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# Southern Kris

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The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites, Sta. Ana Avenue  
Davao City

EVERY ROTARIAN



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## 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting

December 6, 2023 \* Swiss Deli, Matina \* 12:00NN

### Program

#### I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Ester Gahol
- Invocation
- Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &  
Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary
- Introduction of Guests &  
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Harold Abellana

#### II. Program Proper

- Rotary Information &  
Secretary's Report.....Sec. Harold Abellana
- President's Time.....Pres. Ester Gahol

#### III. Election of Officers for RY 2024-2025

- Nominating Committee:
  - Chairman : PP Rudy Abellana
  - Members : PP Michael Chellathurai  
PP Noel Villa-Abrille

- COMELEC:
  - Chairman : PP Maeng Tabije
  - Members : PP Arthur Uy  
PP Max Lozano

#### IV. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

**PP Noel Villa-Abrille**  
*Master of Ceremonies*

## *Invocation*

God of wisdom, Father of the chosen people of Abraham, today, as we choose our leaders for Rotary year 2024-2025, we ask You to give us the gift of intelligent choice.

Luckily, Rotary has a healthy election tradition. No man seeks the position. Rather, the position seeks the man. In this accepted atmosphere of freedom, it should be easy for us to put into office the qualified and deserving.

Lord, we come to You for Your enlightenment because, by experience, the success of the club depends so much on the leaders who run the club. And these leaders will be chosen by us today. Amen.

## **FOUR WAY TEST**

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1<sup>st</sup> Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

### **FIRST:**

The development to 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.

## **Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions**

*As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:*

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of community.
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
6. Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

## *Rotary Information...*

### **Help Rotary Strike Out Polio**

2024-25 Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick invites 25 PolioPlus supporters to her hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, to Help Rotary Strike Out Polio at the \$1 Million Baseball Game.

Starting 1 December 2023, the first 25 Rotary Foundation supporters who donate US\$10,000 or more to the PolioPlus Fund will be invited to join RI President Stephanie Urchick and General Secretary and CEO John Hewko to cheer on Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates from a private suite at PNC Park on 23 July 2024.

Attendees' transportation and accommodation expenses are not included. When matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, these gifts will result in an additional \$1 million in funding to support Rotary's work to eradicate polio worldwide.

Space is limited, so interested donors are encouraged to register right away. Contact Kevin Kelly, Rotary Foundation major gifts officer, at [kevin.kelly@rotary.org](mailto:kevin.kelly@rotary.org) or +1-847-866-3205.

The Rotary Foundation thanks Bob Brooks, 2023-24 president of the Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem, Pennsylvania, for hosting this special event.

**Rotary**  
District 3860

**2024** **UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS**

**DUMAGUETE CITY**

**APRIL 11-12** **Presidents-Elect Training Seminar**  
**Secretaries-Elect Training Seminar**

**APRIL 12-13** **District Training Assembly**  
**District Team Training Seminar**

**SAVE THE DATES!**



## Secretary's Report

**Harold Abellana**

Club Secretary

### *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	Nov. 08	Nov. 22	Dec. 2
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21	21	21
HONORARY MEMBER	04	04	04
PRESENT	09	11	16
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	13	10	05
MADE UP	05	03	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21	21	21
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>67.00%</b>	<b>67.00%</b>	<b>86.00%</b>

#### **Thank you for making-up:**

PP Maeng Tabije    PP Don Torno    PVP Sonja Garcia    Rtn. Litho Mojares

#### **Guests:**

PP Nonoy Aquino	Sp. Ana Abellana	Rtr. Mycah Perez
Sp. Linda Aquino	Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai	Marga Garcia
IPP Glenda Stahel	Sp. Robigen Mojares	Edward Pelotos
Sp. Warren Stahel	Sp. Marselle Lozano	Kaely Uy
Sp. Lynda Tabije	Sp. Shiela Tomines	Anton Aquino
Sp. Ely Torno	Sp. Kathy Uy	

### ***Happy Birthday!***

Dec. 23 – PP Max Lozano  
29 – Rtn. Grace Buelis

#### **Reminder:**

Dec. 10, 2023 – Cataract Operation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Batch  
8AM, EyeMDs Laser &  
Surgery Center



## President's Message

**Ester T. Gahol**

Club President

What a week it has been! Welcoming our visitors on November 30, from Rotary Club of Benteigh Moorabbin, Glenda Sathel and her husband Warren Stahel from Melbourne, Australia has been a joy. I thank Arthur Uy and spouse Kathy for taking the time to pick them up from the airport and taking care of them. We had a lovely dinner at Bondi and Bourke which is located in an old heritage house but served Australian food. We all really enjoyed it.

