICE PROJECT

SPREADING JOY: A THANKSGIVING GIFT PROJECT FOR 500 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

In a world often overshadowed by challenges, this initiative shines brightly as a beacon of hope, spreading warmth and joy to those who need it most.

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In a year of giving and love, this project endeavors to spread care and joy by presenting Thanksgiving gifts to 500 children accompanied by their parents

RICHARD BACQUIANO

President of Rotary Midtown General Santos

Amidst a year marked by compassion and generosity, a heartwarming project has emerged with a noble aim. This initiative seeks to extend care and gratitude to 500 children alongside their parents through the distribution of Thanksgiving gifts. In a world where kindness and appreciation are invaluable, such gestures serve as beacons of hope and comfort, especially to those in need. The essence of this project lies in its commitment to spreading love and giving back to the community. By providing gifts to children and their families, it not only brings smiles to their faces but also fosters a sense of belonging and support. This act of kindness resonates deeply, reminding us of the importance of compassion and unity in uplifting spirits and creating positive change.



MEETINGS



On January 7, 2024, the Rotary International District 3860, Area 3FGH, convened at Organikiana, Koronadal City for a momentous gathering. The event, attended by dedicated Rotarians from various clubs, was a testament to the commitment of Rotary members to serving their communities and effecting positive change. Amidst the lush surroundings of Organikiana, discussions centered on upcoming projects, collaborative initiatives, and strategies to further Rotary's mission of service above self. As the sun set over Koronadal City, the spirit of camaraderie and purposeful action continued to shine bright, igniting hope for a brighter future through Rotary's collective efforts. The essence of this project lies in its commitment to spreading love and giving back to the community. By providing gifts to children and their families, it not only brings smiles to their faces but also fosters a sense of belonging and support. This act of kindness resonates deeply, reminding us of the importance of compassion and unity in uplifting spirits and creating positive change.

10.1 MEETINGS

On January 11, 2024, the Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos, serving as the first meeting of the year (12th Regular Meeting for RY 2023-2024) took place at Alayzias Steak and Restaurant, Mahayahay Road, General Santos City.





GET TO KNOW MORE

RICHARD BACQUIANO **PRESIDENT**

The President, with a dynamic background, brings a wealth of experience to the table. Professionally, he holds a license in Radiologic Technology and pursued graduate studies at Cebu Doctors University. With nine years of experience as a CT Scan Technician at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, KSA, he's honed his skills in the medical field.

Beyond his medical career, he's ventured into entrepreneurship, managing a business in sand and gravel/construction supply, with a focus on quarrying. Personally, he cherishes his role as a husband to Jenny Amantillo and a father to two daughters, Zofia Ondrea and Chloe Angelyn.



PEDRO ACHARON JR.: A POLITICIAN'S HEART, A ROTARIAN'S SPIRIT

Pedro Acharon Jr., an esteemed leader both in politics and Rotary, epitomizes the ethos of selfless service. Having served as a congressman, he tirelessly advocated for community development projects, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of General Santos City. His unwavering commitment to Rotary principles underscores his dedication to improving the lives of others, epitomizing the essence of humanitarianism.

Throughout his tenure as a Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines during the 17th Congress, from June 30, 2016, to June 30, Pedro "Jun" Acharon Jr. has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to public service.

As the representative of the First District of South Cotabato and General Santos City, he has been a beacon of hope and progress, embodying the spirit of Rotary both within the political arena and beyond.

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