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A Governor with a Vision, A Heart in Service

DGE Angel "Jong" Fernandez, Jr joined the Rotary Club of Mandaue in 2008 and became Club President in Rotary Year 2013-2014 under the leadership of then Past District Governor Ed Chiongban. He finished his term as club president with a Most Outstanding Club President award. After successfully leading his club, he was elevated to Rotary District 3860 leadership roles when All Star District Governor Mary Anne Alcordo - Solomon invited him to join the district team as Assistant Governor for Area 1E where he was recognized as Most Outstanding Assistant Governor by District 3860. DGE Jong subsequently served as Assistant Governor under Past District Governor Art Tan and as Deputy District Governor for Operations for Visayas Region under Past District Governor Benjamin Garcia, making him assistant governor for three consecutive years.

DGE Jong is also the Past District Trainer and Past District Public Image Chair under the leadership of Champion Past District Governor Philip N. Tan. He served as Past Assistant District Membership Committee Chair and PETS-SETS training leader of Past District Governor Anna Louisa Bumagat in RY 2021-2022. He is also the immediate Past District Secretary who worked side by side with Imaginative Past District Governor Lilu I. Aliño. Not to mention he was the tireless and energetic perpetual district host and emcee in almost all of the annual district conferences, PETS-SETS, DISTAS and countless district fellowship night. By profession, Jong is a professional ISO management systems auditor, trainer and consultant to some of the biggest private companies in the Philippines and abroad. He is a CQI-IRCA certified lead auditor for ISO-based management systems, granted by the British Standard Institute United Kingdom. He is the founder and CEO of AGF Consulting Group, an international management system standards think-thank with client presence in Singapore, Shanghai, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sao Paolo, Brazil, Kentucky & Florida in the USA and the Netherlands. He holds a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from University of San Carlos and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Notre Dame University. He completed an executive MBA course in Singapore and is a Certified Quality Specialist recognized by global Underwriters Laboratories, Chicago USA. He is married to Atty. Maria Regina Hagad-Fernandez, a former Graft Investigation and Prosecution Officer in the Office of the Ombudsman Visayas, and lives in Cebu City with their two children Angelo Emmanuel, who recently graduated from De La Salle University and Regina Angeli, a sophomore at the same university.



FRANCESCO AREZZO of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of <u>RI</u> <u>President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June</u>. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain **Unite for Good**, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. His partner, Anna Maria Criscione, is an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

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"With Commitment and Courage"

My Acceptance Message

It was in 2012 when I was invited by PP Irish "Pinky" Virtudazo to join the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos. However, I had been inactive because of my years of stay in Iligan City for my post-graduate studies, plus the challenges with my office tasks as a school administrator and the demands of our three growing kids. The struggles in commuting going home to Polomolok after our weekly dinner meetings further pushed me to submit a Leave of Absence. But, I can really attest that once we have been inducted as a Rotarian, we will always be a Rotarian.



In one of our high school batch reunions, I happen to ask Rtn Jade Rallos if it is possible for me to transfer to a Rotary Club in Polomolok; and the rest is history. I paid in full my club dues with RC Greater Gensan and I was given the clearance to transfer.

I did not see myself becoming a president, but it was the assurance of PAG Mayvelyn Urbano and the members of RCP 101 that convinced me to say YES. So, despite of still having two children in college, I said yes. I may be financially challenged as of now, but as Fr. Gerard Zabala, OP, who is also a Rotarian, said, "You don't have to be the best; you just have to be willing because when God calls you, He provides". Human as I am, I have apprehensions, too, but it did not stop me from choosing to share a part of myself to Rotary even if I have little. Rotary is a family affair and I am very thankful for the full support of my husband - Renan, and my three children - Reignart Gabriel, Lianne Genevie, and Reanna Yzabelle. To my RCP 101 family, I will just take things one at a time and I promise to step up and to show up for you and for our club. It is in Rotary that I found another family – the siblings I never had.