Next day, December 1 we were off to Mapula, Paquibato. It took over 2 hours going there and we passed a river with waters that were about 2 feet deep. The bridge is still being made. We went there to turn over looms donated by Dennis Reyes of Generously Giving Back NGO of Canada. We signed an MOA with the Barangay Captain. The spouses tirelessly cooked lunch for the children and we were fed traditional bamboo cooking from their local chefs of sweet boiled potato, bamboo shoot seafood salad, tilapia cooked in banana leaf and chicken cooked in bamboo shafts. After lunch, the elders danced for us in their native costumes. They were very colorful and proud of their tradition.

The following day, December 2 was the Medical and Dental Mission with the spouses at JP Laurel Elementary school headed by Spouse Dr. Marselle Lozano. There were about 30 children who got vitamin kits and antibiotics if needed. The children were taught how to take care of their teeth. We played games and gave away crayons and small gifts for the children. The spouses cooked a delicious lunch and gave away drinks for everybody.

In the evening, we had our Christmas Party at the Christmas house in Salome's Gardens. We played the White Elephant where people can steal other peoples gifts. It was a fun night.

On December 3, it was the surgery day for our Cataract project. 24 people were operated on successfully at the EyeMD Laser and Surgery Center, Obrero. Because they cannot finish everyone, the remaining 15 patients will be operated on from December 4-8 sporadically. Our visitors, Glenda and Warren were able to see and take pictures of their shared project with us which they can take home and show their members. Hopefully, we can do this every year because as I can see there is a great need for it for our fellow men.

**MOA Signing with Generously Giving Back & Turnover of 1 set upright Loom & supplies to Damilag Hinabi Weaving Center at Sitio Damilag, Brgy. Mapula, Paquibato District.**

Dec. 1, 2023



**Free Feeding to the students of Damilag Integrated School in partnership with RCSD Spouses' Circle at Sitio Damilag, Brgy. Mapula, Paquibato District. Dec. 1, 2023**



## Free Medical & Dental Check-up & Free Feeding...

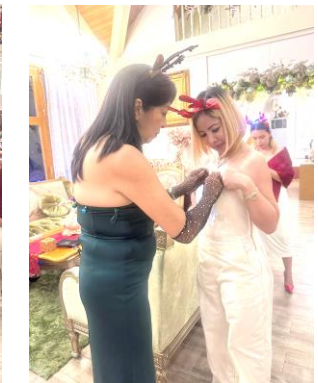
In partnership with RCSD Spouses' Circle  
Dec. 2, 2023 at J.P. Laurel Elem. School





### RCSD Christmas Party...

Dec. 2, 2023 at Salome's Garden, Cabantian







**Free Cataract Operation (1st Batch)...**  
Dec. 3, 2023 at Davao EyeMDs Laser & Surgery Center



## ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH DAVAO

### The Rotary Foundation Contributors MAJOR DONORS



PDG LEONCIO  
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PAG.PP ANTONIO  
PARTOZA, JR.



