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MEMBERSHIP AND **NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**



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Dear Rotary Family,

August is Membership and New Club Development month in the Rotary Calendar. Once again, we are reminded about the importance of increasing the number of Rotarians by focusing more on membership retention and on inviting new members.

Membership in a Rotary club is more than just a title or a line on a resume but a commitment to personal growth, continuing education, and to "service above self".



Joining a Rotary Club could be easy, but being a Rotarian comes with certain expectations and obligations – to pay our annual dues, attend regular meetings, and participate in club activities and service projects.

Rotary membership is about action as we work with others who share our passion for service. We joined Rotary because we want to be part of a club that gets things done while creating a lasting change, both in our own backyard and around the world.

RC Polomolok 101's commitment to the advocacy of our ever-supportive District Governor Angel "Jong" Fernandez, Jr. on "membership" remains as a priority with lined-up plans, squeezed in-between the demands of our respective careers and professions. I am confident that these will all be materialized with the support of each one.

May we all transform from being just a member to a more active participant in an undertaking dedicated to make our community a better place, as we unite for good.

Yours in Rotary service,

Gina A. de Guzman President, RY 2025-2026



"Rotary membership is not just about adding numbers, it's about multiplying service, friendship, and impact."

-Pres. Gina de Guzman



August is Membership and New Club Development Month



"Rotary's Lifeblood: Why Membership Comes First"

Every August, Rotary International shines the spotlight on Membership and New Club Development Month. This is a timely reminder that the heart of Rotary is not just in our projects, but in the people who make them possible—our members.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Each Rotarian brings unique skills, experiences, and passions that strengthen our fellowship and expand our capacity to serve. New members infuse our clubs with fresh ideas and renewed energy, while long-serving members anchor us with wisdom, guidance, and stability. Together, we create the synergy that allows Rotary to touch more lives and build lasting change.

This Rotary Year, District Governor Jong Fernandez has placed priority on membership, recognizing that the future of Rotary depends on our ability to grow, nurture, and retain committed Rotarians. By strengthening membership, we are not only securing the vitality of our existing clubs but also paving the way for the creation of new ones. Developing new clubs means extending the reach of Rotary to communities where service is needed most, and giving more people the opportunity to live by our motto: Service Above Self. As we celebrate this month, let us reflect on how we can contribute to this vital goal. Can we invite a friend to discover the joy of Rotary? Can we make our club more vibrant and engaging so that members feel valued and inspired to stay? Can we help plant seeds of Rotary in new places where its presence can bring transformation?

Membership is not about numbers—it is about people. It is about building lasting friendships, sharing a common vision, and multiplying the good that we can do together. Let us answer Gov. Jong Fernandez's call by giving our best effort to strengthen Rotary through membership, so that our organization continues to shine as a beacon of hope and service for generations to come.

PAG May Urbano Editor-In-Chief



Treasurer's Page

Is Our Rotary Contribution Worth It?

by: PP Gladys Balano



Every month, as Rotarians, we faithfully give a portion of our hard-earned money through our dues. Sometimes we may ask ourselves, "Where does this go? Is it really worth it?" The answer is a resounding yes.

Our contributions do not just stay within the four walls of our meetings. They transform into projects that feed hungry children, provide clean water to families, bring hope to disaster victims, and open opportunities for the youth. The money we share may seem small on its own, but when pooled together, it creates an impact far greater than what we can imagine.

In Rotary, every peso given is multiplied by the love and dedication of our members. It becomes medicines, scholarships, relief goods, books, and even life-changing programs that uplift communities. Most importantly, it is an expression of our collective commitment to "Service Above Self."

So yes, our monthly dues are more than worth it. They are seeds of kindness planted in the hearts of people who need it most. And in return, we are given the priceless gift of knowing that through Rotary, our simple contributions bring lasting change.



How Rotary Began: A Story of Friendship and Service

by: PAG Alan M. Ines





In 1905, a young attorney named Paul Harris dreamed of recreating the warmth and friendship he had experienced growing up in a small town. Living in Chicago, a bustling city where neighbors often remained strangers, Paul longed for fellowship and a circle of friends who shared common values.

On February 23, 1905, he gathered three friends—Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer; Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer; and Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor. They met in Loehr's office, not knowing that this small gathering would spark the beginning of something extraordinary.

They called their group "Rotary" because the meetings rotated among their places of business. What began as friendship quickly grew into a greater purpose—to serve others and make their communities better.