RCP 101 will be with you, Gov. Angel "Jong" Fernandez, in your pursuit to increase membership. We will do our best to prove that Rotary need not be expensive because the resources we can share to the community is not necessarily in cash. We will strive to be inclusive because we believe that the presence of each and every Rotarian is priceless.

RCP 101 will all be gamechangers - driven by a growing awareness of the challenges in our community as we bring about positive change.

We will strive to complement as we unite for good – with a deeper purpose. This is for you, 101s!

-President Gina de Guzman

EDITOR'S LOTE

Welcome to the maiden issue of The Glub 101 for RY 2025-26, the official e-bulletin of the Rotary Glub of Polomolok 101!

This publication is more than just a collection of updates and photos—it is a celebration of our commitment, service, and unity as Rotary's People of Action. We believe in the power of purposeful service, and we take immense pride in doing what we love: helping our community, especially those who need it most.

As we begin a brand-new Rotary Year, we didn't waste a single moment. July alone has been filled with meaningful projects—each one a testament to our club's dedication to making a difference. Whether big or small, every initiative reflects the spirit of service that defines us.

We hope this &-bulletin inspires you, informs you, and reminds you that with every act of kindness, we inch closer to a better, more compassionate world. And this is just the beginning. We promise to keep delivering service with impact, passion, and heart. Because we are—and will always be—Rotary's People

of Action.

In Rotary,

PAG Thay Upano

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@Carpenter Hill





TREASURER'S PAGE



by: PP Gladys Balanc

Happy Rotary New Year!

It is with a grateful heart and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into the role of Treasurer for Rotary Year 2025–2026. As we begin another chapter of meaningful service, I am committed to carrying out my duties with integrity, diligence, and full transparency.

Managing the club's finances is no small task—and I know I cannot do it alone. I humbly ask for your support and cooperation, not only in fulfilling your financial obligations but in fostering a culture of accountability and shared responsibility.

Let us all do our part. As active members of Rotary, it is our duty to consistently pay our monthly dues. These contributions are the backbone of our operations—they fuel our projects, support our District needs, and allow us to continue serving the community effectively.

Rest assured that the Finance Committee will uphold the highest standards of transparency and accountability. We will make sure that your contributions are managed wisely, reported clearly, and used for the greater good.

Together, with your support and trust, we can ensure that every peso counts—and that our club remains strong, sustainable, and ready to take action where it's needed most.

Here's to a productive, purposeful, and financially sound Rotary Year ahead!



"Strength in Numbers: Growing Rotary, Growing Impact"

As Membership Director for Rotary Year 2025–2026, I am truly honored to serve in a role that lies at the very heart of Rotary—our members.

This year, District Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez has laid out a clear and powerful directive:

"Membership, membership, and membership."

It is a call to action—a challenge for us to grow, engage, and retain our members like never before. As Rotarians, we know that our ability to serve and make meaningful change begins with a strong, committed, and vibrant membership.

With this focus, we aim not only to increase our numbers but also to deepen connections within our club. Every Rotarian brings a unique story, strength, and passion—and our goal is to help each member feel seen, valued, and empowered to serve. Let's foster a culture where everyone is inspired to participate, collaborate, and lead.

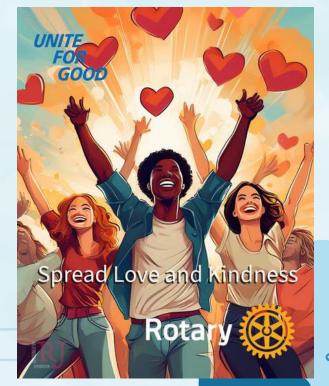
This Rotary year, let us all be membership advocates. Let's identify individuals in our community who live by Rotary's values—those who are service-driven, community-minded, and ready to take action. Invite them in. Share our purpose. Help them find a home in Rotary.

