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MIDTOWN GAZETTE

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CLUB OF MIDTOWN GENERAL SANTOS



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CONNECT

Rotary unites problem solvers around the globe behind one goal: to do more good. Our members are driven to bring communities together to create lasting change. Connecting to make things better—that's what people of action do. Learn more at Rotary.org.

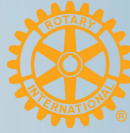
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AG PEDRO ACHARON JR.

AG Pedro Acharon Jr. Leads Community Initiatives in Barangay Dadigas West, General Santos City



President Richard Bacquiano spearheads impactful projects

in Barangay Dadigas West, General Santos City and deliver his inspiration message to let the victim they are not alone.



A night of Laughter and Fellowship

An Evening of Camaraderie: Laughter and Bonds at Our Meeting and Fellowship

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Good day fellow Midtowners,

As we reflect on the activities of March, it's clear that our commitment to service and fellowship has shone brightly. Among the notable endeavors was our Fire Victim Relief Operation Program, where our collective efforts provided much-needed aid and support to those affected by tragedy. Additionally, our Fellowship Meeting served as a reminder of the strength and camaraderie within our Rotary family, fostering bonds that continue to strengthen our community. Let's carry this spirit forward as we embark on new endeavors in the coming months, knowing that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

JAN JOSHUA SALAZAR
JAN JOSHUA SALAZAR
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

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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.

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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 reflect on the events of this past month, let us recognize the profound impact of our collective efforts in serving our community. Amidst the joys and challenges we've encountered, it is our unwavering commitment to service above self that defines us as Rotarians.

In particular, I wish to highlight the recent fire victim relief operation program and our Fellowship Meeting, both of which have demonstrated the true essence of Rotary in action. The devastation caused by the recent fire has left many of our neighbors in need of support, and I am proud to say that our club has stepped up to provide aid, hope, and solidarity during this difficult time.

It is during moments like these that we are reminded of the importance of standing together as a community and offering our assistance to those in need. Through our collective action and compassion, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and contribute to the betterment of our society.

Let us continue to embody the Rotary spirit of service and remain committed to uplifting those around us, one act of kindness at a time.

RICHARD BACQUIANO
President

ABOUT THE COVER

PRESIDENT RICHARD BACQUIANO



In this poignant and deeply moving image gracing our bulletin's cover, we witness President Richard Bacquiano immersed in the heartfelt relief operation for the fire victims in Barangay Dadiaan, West, General Santos City. As he stands amidst the beneficiaries, his genuine empathy and commitment to service shine through. The palpable sense of camaraderie and compassion radiating from this scene is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our Rotary family to uplift and support those facing adversity.

Captured in this snapshot is not just a moment of charity, but a profound demonstration of solidarity and resilience in the face of hardship. President Bacquiano's unwavering leadership and the joyous expressions of the beneficiaries encapsulate the essence of Rotary's mission to create positive change and foster hope in communities worldwide.

As we reflect on this powerful image, let us be reminded of the profound impact that each act of kindness can have on the lives of others. Let us draw inspiration from President Bacquiano and the beneficiaries, and recommit ourselves to the values of service, compassion, and unity that lie at the core of Rotary International. Together, let us continue to stand as beacons of light and agents of change, ensuring that no one is left behind in our collective pursuit of a brighter and more inclusive future.

SERVICE PROJECT

RISING FROM ASHES: ROTARY'S RESPONSE TO BARANGAY DADIAAN WEST FIRE DISASTER

Furthermore, this incident highlights the need for proactive measures and community resilience efforts to mitigate the impact of disasters in the future. Through sustainable projects and disaster preparedness initiatives, we aim to empower communities to withstand and recover from such adversities more effectively.



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In the wake of the devastating fire tragedy in Barangay Dadian West, General Santos City, Rotary swiftly mobilizes aid to support affected families. With compassion as our guiding force, we stand united, offering solace and assistance to those in need during this challenging time.

RICHARD BACQUIANO

President of Rotary Midtown General Santos

On March 13, 2024, a devastating fire struck Barangay Dadian West in General Santos City, leaving families displaced and in dire need of assistance. In response, the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos swiftly mobilized to provide relief goods to the affected residents. This unfortunate incident serves as a stark reminder of the vulnerability of communities to unforeseen disasters and the critical importance of immediate support and aid.

As Rotarians, we recognize the urgency of addressing such emergencies and the significant impact they have on the lives of those affected. Our commitment to service above self compels us to extend a helping hand to our fellow citizens during times of crisis. By providing essential relief items and support, we strive to alleviate the immediate hardships faced by the fire victims and contribute to their journey towards recovery and rebuilding.



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Regular and Fellowship
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**17th Regular Meeting/
Fellowship of the Rotary
Club of Midtown
General Santos at Hotel
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Dadiangas East,
General Santos City.**



On March 9, 2024, a significant gathering took place at Cinco Niñas in Koronadal City, as the Area 3FGH Meeting convened under the auspices of ACOM Area 3FGH. Hosted by the esteemed Rotary Club of Koronadal Central, the event marked a crucial juncture for Rotary members from various chapters within the area. The meeting provided a platform for members to engage in fruitful discussions, exchange ideas, and strategize on collaborative initiatives aimed at advancing the collective goals of Rotary International. Attendees shared insights, experiences, and best practices, fostering camaraderie and synergy among Rotarians dedicated to serving their communities.

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THE UNIVERSITY has named two new administrative officials for UST General Santos City (GenSan), which is set to open in Academic Year (AY) 2024 to 2025.

In a circular dated March 14, the Office of the Secretary General (OSG) announced the appointment of Fr. Roberto Luanzon Jr., O.P. as officer in charge of the Mindanao campus' Office of the Associate Vice Rector for Finance. Luanzon is also the vice rector for finance of the Manila campus.

Fr. Gerard Zabala, O.P., who is assigned to the Dominican Filial House of San Martin de Porres in GenSan, was named associate vice rector for religious affairs.

The University has so far appointed four administrative officials for UST GenSan since the start of the calendar year.

The UST GenSan Main Building, the first edifice in the Mindanao campus, is set to be inaugurated on April 11. The list of programs to be offered is awaiting the approval of the Commission on Higher Education. The OSG also made formal the designation of Asst. Prof. Jaezamie Ong, the assistant principal for student formation at UST Senior High School and a faculty member at the Department of Literature, as officer in charge of UST Manila's Office for Student Affairs. Ong replaced OSA Director Maria Cecilia Tio Cuison, who went on medical leave. Niña Kathryn Alfeche of the Department of Biology will serve as the acting college secretary of the College of Science.

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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.



WEAVING PERSONALITIES INTO THE TAPESTRY OF LIFE: ROTARY STORY IPP ROMEO PASTOR

In the vast realm of human understanding, lies the captivating art of Human Typing. It began with ancient civilizations, who observed behavioral patterns, laying the groundwork for modern psychology. Carl Jung, a sage of his time, unveiled the dimensions of personality, inspiring Katharine and Isabel to craft the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI).

As psychology evolved, so did the theories of human typing. The Five Factor Model emerged, painting a vivid picture of individuality with traits like Openness and Conscientiousness. Self-report questionnaires, behavioral observations, and psychometric assessments became tools of exploration, guiding seekers on journeys of self-discovery.

In academia and counseling centers alike, human typing found its place, offering clarity and insight to those seeking understanding. It continues to be a timeless saga of exploration, weaving together the threads of empathy, understanding, and connection in the grand tapestry of life.

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