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Southern Kris

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

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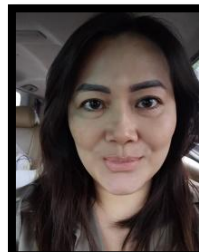
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Regular Luncheon Meeting

April 22, 2026 * Artisana Comfort Gourmet * 12:00NN

Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Sonja Garcia
- Invocation.....Rtn. Maita Lu
- 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
- Introduction of Speaker.....Rtn. Maita Lu
- Classification Talk.....Rtn. Amara Abrina
- President’s Time..... Pres. Sonja Garcia

III. Closing : Announcements / Adjournment

VP Litho Mojares
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation...

Gracious God, we thank You for this time of fellowship and service. Bless our meal, our work, and the many callings represented here today. As we hear our member’s classification talk, help us appreciate the gifts, skills, and service each person brings for the good of our community. Guide us to serve with integrity, friendship, and goodwill. Amen

FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY
OR DO

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

Passport clubs offer ticket to flexibility

By **Arnold R. Grahl**

Marco Cecala and Rebecca Wilks had been Rotary members for years when the couple moved to Yarnell, Arizona, in 2019. Suddenly, they were more than 25 miles from the nearest Rotary club. “We were wondering what to do,” Cecala recalls.

Eventually, they stumbled upon the Rotary Club of Valley of the Sun Passport, a reinvention of a traditional club based in a Phoenix suburb. The club meets online only once per month, and its board meets monthly as well. Intrigued, Cecala and Wilks tried it out and found their new Rotary home.

Rotary’s Guide to Passport Clubs explains that this type of club gives members a more flexible experience by encouraging them to regularly visit other clubs, which is where the “passport” part of the name comes from. Passport clubs can relax the attendance policy or offer a variety of meeting formats.

As Cecala and Wilks set out recruiting members, they discovered the passport format was ideal for people who were on the verge of leaving Rotary. “We talked to friends of ours who were former district governors and current presidents and said, ‘Look, if you’ve got somebody who’s teetering, send them to us,’” Cecala recalls. “We’ll talk to them and show them this is an alternative.”

Members of passport clubs often engage with people from other clubs whose interests match their own. “Many of us go to places and see projects we have supported for years,” Cecala says. “As a passport club, we are ambassadors for passion projects and creative ways to fund them.”

The Rotary Club of Ōtautahi Passport in New Zealand began intentionally as a passport club at a time when COVID-19 restrictions were in place, and the group held its first meetings virtually. Like the Valley of the Sun passport club, the group grew as members found other individuals who had either recently left Rotary or were unhappy in their clubs.

“Our model is very flexible. If something isn’t working, with club members’ input, we change it,” says Deb Gimblett, charter president of the New Zealand club. “Our meetings are less time-consuming. Members are encouraged to do what they can.”

The club meets every other week at varied locations throughout the Canterbury region. There are no meals to pay for, although when the club meets at a local McDonalds, members can grab a burger or fries if they want. “We don’t expect people to come to every meeting,” notes Club President Martin MacLean. “Sometimes we’ll have a meeting as part of an event, like a project. We might take half an hour at the beginning for a formal meeting and then go into our service.”

The Frederiksberg-Falconér Passport club near Copenhagen, Denmark, began as a traditional club but transitioned to the passport form in 2023, as the club and others in its district were experiencing a decline in membership. Club member Maiken Hallingskov, the district’s membership chair, says a workshop with members of clubs in the Copenhagen area determined most wanted to stay in Rotary but weekly meetings had become too much.

The passport club has grown from 14 to 22 members, largely from active promotion on the LinkedIn networking site. Hallingskov says the limited time commitment is the major selling point. “People want to keep it easy, and they want to do a special thing for the local community or someone else,” says Hallingskov. “We are all very active, have our own companies, and don’t have much time. Two hours a month is enough for us to get it done.”

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Classification Talk...

RTN. AMARA ABRINA



Amara Abrina is a registered social worker and a licensed pilot. She currently serves as a Flight Instructor and Training Manager at Royhle Aviation Academy in Dumaguete, where she plays a key role in shaping pilot development and training standards. She is also the Head of Recruitment at CoWorq, leading strategic talent development with a people-first approach. She brings with her five years of professional experience in recruitment, including in the virtual assistant industry. A graduate of Ateneo de Davao University, Amara holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. During her university years, she served as a student leader and Secretary General of the student government. She was chosen to represent Ateneo at the Ayala Young Leaders Congress in 2016 and was later selected as a delegate to the National Youth Parliament. Her leadership journey extends beyond the national level. She represented the Philippines at the 6th ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum and was also the youngest Philippine delegate to the First Global Forum on Youth Policies held in Baku, Azerbaijan. In addition, she is one of the founders of JCI Lakambini, a chapter committed to empowering women leaders and fostering meaningful community impact. Whether in the skies as a flight instructor or in the workplace as a recruitment head, Amara lives out the principles of steward leadership—grounded in accountability, service, and long-term vision. Beyond her professional and civic work, Amara is actively involved in their family ministry, Davao Christian Bible Channel—the first non-denominational Christian television station in Mindanao—devoted to sharing the gospel and uplifting lives through media. For the past 20 years, their ministry has also operated a free daycare program, serving underprivileged communities and helping lay the foundation of education and values among young children.



Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Mar. 4	Mar. 18	April 8
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	26	26	26
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05	05
PRESENT	12	08	12
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	14	18	14
MADE UP	06	05	03
ATTENDANCE % BASE	26	26	26
WEEK AVERAGE	69.23%	50.00%	58.00%

Thank you for making-up:

PP Ester Gahol

PE Harold Abellana

Rtn. Maita Lu

Happy Birthday!

April 02 – PP Ester Gahol

11 – PP Ony Partoza

17 – Sp. Christine Solivio

Happy Anniversary!

April 27 – PP JL & Sp. Christine Solivio

Save the Dates

April 25, 2026 – **PAINTING 101 PROJECT**
Ilang CDC

May 29, 2026 – **TRF Recognition**
9:00AM – 1:00PM
Fili Ballroom, Nustar Resort
& Casino, Cebu City

May 29-31, 2026 – **DISCON 2026**
Nustar Resort, Cebu City

July 24, 2026 – **RCSD 59th Induction**



President's Message

Sonja V. Garcia

Club President

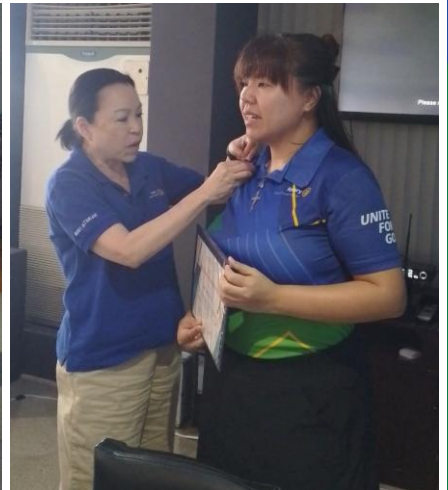
Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we gather for another meaningful fellowship, we are once again reminded of the many ways Rotary allows us to learn, serve, and inspire others in our community. This week's meeting is filled with engaging activities and valuable updates that reflect our club's commitment to service and leadership.

Our meeting will feature discussions and updates on several exciting initiatives, including the Painting 101 Training Workshop, and our participation in the Walk for Autism. We will also hear an insightful PELS-SELS echo from PE Harold, sharing key learnings and experiences from the recent training seminar. In addition, Rotaract Pres. Marc will provide updates on the ongoing activities and accomplishments of our Rotaract partners in service.

These initiatives remind us that Rotary is not only about meetings, but about creating opportunities for growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact in the lives of others. Thank you to everyone who continues to dedicate time, talent, and heart in advancing the mission of our club.

RCSD 16th Regular Meeting ...
Classification Talk of Rtn. Maita Lu
Mar. 18, 2026, Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City



Distribution of hygiene kits, diapers and snacks ...

March 15, 2026, House of Hope, Davao City



RCSD Lunch Fellowship Meeting...

April 8, 2026, Bistro Rosario, Davao City



Roster of Members

ROTARIAN	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
ABALLE, DENNIS ROY "Dennis"	Bakeshop & Pastries	Jezel
ABELLANA, HAROLD "Harold"	IT System Integration	Loreine
ABELLANA, RODOLFO "Rudy"	Truck & Equipment Parts Rtlng.	Ana
ABRINA, AMARA , Amara		
ADORA, AILLEEN JOY "Apple"	Petroleum Products Distribution	Sandro
ALBAERA, VIRGIE "Virgie"	Logistics Service Provider	
ANTIOQUIA, BRYAN JOHN "BJ"	Hospital Representative	Kristine
BUELIS, FELY GRACE "Grace"	RTW Retailing	Sam
DEL CASTILLO, JON CLEM , Clem	Branch Banking	
CHELLATHURAI, MICHAEL		
GERARD "Michael"	Agriculture	Merelyne
CHUA, JACOB "Jake"	Wholesale Management	Bing
GAHOL, ESTER "Ester"	Architect	
GARCIA, SONJA "Sonja"	Real Estate	
LOZANO, MAXIMO "Max"	Proprietary Leasing	Marselle
LU, MARY THERESE "Maita"	Game Designing	
MENDOZA, MELITON "Mel"	Mini Grocery	
MOJARES, LITHO "Tolitz"	Paints Distribution	Robigen
OCAMPO, WENCESLAO "Peng"	Financial Advisor	
ONGGAO, MARTLE MAE "Mic-Mic"	Finance Advisor	
SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL	Apartment Leasing	Edward
SINGSON, ANNIE FAYE "Annie"	Event Planner	Jocris
SOLIVIO, JACKIE LOUIE "JL"	Motorcycle Dealership	Christine
TABIJE, ISMAEL "Maeng"	Int'l. Dev't. Consulting	Lynda
TAC-AN, JOE MARC "Mackie"	Car Distribution	Marites
TOMINES, EXEQUIEL JR "Jay-R"	Technical Engineer	Shiela
UY, ARTHUR "Arthur"	Construction Hardware	Kathy
VILLA-ABRILLE, Emmanuel "Noel"	Proprietary Management	
ZAFRA, CARRIE MAE "Calin"	Registered Nurse	

HONORARY MEMBERS:

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