To our existing members—thank you for staying committed and actively involved. To our new members—welcome! You are now part of something greater than yourself. We look forward to walking this path of service with you.

Together, let's answer the Governor's call and make membership growth and engagement not just a priority, but a legacy.

In Rotary Service,

PP Maribel D. Acuesta Membership Director, RY 2025–2026 Rotary Club of Polomolok 101





ROSTER OF MEMBERS

NAME

CLASSIFICATION

	ACUESTA, MARIBEL D.	*PHF	DENTAL SERVICES; PEDIATRICS
	ALFECHE, NIEVEN MAY, V.	PHF	HOSPITAL SERVICES; CEO SECRETARY
=	BALANO, GLADYS D.	PHF	REGISTRAR; PRIVATE
-	BAYAN, XAVIER J.	PHF+3	LAW; GENERAL PRACTICE
3	CASTANIAGA, LANI S.	PHF	MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT BANK
3	DE GUZMAN, GINA A.	*RFSM+3	EDUCATION; TERTIARY
ş	DEYPALAN, MELANII G.	PHF	DENTAL SERVICES; ORTHODONTICS
	GALLINERO, OMAR S.	PHF+1	MANAGEMENT; PHOTOGRAPHY
4	GRIÑO, CELEMA I.	PHF	DENTAL SERVICES; HOSPITAL
	INES, ALAN M.	PHF	ADMINISTRATION; PRIVATE SCHOOL
	ILETO, RYNELL J.	EREY	MANAGEMENT; BEAUTY PRODUCTS
	JANDIC, DARNIE F.	PHF+1	MANAGEMENT; SPA
	LABAJO, DOLORES C.	RFSM	MANAGEMENT; FARM RESORT
	LABAJO, HANNAH C.	EREY	JUNIOR EXECUTIVE MARKETING
	LUIG, RHODORA J.		MANAGEMENT; DRY GOODS DISTRIBUTION
	RALLOS, JADE N.	PHF+3	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST
3	RALLOS, ROGELIO, JR A.	PHF+7	MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION
	SABELLANO, IVIE L.	PHF	MANAGEMENT; GOVERNMENT BANK
A	TEOXON, MALOU A.	PHF	MANAGEMENT; TRAVEL & TOURS
2	TITO, RUTCIE L.	RFSM+1	MANAGEMENT; RESTAURANT CAFE
	TONGUIA, TOMAS JR.	PHF	MANAGEMENT; RICE DEALER
	URBANO, MAYVELYN G.	PHF+2	MANAGEMENT; FASTFOOD RESTAURANT
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NEW MEMBERS

ALERTA-NG, DAY CABARABAN, ROYME ORBESIDO, VLADEMIR YBAÑEZ, JOEL ACCOUNTANT
MANAGEMENT; PRIVATE BANK
ENGINEERING
PRIVATE LAW

HONORARY MEMBERS

AMBAT, MILBERT ROGERS, LIZA

*PHF- PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

*RFSM- ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER



HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS



CP OMAR GALLINERO

PHF+1

RY 2005-2006



PP ESPIE MALIWAT

RFSM+2

RY 2006-2007



PAG ALAN INES

PHF+1

RY 2007-2008



PP ROGELIO RALLOS, JR

PHF+7

RY 2008-2009



PP MARIBEL ACUESTA

PHF RY 2009-2010



PP XAVIER BAYAN

PHF+3

RY 2010-2011



GRACE SALAZAR

RFSM

RY 2011-2012



REY TRASPORTO

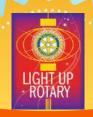
RFSM 2012-2013



BENHUR DAPANAS

RFSM

2013-2014



PP REX MACHAN

RFSM RY 2014-2015



PP CELEMA GRIÑO

PHF RY 2015-2016



PAG MAYVELYN URBANO

PHF+2

RY 2016-2017



PP MELANI DEYPALAN

BE THE INSPIRATION

PHF RY 2017-2018

PP GLADYS BALANO

PHF RY 2018-2019



PP FANNY FERNANDEZ (PP

PHF



NIEVEN MAY ALFECHE

PHF RY 2020-2021

RY 2019-2020

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HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS