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### MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

AQUINO, ABDULAH + 5  
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MA, WELLKING + 3  
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CHUA, JACOB + 5  
ABELLANA, RODOLFO + 2  
FERRAZZINI, JOHNNY + 2  
JOCOM, JONATHAN + 2  
KING, ALEJANDRO + 2  
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TORNO, DON + 2  
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ALBAERA, VIRGIE + 1  
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MUNDA, GERARDO + 1  
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QUIJADA, VIRGILIO + 1  
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APARIS, CASILDA  
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AQUINO, LINDA  
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AQUINO, MIGUEL LUIS  
BANEKE, GLORIA  
BANEKE, SALVACION  
BANGAYAN, JULIET UY  
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DOMINGUEZ, ARMANDO  
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FERRAZZINI, LINDA  
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GAHOL, ESTER  
GARCIA, AMADO  
GARCIA, SONJA  
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UY, CATHERINE  
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VILLA-ABRILLE CORPUS, LETICIA  
VILLA-ABRILLE SILVA, CHERYL  
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YONG, WILLIAM

### ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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APARIS, CASILDA + 2  
ALCANTARA, ROBERTO + 1  
ARKONCEL, HECTOR + 1  
BERNARDO, EDMOND + 1  
CUA, QUINTIN + 3  
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CAMINA, FELIPE + 1  
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CHELLATHURAI MICHAEL + 1  
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DEL ROSARIO, FE + 1  
DIAO, WILLY + 1  
FALCON, VERONICA + 1  
GUTIERREZ, RENATO + 2  
GO, CHARLIE + 1  
GUTIERREZ, ANDRES + 1  
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JOSON, RODOLFO + 1  
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LOZANO, MAXIMO C. + 2  
LIM, DIOMEDES + 1

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MA, RYAN + 2  
MISA, GEORGE WALTER + 2  
MUNDA, GERARDO + 2  
NIMMO, RHODORA + 4  
OBREGON, MICHAEL + 2  
PIATOS, PABLO JR. + 6  
PELAYO, RAMON + 2  
PIATOS, MERLITA + 2  
QUIJADA, VIRGILIO C. + 2  
QUINDOY, SALVADOR + 1  
QUITAIN, JESUS + 1  
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SEGURA, RAYMUNDO + 1  
TABIJE, ISMAEL + 4  
TORNO, DON ELECCI + 3  
TAN, ISIDRO + 1  
UY, ARTHUR + 4  
VALENZUELA, JOSE JR. + 7  
VILLANUEVA, MANUEL PAUL + 2  
VALDEZ, PAUL + 1  
YONG, WILLIAM + 3  
YAP, JUANITO + 2

## OFFICERS



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Villa-Abrille**  
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Chellathurai**  
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**Arthur Uy**  
TRF

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**Merelyne  
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Director



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Director



**Ana Victoria  
Abellana**  
Director



**Christine Solivio**  
Director

## Roster of Members

ROTARIAN	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
ABALLE, DENNIS ROY "Dennis"	Bakeshop & Pastries	Jezel
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ADORA, AILLEEN JOY "Apple"	Petroleum Products Distribution	Sandro
ALBAERA, VIRGIE "Virgie"	Logistics Service Provider	
ANTIOQUIA, BRYAN JOHN "BJ"		Kristine
BUELIS, FELY GRACE "Grace"		
CHELLATHURAI, MICHAEL GERARD "Michael"	Agriculture	Merelyne
CHUA, JACOB "Jake"	Wholesale Management	Bing
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GARD, TIMOTHY "Tim"		Fe
GRIPO, AN DHARLING JANE "Jane"		
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MOJARES, LITHO "Tolitz"		Robigen
PARTOZA, ANTONIO "Ony"	Agri-Business	Nelia
SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL	Apartment Leasing	
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SOLIVIO, JACKIE LOUIE "JL"	Motorcycle Dealership	Christine
TABIJE, ISMAEL "Maeng"	Int'l. Dev't. Consulting	Lynda
TOMINES, EXEQUIEL "JR"		Shiela
TORNO, DON ELECCI "Don"	Financial Consultant	Ely
UY, ARTHUR "Arthur"	Construction Hardware	Kathy
VILLA-ABRILLE, Emmanuel "Noel"	Proprietary Management	

### HONORARY MEMBERS:

AQUINO, ABDULAH "Nonoy"  
 LIM, BRAULIO "Braul"  
 PARILLA, PABLITO "Billy"  
 UY CHING SIONG

## 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, I'll 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 4-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 4-Way Test we'll pursue our quest  
 And if I, in a way help obtain  
 Peace in the world  
 We shall not have lived in vain  
 Peace be achieved we shall not have lived in vain.*