

**Rotary**  
Club of South Davao



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

**Official Weekly Publication \* Rotary Year 2025-2026**

**Southern  
Kris**

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

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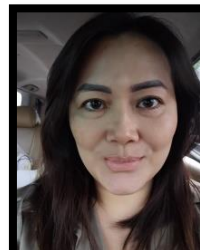
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## *1<sup>st</sup> Regular Luncheon Meeting*

July 01, 2025 \* The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites \* 12:00NN

### *Program*

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

Call to Order.....Pres. Sonja Garcia

Invocation.....Dir. Myrtle Onggao

Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &  
Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary

Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Jay-R Tomines

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

Rotary Information &  
Secretary's Report..... Sec. Jay-R Tomines

President's Time..... Pres. Sonja Garcia

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

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

**VP Litho Mojares**

*Master of Ceremonies*

## **Invocation...**

Almighty Father, at the start of this Rotary Year, we, the members of this club, sincerely pledge our great faith and unwavering allegiance to You, and humbly beg for Your abundant blessings.

Father, we promise loyalty to You that will not waver. As we go forward, we will seek You there. As we look backward, we will remember Your constant love and care. If You put us to the test, we will come forth as gold. We will be steadfast in following Your way and not turn aside. We will treasure in our bosoms the commandments of Your lips and the words of Your mouth.

With You ever on our side, we are sure this will be a good and fruitful year. 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.

### Final day of 2025 Rotary International Convention highlighted current and future Rotary leaders

By *Etelka Lehockzy*

The 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada, concluded in a spirit of fellowship and rejuvenation. Addressing the event's closing general session, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick urged members to recognize the power of their relationships.

"Rotary's most powerful asset has always been you, our members. But we are only as strong as the people who stand beside us," she said. "We talk a lot about goals and strategy. But without friendship, without encouragement, none of it takes hold. Rotary works because we belong here. ... This is our community, and it matters."

The session also featured Rotary's future leaders. President-elect Francesco Arezzo [described his commitment](#) to the 2025-26 presidential message, Unite for Good.

"[It] means involving all members, but not only members, in our service. It means involving [partner] organizations ... local administrations, other voluntary associations. In short, it means 'expand our reach,'" said Arezzo, [who was selected earlier this month as the next president](#). "Let us create one great shared dream that unites us, that excites us, that changes the world and changes our lives, too."

Attendees spent the morning exploring various ways to maximize their impact. One breakout session, The Amazing Peace Race, explored how clubs can incorporate the eight Pillars of Positive Peace into their projects. The session Literacy Alive focused on the success of an initiative to build early reading skills in children in Belize.

A particularly crowded session was hosted by the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, which fights human trafficking around the world. Earlier in the week, the action group had unveiled a permanent peace pole in downtown Calgary. The breakout session featured Cheryl Perera, founder and president of the Canadian nonprofit OneChild and a nominee for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. She told how she — seeking a way to fight child trafficking while still a teenager — served as a decoy for a government sting operation in Sri Lanka. "I wanted to get an insider's look into the child sex trade," she said. "I contacted [someone in] the government branch that was tasked with protecting children and asked if there was any way I could watch an undercover operation happen. He said, 'Yes, actually, you can play the decoy.'"

Perera aided in the capture and arrest of a perpetrator. The experience cemented her commitment to the issue and was part of what led her to found OneChild, which mobilizes children and teens to raise awareness about child trafficking.

In the House of Friendship exhibition hall, it was impossible to miss a 20-foot-tall tipi sponsored by Rotary District 5360 (parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada). The tipi was equipped with numerous learning tools to inform visitors about the concerns of Indigenous peoples.

"We're very proud as a district to sponsor this exhibit, but we also don't want it to be the last," said Rotary member Cam Stewart, a 2023 Rotary People of Action honoree. "We [want] to help Rotarians around the world do more work with their Indigenous populations."

As the convention's final day drew to a close, Bryn Styles, chair of the 2025 Calgary Convention Committee, reflected on the success of the event.

"Everybody has told me how much they like the venue," Styles said. "This building is just beautiful — warm and welcoming. And people love Calgary. I've just gotten rave reviews."

Many attendees were already looking forward to upcoming gatherings. The chair of the 2026 Taipei Convention Committee, Andreas von Möller, enthusiastically invited attendees to the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.

"The 34,000 Rotary members of Taiwan invite you to explore and truly experience the culture, impressive countryside, National Theater, and beautiful temples throughout the city," he said. "The 2026 convention will provide an experience that will remain with you for the rest of your life."



## Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.  
Club Secretary

### *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	June 26
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	21
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	10
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	11
MADE UP	02
ATTENDANCE % BASE	21
WEEK AVERAGE	57.14%

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

VP Jay-R Tomines

Dir. Litho Mojares

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

July 06 – Sp. Shiela Tomines  
11 – Sp. Kathy Uy  
22 – Sp. Lynda Tabije  
25 – PD Annie Faye Singson

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

July 06 – Sec. Jay-R & Sp. Shiela  
Tomines

### **SAVE THE DATES**

July 11, 2025 – **RCSD 58<sup>th</sup> Induction**  
Social Hall, Azuela Cove  
6:00PM

July 20, 2025 – **Area 2 Bloodletting  
Activity**  
Stella Maris Academy  
8:00AM



## President's Message

**Sonja V. Garcia**

Club President

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The recently concluded “Unang Lakang” Rotary Day for Children outreach program in Sirawan, Toril – a joint project with Area 2A Clubs: RC Davao, RC Davao 2000 & RC North Davao was a resounding success.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt congratulations. Together, we brought hope, health, and joy to three daycare centers in Sirawan, Toril.

Through free feeding, the distribution of vitamins, dental kits and reading materials, we brightened the start of the Rotary year for many young children.

A special thank you to PDDG Arthur and Spouse Kathy for generously donating 200 eggs, to Spouse Marselle Lozano for providing the vitamins and to all the dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors whose hands-on participation and teamwork made that day a success.

*“Let this ‘Unang Lakang’ be the first of many steps toward transforming lives, one child at a time.”*



## Meet & Greet with the new members of the Rotaract Club of South Davao Community-Based ...

June 24, 2025, Kitto Restaurant



## 1st ACOM Meeting for RY 2025-2026 ...

June 24, 2025, RC North Clubhouse



## Club Strategic Planning...

June 18, 2025, Pinnacle Hotel





# Lunch Fellowship Meeting with the Spouses' Circle...

June 26, 2025, Marina Tuna Restaurant





## Unang Lakang: Rotary Day for Children...

July 01, 2025, RDP Child Dev't. Center, Sirawan, Toril





# Unang Lakang: Rotary Day for Children...

Sirawan Child Beach Dev't. Center, Toril

July 01, 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"  
**TOMINES, EXEQUIEL JR** "Jay-R"  
**UY, ARTHUR** "Arthur"  
**VILLA-ABRILLE, Emmanuel** "Noel"

Bakeshop & Pastries  
 IT System Integration  
 Truck & Equipment Parts Rtlng.  
 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  
 Construction Hardware  
 Proprietary Management

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 Bing  
  
 Marselle  
 Robigen  
  
 Edward  
 Jocris  
 Christine  
 Lynda  
 Marites  
 Shiela  
 Kathy

### HONORARY MEMBERS:

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