PP LANI CASTANIAGA

PHF RY 2021-2022



PP EVERNIE ALFECHE

RFSM RY 2022-2023



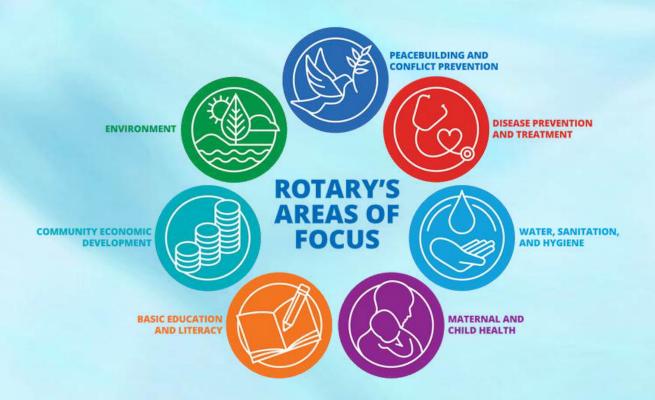
PP MALOU TEOXON

PHF RY 2023-2024



IPP TOMMY TONGUIA

PHF RY 2024-2025



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES RY2025-26

by: PP Cel I. Griño

JULY

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

AUGUST

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER

BASIC EDUCATION
& LITERACY

OCTOBER

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation

DECEMBER

Disease
Prevention
& Treatment

JANUARY

Vocational Service

FEBUARY

Peacebuilding & Conflict
Resolution

MARCH

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

APRIL

Environment

MAY

Youth Service

JUNE

Rotary Fellowship

SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS COMMITTEE CHAIR

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY – PRES. GINA DE GUZMAN/RTN VLADEMIR ORBESIDO
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT – PP MEL DEYPALAN/PP BEL ACUESTA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RTN RYNELL ILETO/RTN DAY ALERTA-NG
WATER & SANITATION – IPP TOMMY TONGUIA, JR/RTN ROYME CABARABAN
MATERNAL & CHILD – RTN DOLORES LABAJO/PP FANNY FERNANDEZ
PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION – PAG ALAN INES/PP XVIER BAYAN
ENVIRONMENT – PP WANG RALLOS/PE RUTCIE TITO

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

"UNANG LAKANG" - Rotary Day for Children

July 5, 2025/ As we welcome the Rotary New Year this July, the Rotary Clubs of Area 2F have come together for a heartwarming and meaningful initiative titled "Unang Lakang" (First Step) – A Rotary Day for Children.

This collaborative effort was made even more special by choosing Noemi's Heart Mission—a faith-based institution dedicated to transforming the lives of young learners in Lanton, Barangay Apopong, General Santos City—as our beneficiary.

The activity began with a lecture on Basic Oral Health Education, by Dr. Ma. Teresa Antoque- the President of Philippine Dental Association- Gensan Chapter and by our very own Past President Dr. Bel Acuesta, who passionately explained the importance of proper dental care, especially during early childhood. The talk wasn't only for the children, but also included their mothers and guardians, emphasizing the role of the family in forming healthy habits.

Following that, Past President Dr. Mel Deypalan shared valuable insights on proper hand hygiene, emphasizing its role in preventing illness. She also demonstrated the Proper Handwashing Drill, joyfully participated in by the children and rotarians as well.

Over 100 young learners from Kinder 1 and 2 benefited from the day's activities. Each child received a toothbrush and toothpaste, which they accepted with smiles and excitement.

To further brighten their day, every participant was treated to a warm cup of arroz caldo, hard-boiled eggs, pandesal, bread, and a small toy—simple tokens that brought visible joy and gratitude to their faces.