From that first meeting of four friends, Rotary has now grown to more than 1.4 million members worldwide, united by the same spirit of fellowship and service that Paul Harris envisioned.

As we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month this August, let us remember that Rotary began with just four friends and a dream. Imagine how much more we can do if each of us invites one more friend to join us. Together, we can grow our Rotary family and extend the gift of service to countless more communities in need.

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The Gift of Generosity



Generosity is more than giving—it is a gift we share that also comes back to us in unexpected ways. When we give our time, resources, or even just a listening ear, we bring joy to others while also enriching our own wellbeing. Generosity eases stress, creates happiness, and gives us a sense of purpose that no material wealth can replace.

It also shapes who we are. A generous person grows in kindness, humility, and compassion. Every act of giving becomes a reflection of the heart, inspiring others to do the same and creating a ripple of goodness in our community.

And when we look for true examples of generosity, we find it in Rotary. Rotarians around the world embody the spirit of service, giving freely of their time, talents, and resources to uplift lives. In Rotary, generosity is not just a choice—it is a way of life.

Indeed, when we choose to be generous, we don't just change the lives of others—we change ourselves for the better.



- PP Mel Deypalan





ROSTER OF MEMBERS

NAME

CLASSIFICATION

ACUESTA, MARIBEL D.	
ALFECHE, NIEVEN MAY, V	
BALANO, GLADYS D.	
BAYAN, XAVIER J.	
CASTANIAGA, LANI S.	
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DEYPALAN, MELANII G.	
GALLINERO, OMAR S.	
GRIÑO, CELEMA I.	
INES, ALAN M.	
ILETO, RYNELL J.	
JAN <mark>D</mark> IC, DARNIE F.	
LABAJO, DOLORES C.	
LABAJO, HANNAH C.	
LUIG, RHODORA J.	
RALLOS, JADE N.	
RALLOS, ROGELIO, JR A.	
SABELLANO, IVIE L.	
TEOXON, MALOU A.	
TITO, RUTCIE L.	
TONGUIA, TOMAS JR.	
URBANO, MAYVELYN G.	

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MANAGEMENT; PHOTOGRAPHY DENTAL SERVICES; HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION: PRIVATE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT; BEAUTY PRODUCTS

MANAGEMENT; SPA

MANAGEMENT; FARM RESORT JUNIOR EXECUTIVE MARKETING

MANAGEMENT; DRY GOODS DISTRIBUTION

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

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MANAGEMENT; RICE DEALER

MANAGEMENT; FASTFOOD RESTAURANT

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



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



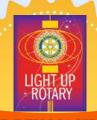
REY TRASPORTO

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 DEYPALA PP GLADYS BALANO

> PHF RY 2017-2018

PHF RY 2018-2019

BE THE INSPIRATION



PHF



PP FANNY FERNANDEZ (PP **NIEVEN MAY ALFECHE**

> PHF RY 2020-2021

RY 2019-2020

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HALL OF PAST PRESIDENTS





PHF RY 2021-2022



PP EVERNIE ALFECHE

RFSM RY 2022-2023



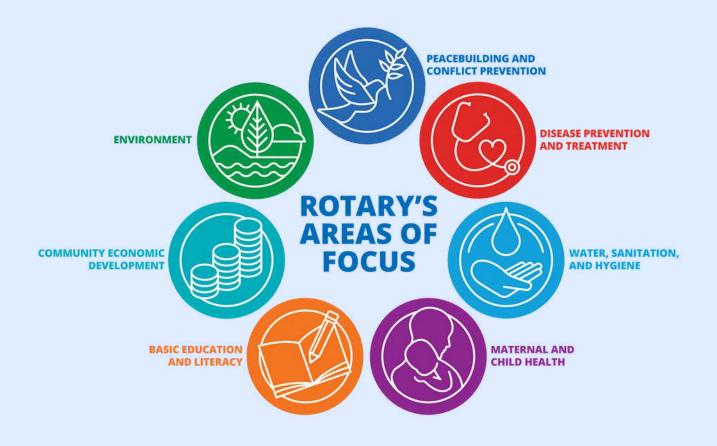
PP MALOU TEOXON

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 CHAIRPERSONS

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/RTN RHODORA LUIG
PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION – PAG ALAN INES/PP XVIER BAYAN
ENVIRONMENT – PP WANG RALLOS/PE RUTCIE TITO



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 General Santos. 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 Rotary Club of Midtown General Santos, 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 26 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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Once again, We shine!

