



**Rotary**  
Club of South Davao



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# Southern Kris

Meets every Wednesday \* 12:00 NN  
The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites, Sta. Ana Avenue  
Davao City

**EVERY ROTARIAN**



**EVERY YEAR**



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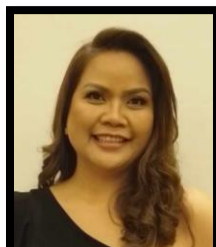
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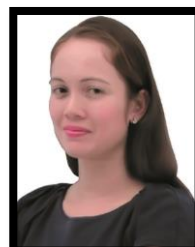
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## *15<sup>th</sup> Regular Luncheon Meeting*

May 7, 2025 \* The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites \* 12:00NN

### *Program*

#### **I. Opening:**

Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai

Invocation

Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &

Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary

Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. BJ Antioquia

#### **II. Program Proper**

Rotary Information &

Secretary's Report.....Sec. BJ Antioquia

President's Time..... Pres. Michael Chellathurai

#### **III. Club Assembly**

#### **IV. Closing : Announcements / Adjournment**

*Master of Ceremonies*

## **Invocation...**

Dear Lord, we pray that You guide us always. Satisfy the needs that need to be met during this meeting. Strengthen us as we make tough decisions. We pray that we will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. We pray that we will be fruitful. Father, please guide us so that this meeting can be productive. Let us be effective and decisive. 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 of 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.

### **A hidden 'army' is on the frontlines of immunization in Pakistan What it takes to manage 400,000-plus polio eradication workers**

*By Etelka Lehoczký*

You may never have seen a community health worker. You may not even have heard the term before. But these individuals, many of them volunteers, play increasingly important roles in health care systems around the globe. And they're essential to Rotary's health initiatives — especially the fight against polio and other diseases.

Community health workers are usually women. They have expansive personal networks that enable them to identify and connect with underserved people living around them. They often go from house to house, providing basic medical interventions and advice. In many countries, they're the main workforce administering polio vaccinations.

Another common focus of their work is maternal and child health, but even that can involve immunization support, says Svea Closser, a medical anthropologist and a professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

"They will do some basic checks, prenatally, and often accompany women to the hospital when it's time to give birth. Then they'll follow up after the baby is born to encourage the mother to get the baby vaccinated," says Closser, who has studied community health workers in Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and other countries. "And besides working with the polio campaigns in almost every country, they will also provide additional support for other vaccines: getting people to the places where the vaccines are being given, allaying parents' fears about vaccines, things like that."

Administering vaccines and educating people about the need for them are among the most important parts of a community health worker's job. That's particularly true in Pakistan, one of only two countries where the wild poliovirus still circulates. (The other is Afghanistan.)

More than 400,000 community health workers are deployed across Pakistan, including in the most remote regions. It's a squad that's second in size only to Pakistan's real army, says Israr Ul Haq, who has a key role in overseeing the vast group. He's a social and behavioral change specialist for UNICEF, one of Rotary's core partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Ul Haq recently talked about the demands of finding, training, and managing nearly half a million community health workers. In Pakistan, they're divided into frontline workers and social mobilizers.

#### **Q: What do frontline workers and social mobilizers do?**

A: Frontline workers go from house to house to vaccinate. Social mobilizers take the message of the importance of polio vaccination — and not just polio vaccination, but also the health and well-being of children and mothers — to the community.

#### **Q: Do you need to find workers who live in every community, all over Pakistan?**

A: Yes. It is very important for people to have social and emotional attachments to the workers who end up at their doorsteps. Social mobilizers should be well known in the community, so we have to pick from the community. It's not like we can bring in somebody from outside.

#### **Q: Why not?**

A: It's like, "The people from within us would never harm us." We need to win people's trust. We need for people to understand why we stress the importance of polio vaccination more than anything else. That social buy-in is very important. After 28 years of this program, more than 95% of people open their doors to get their children vaccinated.

#### **Q: What qualifications do you look for when recruiting health workers?**

A: We predominantly work with females. We have a conservative society where men from other families are not allowed to go inside people's houses. Access to mothers is very important, and it's next to impossible in some areas for men to talk to the mothers. But in far-flung areas where it is very difficult for females to travel, it's very difficult to get females to do this work. And then we end up getting males from within those societies.

#### **Q: Are there other challenges in recruiting workers in remote areas?**

A: The workers should be educated enough to read and write, but it depends on the literacy rate in the area. In areas where we have low literacy rates, we have taken on older females who could not read and write but were known in their communities.

#### **Q: What skills and information do the workers learn?**

A: We do an orientation on polio, polio vaccination, and routine immunization. Then they are trained in the basics of human dialogue and community listening. We spend a lot of time training people in how to listen. We are also training them in a package of key family health care practices.

We've recently started a training approach we call the "golden triad," which is between the person in charge of an area, the frontline worker, and the social mobilizer. They'll do some exercises, they'll build trust, and they'll ensure that they actually help each other achieve their jobs. This training is now going to be every six weeks, so practically all our social mobilizers will be retrained and refreshed regularly.

