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The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites, Sta. Ana Avenue
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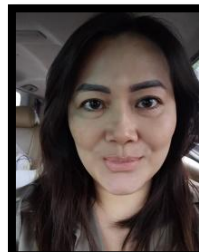
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Regular Luncheon Meeting

May 6, 2026 * American Backyard, F. Torres St., Davao City * 12:00NN

Program

I. Opening:

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

Invocation.....PP Ester Gahol

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

Treas. Dennis Aballe
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation...

Gracious and loving God, We come together today with grateful hearts as we gather for this Rotary luncheon meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to unite in fellowship, service, and shared purpose.

We ask for your guidance as we discuss our plans and projects. Grant us wisdom in our decisions, clarity in our goals, and compassion in our actions. May everything we do be rooted in a sincere desire to serve others and uplift our community.

We offer this prayer with humility and gratitude. 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.

Far from the vaccination front lines, the eradication fight begins in everyday spaces — thanks to enterprising Rotary members

By Etelka Lehoczky

In a college town on the shores of Lake Michigan, beer drinkers gather in a wood-paneled taproom to sample brews with names like Snowy Owl, Secret Stuff, and Funkin' for Jamaica. Cute beer names are part of the charm at Sketchbook Brewing Co. in Evanston, Illinois. But one of October's recipes owes its moniker to something much larger than whimsy.

"Purple Pinkie is named for the mark that children are given when they're vaccinated against polio," says Julie Aubry, a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Nouveau. She's referring to the splotch of indelible ink dabbed on a child's pinkie to show they've already been vaccinated — a symbol of the historic campaign to rid the world of the disease.

That backstory is an opening to meaningful conversations that go far beyond the intricacies of craft brewing. "We like to think of it as an educational opportunity to bring awareness to the fact that polio has not been eradicated, that it is still a fight that Rotary and other organizations are fighting," Aubry says. Even the wheat ale's distinctive taste is connected to the larger story: The brewers add coriander, pomegranate, and citrus zest in homage to the culinary flavors of Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only two countries where wild polio remains endemic. But this is not just about raising awareness. Aubry's club collaborates with Sketchbook to create the limited-edition Purple Pinkie beer to direct proceeds to the eradication effort.

Aubry and other Evanston Nouveau members are gathered on the eve of World Polio Day 2025 to tell Sketchbook's patrons about Purple Pinkie and the cause it supports. Erecting a large banner by a table in the middle of the bar, Aubry and Tom Woods arrange raffle prizes and a display that includes a vaccine cooler and a surprisingly cute plush toy in the shape of the polio virus. Customers can get Purple Pinkie on tap and take home four-packs of specially designed cans — purple, of course, featuring an arm raised triumphantly, pinkie extended.

A bespectacled young man named Dan, a student at nearby Northwestern University, grabs a four-pack from the cold case. "I usually do a mix of different varieties, so I'll probably add this to the repertoire. It seems interesting," he says. "When you can support a good cause, it's always great. Unfortunately, with the current state of the world, polio has become more of a topic than it probably should be."

Evanston Nouveau members got the idea for Purple Pinkie in 2022. "We were thinking about creative ways to get people interested in polio," says Club President Gerald Farinas. "A lot of clubs do 'pints for polio,' where they'll partner with a tavern and get them to contribute a couple of bucks from each drink. We thought, 'We've got to go beyond that.'"

Working with Sketchbook, the club crafted a unique, memorable beer and an effective fund-raising plan. Each fall, Sketchbook donates a dollar from each pint of Purple Pinkie served on tap and another dollar for each four-pack sold. The campaign contributes \$2,000 to \$3,000 to the antipolio effort. That may not sound like much, but multiplied by many hundreds of fundraisers across the globe, these [World Polio Day](#) efforts drive Rotary closer to its annual fundraising goal of \$50 million.

There's something in it for the club's partners at the brewery too. "The Rotary club makes a good amount of noise around it, so we get noticed. All the buzz helps a lot," says Cesar Marron, Sketchbook's head brewer and managing partner. "It looks very different from our normal cans, so it brings in a lot of questions. It's super unique."

A couple of days later, the club held another Purple Pinkie event at Sketchbook's other taproom in neighboring Skokie, Illinois. Attendees got the chance to meet members of the Chicago Stars, a National Women's Soccer League team the club has collaborated with before. Such connections have a lot to do with the fundraiser's success, Farinas says. It was natural to reach out to Marron, whom some members were acquainted with. And to design that eye-catching Purple Pinkie can, the club tapped a staff member at Rotary's world headquarters in Evanston, Chris Brown, an artist who has designed album covers and one other beer can for the brewery.

"It's easier to go where you already have these relationships than to look for the best possible business partner you can think of," Farinas says. "We could have done that, but then the negotiation would probably have been much more difficult. It's easy to approach people you already know."

Now that's some treasured taproom advice. What else can we learn on a global tour of World Polio Day fundraising efforts? Plenty. Key among the findings: This is a golden opportunity for clubs to connect to the power of Rotary's global network, bond your members through a meaningful long-term project, increase your visibility in the community, and, just as importantly, have some fun.



Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Apr. 22
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	26
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	10
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	17
MADE UP	03
ATTENDANCE % BASE	26
WEEK AVERAGE	50.00%

Thank you for making-up:

PDDG Arthur Uy

PP Michael Chellathurai

VP Litho Mojares

Guests:

Rtr. Marc Chellathurai

Rtr. Cassey Gempesaw

Candy Lopez Chua

Rtr. Denise Tejano

Rtr. Achilleus Castillo

Andre Lopez Chua

Rtr. Scott Seniego

Happy Birthday!

May 02 – PP Michael Chellathurai

13 – Sp. Marites Tac-an

21 – Sp. Sandro Adora

Save the Dates

May 15 – **1st & 2nd Birthday Celebs.**

Fellowship

6PM, American Backyard, F. Torres

May 17 – **Cataract Screening & Luot Culinary demo**

Sitio Butay, Paquibato District

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,

Let us continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship and service that make our club truly vibrant and meaningful.

This gathering provide us not only an opportunity to reconnect and share fellowship, but also to prepare for our exciting fellowship, the 1st and 2nd Quarter Birthday Celebrants Fellowship on May 15 at the American Backyard. This special occasion will allow us to celebrate the lives, milestone, and camaraderie of our fellow Rotarians in a spirit of joy and gratitude.

May we also be reminded of our upcoming outreach activity on May 17 at Sitio Butay, Brgy. Tapak, Paquibato District, which will include Cataract Screening, distribution of school supplies to Ata Day Care Center and the Luot Culinary Demo in Lake Paraiso. We encourage everyone to support and participate in this meaningful service project as we continue to bring hope and assistance to those in need.

May our discussions today be productive and our fellowship inspiring as we continue to uphold the ideals of "Service Above Self."

RCSD 18th Regular Meeting ...
Classification talk of Rtn. Amara Abrina
April 22, Artisana Comfort Gourmet, Davao City



RCSD Painting 101...

In partnership with Davies, DAPCAM, RCC Ilang & RCSD Rotaract

April 25, Brgy. Ilang, 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"