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 is honored to receive the Club Excellence Award for the Magical Year 2024–2025!

This is more than just a certificate—it is a symbol of dedication, unity, and passion, signed by no less than the Rotary International President herself. To us, it represents the countless hours, heartfelt efforts, and unwavering commitment of every Rotarian in our club to live out "Service Above Self."

Our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved Immediate Past District Governor Caycay Andrade and PDS Jon Tse for their unwavering guidance and support. You have been an inspiration in our journey toward excellence.

Above all, we give back the glory to God, for blessing us with the strength, wisdom, and unity to fulfill our mission of service.

Let us keep the flame of service burning bright, RCP 101—because together, we can do more, give more, and be more.



4th Membership Meeting & Fellowship Night August 4, 2025/6:30pm **Tambilawan Function Room**

Call to Order Invocation The Rotarian Pledge/ & 4 Way Test

Pres. Gina de Guzman **Ptn Rhoda Luig** Rtn Day Alerta-Ng

President's Time Open Forum Adjournment

Pres. Gina de Guzman

Pres. Gina de Guzman

Moderator- PP Gladys Balano



Invocation



Heavenly Father,

We gather tonight with grateful hearts as members of Rotary, united in service and fellowship. We thank You for the gift of this day and for bringing us together once again with purpose and commitment.

Bless this meeting — guide our discussions, inspire our decisions, and strengthen our bonds as Rotarians. May our efforts always reflect the values of truth, fairness, goodwill, and service above self.

Grant us wisdom, unity, and a spirit of compassion as we continue to serve our community and beyond.

All these we ask in Your 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.



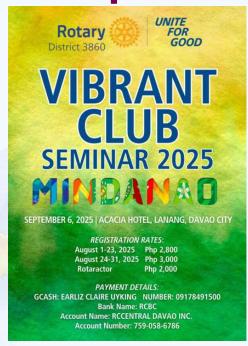
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Sunshine Greetings





Important Dates to Remember







AUGUST PROJECT





Book Donation

August 1, 2025 | General Santos Academy

The Rotary Club of Polomolok 101 welcomed the first day of August with a meaningful act of service — by donating textbooks and a full set of encyclopedias to the school library of General Santos Academy.

In this digital age, where information is just a click away, many might wonder — why still invest in printed books? The answer is simple yet powerful: hardcopy books remain an essential and irreplaceable resource for learning.

Textbooks and encyclopedias serve as reliable and curated sources of knowledge, offering students structured learning that is not always guaranteed online. In communities where internet access may be limited or inconsistent, these physical books become even more critical — ensuring that every learner has equal access to information, regardless of their digital circumstances.

By placing these valuable resources in the hands of our future leaders, we are not only encouraging reading and research but also reinforcing the foundation of quality education through timeless tools.

May this small act spark a greater love for learning among the students of GSA. Here's to starting the month with purpose, and with hearts ready to serve



Induction Events AUGUST





ROTARY CLUB OF KORONADAL





ROTARY CLUB OF MARBEL





ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL POLOMOLOK



AREA COORDINATION MEETING

AUGUST MEETINGS







AUGUST FELLOWSHIP







Double Celebration!

A beautiful surprise birthday celebration for our dear President Gina de Guzman and Past President Bel Acuesta was warmly hosted at the lovely home of Rtn Babes Felix on August II, 2025.

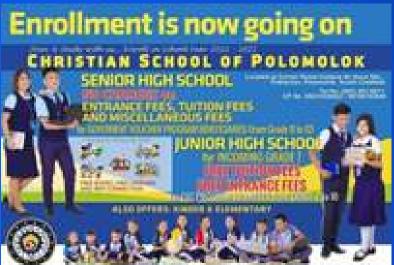
It was a night filled with laughter, music, and fellowship, as our fellow Rotarians showcased their singing talents and shared delicious food that everyone enjoyed. The joy was doubled by the heartfelt camaraderie and the genuine spirit of sharing.

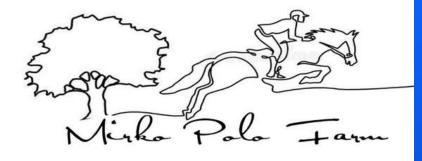
We even had a quick meeting to discuss important matters—proof that service and celebration can go hand in hand. Truly, it was an evening to remember, made special by the love and effort of everyone involved, and most especially enjoyed by our celebrants, Prexy Gina and PP Bel.

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