[Learn more about the female health workers employed by the GPEI in Pakistan.](#)



## Secretary's Report

**Bryan John Q. Antioquia**

Club Secretary

### *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

**April 30**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	08
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	15
MADE UP	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>43.47%</b>

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

Pres. Michael Chellathurai

PDDG Arthur Uy

### ***Guests:***

Rebekah Gail Celis – Mutya ng Dabaw 2025  
Katriana Batu – Pag-Asa ng Dabaw 2025  
Angel Alicaba – Patnubay ng Dabaw 2025

Mr. Meliton Mendoza  
Ms. Kim Libores  
Mr. Wenceslao Ocampo

Callin Zafrá  
Miko Shimizutani

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

May 02 – Pres. Michael Chellathurai  
13 – Sp. Marites Tac-an  
21 – Sp. Sandro Adora



### **SAVE THE DATES**

May 30-31, 2025 – **Magic DISCON**  
Palo Convention Center

June 21-25, 2025 – **Calgary RI Convention**

July 11, 2025 – **RCSD 58<sup>th</sup> Induction**  
Social Hall, Azuela Cove



## **President's Message**

**Michael Gerard Chellathurai**  
Club President

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Spouses,

As we prepare for an important community initiative – the Blood Donation Project in collaboration with the Stella Maris teachers and parents team, as well as Area 2A. This event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at Stella Maris School.

I believe that any organization can play a vital role in this project by encouraging their members to participate as blood donors. Blood donation is crucial act of kindness that can save lives, and I would be grateful for your support in spreading the word and mobilizing donors from the organization you know and also the community.

In addition, I will be informing other clubs in Area 2 about this initiative, and we hope to create a strong network of support for this noble cause.

Thank you and let's Save Lives and make a difference. I look forward with you and making this project a success!

I will be generating a letter for you to send out to your contacts.

Thank you very much Fellow Rotarians and Spouses.



## RCSD 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting...

With the Mutya ng Dabaw 2025 & her court  
April 30, 2025, Pinnacle Hotel



Rebekah Gail Celis  
*Mutya ng Dabaw 2025*



Katriana Batu  
*Pag-Asa ng Dabaw 2025*



Angel Alicaba  
*Patnubay ng Dabaw 2025*



# *Roster of Members*

## ROTARIAN

## CLASSIFICATION

## SPOUSE

**ABALLE, DENNIS ROY** "Dennis"  
**ABELLANA, HAROLD** "Harold"  
**ABELLANA, RODOLFO** "Rudy"  
**ADORA, AILLEN JOY** "Apple"  
**ALBAERA, VIRGIE** "Virgie"  
**ANTIOQUIA, BRYAN JOHN** "BJ"  
**BUELIS, FELY GRACE** "Grace"  
**CHELLATHURAI, MICHAEL**  
     **GERARD** "Michael"  
**CHUA, JACOB** "Jake"  
**GAHOL, ESTER** "Ester"  
**GARCIA, SONJA** "Sonja"  
**LOZANO, MAXIMO** "Max"  
**MOJARES, LITHO** "Tolitz"  
**ONGGAO, MARTLE MAE** "Mic-Mic"  
**SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL**  
**SINGSON, ANNIE FAYE** "Annie"  
**SOLIVIO, JACKIE LOUIE** "JL"  
**TABIJE, ISMAEL** "Maeng"  
**TAC-AN, JOE MARC** "Mackie"  
**TAN, RIENA** "Reina"  
**TOMINES, EXEQUIEL JR** "Jay-R"  
**TORNO, DON ELECCI** "Don"  
**UY, ARTHUR** "Arthur"  
**VILLA-ABRILLE, Emmanuel** "Noel"

Bakeshop & Pastries  
 IT System Integration  
 Truck & Equipment Parts Rtng.  
 Petroleum Products Distribution  
 Logistics Service Provider  
 Hospital Representative  
 RTW Retailing  
  
 Agriculture  
 Wholesale Management  
 Architect  
 Real Estate  
 Proprietary Leasing  
 Paints Distribution  
 Finance Advisor  
 Apartment Leasing  
 Event Planner  
 Motorcycle Dealership  
 Int'l. Dev't. Consulting  
 Car Distribution  
  
 Technical Engineer  
 Financial Consultant  
 Construction Hardware  
 Proprietary Management

Jezel  
 Loreine  
 Ana  
 Sandro  
  
 Kristine  
 Sam  
  
 Merelyne  
 Bing  
  
 Marselle  
 Robigen  
  
 Edward  
 Jocris  
 Christine  
 Lynda  
 Marites  
  
 Shiela  
 Ely  
 Kathy

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**AQUINO, ABDULAH** "Nonoy"  
**LIM, BRAULIO** "Braul"  
**PARILLA, PABLITO** "Billy"  
**PARTOZA, ANTONIO** "Ony"  
**VILLA-ABRILLE, LEONCIO** "Nonoy"