



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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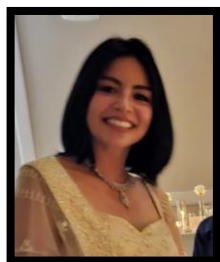


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Club Learning Facilitator

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TRF

## RI & DISTRICT OFFICERS



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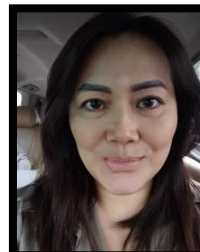
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*Regular Luncheon Meeting*

Jan. 14, 2026 \* Pinnacle Hotel \* 12:00NN

*Program*

**I. Opening:**

- Call to Order.....Pres. Sonja Garcia
- Invocation.....Dir. Mackie Tac-an
- 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 Guest of Honor & Speaker.....PP Noel Villa-Abrille
- S P E E C H.....Mr. Christian Cambaya
- President’s Time..... Pres. Sonja Garcia

**III. Closing : Announcements / Adjournment**

**PDDG Arthur Uy**  
*Master of Ceremonies*

**Invocation...**

LORD JESUS, Son of GOD, You humbled Yourself to become man in order to serve and not to be served.

We humbly ask You to teach us the ideals of service: that what matters most is not how much have we got, but how much we have given; not how much we have won, but how much we have done; not how much we have saved, but how much we have sacrificed; not how much were we honored but how much have we served.

God, our Father, always uses those closest to Him. Grant us therefore the privilege and the grace to be closest to You, His Son, to be truly Your servants amidst the people we serve.

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.

## *Rotary Information...*

### **Indian developer donates \$US50 million to The Rotary Foundation**

*By Etelka Lehoczky*

Declaring that “giving is a duty,” longtime Rotary member Ravishankar Dakoju pledged that he and his wife and fellow club member, Paola Dakoju, would donate approximately US\$50 million (4.5 billion Indian rupees) to [The Rotary Foundation](#). Dakoju announced the gift at Rotary’s International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 13 January.

“Years ago, Paola and I shared a dream: that one day, when we had enough to live with dignity, we would return 85% of our wealth back to society,” said Dakoju, a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, Karnataka, India. “My friends, that day has arrived.”

Dakoju, who serves as The Rotary Foundation Arch Klumph Society ambassador for Asia, spoke about his belief that philanthropy is a personal responsibility and explained his and Paola’s determination to give away their surplus wealth.

“What we keep may serve only our family, nothing beyond that. What we give The Rotary Foundation will serve humanity,” he said.

Dakoju told assembly attendees how his life experiences led him to commit to philanthropy. He described how his father, who had donated all of the family’s land to poor farmers, died suddenly when Dakoju was age 10. Dakoju recalled how he, his mother, and his six siblings were left with less than US\$2 in the bank. He said he failed in school and misbehaved, even leading a street gang, before he earned a college degree and eventually co-founded Hara Housing & Land Development Ltd. Now it’s one of the leading land developers in Bangalore. Dakoju also found Rotary. He was impressed by Rotary’s values of fellowship and service, and as his business grew, they supported The Rotary Foundation. In 2018, they committed to donating approximately US\$14.7 million (1.3 billion Indian rupees) to the Foundation. It was one of the largest contributions in the Foundation’s history.

“Whatever I have achieved so far came from the kindness of people, the grace of life, and the opportunities Rotary brought into my world,” Dakoju said at the assembly.

Dakoju has funded global grants and other programs in his district and worked on numerous service projects. In August, he pledged to match donations of up to US\$50,000 (4,500,000 Indian rupees) for each district in India that created pooled endowed funds to support environmental and education-oriented initiatives. He also participated in a five-year project to plant 10 million saplings in Karnataka state.

At the assembly, Dakoju emphasized the connection between his commitment to Rotary and his philosophy of giving.

“Rotary gave me new life, new purpose, new friendship, new meaning, and a global family,” he said. “And life has taught me this beautiful truth: When you give more than you think you can, life returns to you more than you can ever imagine.”

## *Our Guest of Honor & Speaker...*

### **CHRISTIAN D. CAMBAYA**

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### **Current Position**

#### **Acting Officer-in-Charge**

#### **Davao City Investment Promotion Center (DCIPC)**

*City Mayor's Office, City Government of Davao*

Mr. Christian D. Cambaya currently leads the Davao City Investment Promotion Center (DCIPC), a key division under the City Mayor's Office, tasked with promoting Davao City as a premier investment destination in the Philippines. As the Acting Officer-in-Charge and Unit Head for Investor's Assistance and Servicing, Mr. Cambaya plays a central role in attracting and supporting local and foreign investments in the city.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- **Investment Promotion Programs:** Develops and implements targeted investment promotion initiatives to encourage business growth and attract investors to Davao City.
- **Technical Guidance and Policy Support:** Provides expert advice and technical inputs to several key bodies under the City Government of Davao, including:
  - Davao City Investment Incentive Board
  - Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Board
  - International Relations Board
  - Halal Council
  - Davao City Innovation and Inventions Council



## Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.  
Club Secretary

### *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	<b>Dec. 10</b>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	26
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	06
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	20
MADE UP	03
ATTENDANCE % BASE	26
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>23.07%</b>

### ***Happy Birthday***

Jan. 26 – Pres. Sonja Garcia  
26 – Rtn. Clem del Castillo

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

Jan. 06 – PP Maeng &  
Spouse Lynda Tabije

### ***Save the Dates***

Jan. 24 – Books Donation, Cataract  
Screening & Rotaract Zero Waste  
Management Workshop with  
Brgy. Sta. Cruz  
Isla Reta, Samal  
P400/pax round trip fare

Jan. 28 – Regular Luncheon Meeting  
12:00NN, Pinnacle Hotel

Feb. 12 – RCSD 57<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary  
Hotel Tropika

Feb. 22-28 – Rotary Week



## **President's Message**

**Sonja V. Garcia**

Club President

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We are pleased to welcome the Officer-in-Charge of the Davao City Investment Promotion Center as our guest speaker for this week's meeting. This is a valuable opportunity to gain insights into the city's investment landscape, economic priorities, and the role we can play as partners in fostering growth and development.

Let us take this chance to engage, learn, and strengthen our commitment to service above self by supporting initiatives that contribute to a more vibrant and progressive Davao City.

# *Roster of Members*

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

## **HONORARY MEMBERS:**

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