Seeing the delight and appreciation in the eyes of the children was truly priceless.

As Rotarians, we are committed to creating lasting change in our communities. Through projects like Unang Lakang, we take the first steps—together—in uplifting lives, nurturing hope, and planting the seeds of a better future for every child we reach. This is the essence of Rotary: Service Above Self.





A DAY OF LOVE, LEARNING, AND INCLUSION



July 12, 2025/Dole Cannery Central Elementary School

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 shared a truly meaningful morning with 18 wonderful and special children—each with unique abilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), developmental delays, and intellectual challenges.

We were blessed to distribute school supplies, toys, and goodies to these amazing children, whose smiles reminded us why we serve. We also turned our care toward the educators who support them daily, donating essential hygiene items to help maintain a healthy and nurturing environment.

The day was not only about giving—it was also about educating and empowering.

Past Presidents Drs. Bel Acuesta and Mel Deypalan graciously shared their time and expertise, delivering a lecture on basic oral health and the importance of handwashing to the mothers and guardians. Meanwhile, Rotakid Lianne de Guzman, a registered Nutritionist-Dietitian, spoke on the value of healthy eating habits, especially tailored for the needs of special children.

This project reminded us that love, understanding, and community care are the most powerful forms of service.

Together, we serve not just with our hands—but with our hearts. Together, we create hope, one smile at a time.









"Nutritiong Sapat para sa Lahat"

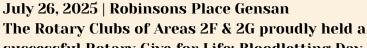
In celebration of Nutrition Month, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 proudly joined the LGU's launching event to promote health and wellness to the community on July 21, 2025 at Cannery Gymnasium. Registered Nutritionist-dietitian Rtr. Lianne de Guzman gave an insightful talk on proper nutrition and balanced diets. Past President Dr. Bel Acuesta delivered a lecture on basic oral health education to daycare pupils and their parents/guardians, highlighting the importance of good hygiene habits at home. She also taught proper handwashing techniques and led a fluoride application session.

To cap off the activity, we distributed free toothbrushes and toothpaste to the Daycare pupils—simple tools that can make a lasting impact on their health. It was a heartwarming experience to see their smiles, knowing we've helped plant the seeds of lifelong healthy habits. This project reflects Rotary's continued commitment to caring for our community, one child at a time.





ROTARY give for Life-BLOODLETTING DAY 2025



successful Rotary Give for Life: Bloodletting Day, collecting a total of 136 blood bags—a remarkable act of service that will help save countless lives.

We were honored by the presence of District Governor Jong Fernandez and several district officers, whose support added meaning to this joint initiative. This life-saving activity was made possible through the united efforts of all clubs under Areas 2F & 2G.

Our deepest thanks to the selfless blood donors, dedicated volunteers, and partners in service who made this event a success. Your generosity truly embodies Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.









The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101: A Legacy of Service

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 was officially chartered by Rotary International on August 31, 2005, through the dedicated efforts of its mother club, the Rotary Club of Midtown Gensan. While initial attempts to establish a Rotary club in Polomolok began as early as February 2003, it was only in January 2005 that persistence bore fruit. With the support of RC Midtown Gensan, Omar Gallinero was appointed as the club's Charter President, leading 25 charter members from diverse professional backgrounds. The club was established under the leadership of then-District Governor Len Magno of District 3860.

The number 101 in the club's name holds special significance. First, it marks the club's founding during Rotary International's 101st anniversary. Second, it represents the club's distinction as the 101st chartered club under District 3860.

Registered under District 3860, Area 2F with Club Number 70517, the Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 continues to thrive, powered by a dedicated team of 25 committed individuals who embody the spirit of service above self.

Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

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1st Membership Meeting, Orientation & Fellowship Night July 7, 2025/6:30pm **Jandic Residence**

Call to Order Invocation The Rotarian Pledge/ & 4 Way Test Introduction of Guests/New Members **Treasurer's Report President's Time Open Forum Adjournment**

Pres. Gina de Guzman PP Mel Deypalan **Rtn Darnie Jandic**

PP Wang Rallos

PP Gladys Balano Pres. Gina de Guzman

Pres. Gina de Guzman

Moderator-PAG ALAN INES



Invocation &



Dear Lord, thank You for gathering us here today for the 1st Membership Meeting of Rotary Year 2025–2026 under the leadership of our new Club President. We are grateful for the opportunity to begin this new chapter together, filled with hope, purpose, and a renewed spirit of service.

As we welcome new beginnings, we ask for Your divine guidance and wisdom. Bless our discussions, ignite meaningful exchanges, and inspire us to work with unity and commitment to our shared mission.

We also thank You for this special day as we welcome our new members into the Rotary family. We are grateful for the fresh energy, talents, and perspectives they bring to our club. And as we bid farewell to Director Darnie, we thank You for her faithful service and the positive impact she has made in our club. May You continue to guide her in all her future endeavors.

Fill us with Your grace, O Lord, and remind us always that all we do is for Your greater glory and in service to humanity.

We ask this in Your most holy name. Amen.

The Rotarian Pledge

I am a Rotarian. I will always uphold the

I am a Rotarian. I will always strive to be fair in all my dealings with my fellow human beings.

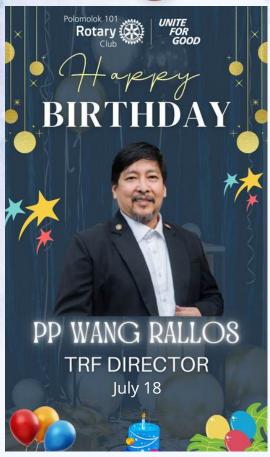
I am a Rotarian. I will always endeavor to build goodwill and understanding in my community. Among my countrymen, and among peoples of all nations.

I am a Rotarian. I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the spirit of Rotary service.

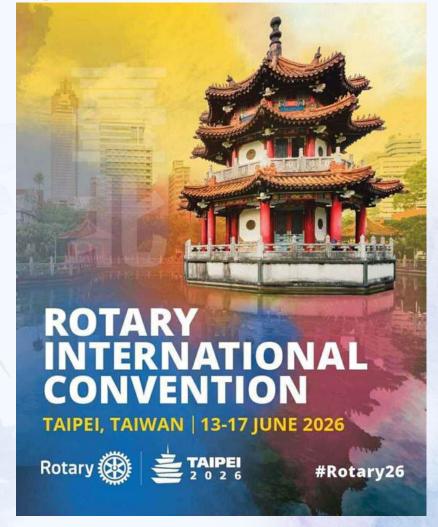
I am a Rotarian. I will always observe Rotary International's motto: Service Above Self.



Sunshine Greetings



Important Date to Remember



Induction Events JULY



ROTARY CLUB OF UPTOWN GENSAN



ROTARY CLUB OF GENERAL SANTOS



ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS



ROTARY CLUB OF DADIANGAS



ROTARY CLUB OF METRO KORONADAL



ROTARY CLUB OF METRO DADIANGAS



ROTARY CLUBS OF MIDTOWN GENSAN, POLOMOLOK 101 & GENSAN TIUNA PORT

JULY MEETINGS



















**JULY PROJECTS



















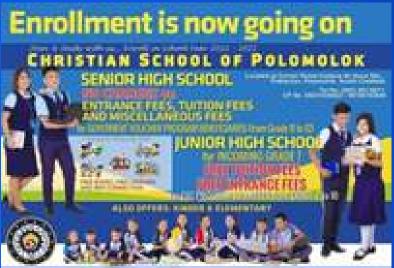


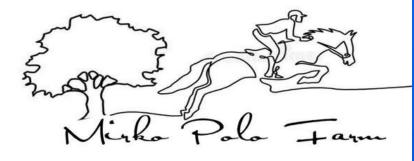


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