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

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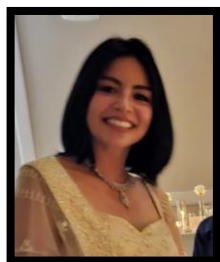


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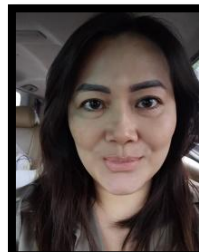
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Regular Luncheon Meeting

February 4, 2026 * Pinnacle Hotel * 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. 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.

Rotary Information...

Rotary inaugurates new Peace Center at Symbiosis International University (SIU) Applications for Rotary's one-year Postgraduate Diploma Program 2027 at SIU will be open from 1 February -15 May 2026

PUNE, India (27 Jan. 2026) – In a significant step toward supporting peace and development, the Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University (SIU) was inaugurated on 26 January 2026.

A culmination of the ethos, vision, mission, and expertise of both Rotary International and Symbiosis, the center is situated on Symbiosis' scenic 400+ acre Lavale campus in Pune. It offers a fully funded one year postgraduate diploma program in Peace and Development Studies. The program has been designed for mid-career professionals working in different sectors of peace and development either within Asia or Asian communities.

"In this interconnected world, peace can no longer be viewed as an abstract ideal; it must be cultivated through institutions that combine knowledge, ethical leadership, and action. Rotary believes that sustainable peace is built when education empowers individuals to serve beyond borders and think beyond divisions," said **Francesco Arezzo, Rotary International President (2025-26)**. "The establishment of the Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University reflects Rotary's commitment to nurturing leaders who understand and act with integrity towards a cause. Through this initiative, the center will contribute not only to regional peacebuilding in Asia but to a stronger global framework for shared responsibility," he added.

For **Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director of Symbiosis and the Pro Chancellor of Symbiosis International University**, "The establishment of the Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University aligns closely with the core values of Symbiosis and is especially meaningful as it coincides with our 55th anniversary. Founded by Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, based on the ideal of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*", the mission of Symbiosis was to bring together students from across India and around the world to encourage international understanding and a spirit of brotherhood. Our visionary founder believed that providing quality education was the only way to promote international understanding."

The Rotary Peace Center at SIU will welcome up to 40 Rotary Peace Fellows each year.

"With India's rich diversity and complex social landscape, the Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University will offer unique opportunities for cultivating leaders who can navigate conflict with empathy and innovation," said **Bharat S. Pandya, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation (2022-2026)**. "By collaborating with Symbiosis, we are creating a platform where emerging and experienced peacebuilders can gain the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to address local and global challenges. This center will help in nurturing a new generation of leaders in Asia, dedicated to strengthening dialogue, understanding, and sustainable peace," he added.

Applications for Rotary's one year postgraduate diploma program at SIU will be open from 1 February – 15 May 2026. Visit rotary.org/peace-fellowships to learn more about Rotary Peace Fellowship programs and how to apply.

"The Rotary Peace Center at SIU will cater to the greater Asia region, integrating an interdisciplinary approach with experiential learning. The one year postgraduate diploma program will be offered in a blended learning format to empower mid-level professionals working in different spheres of peace and development, to advance their engagement in sustainable and actionable outcomes for social change in Asia," said **Dr. Sulakshana Sen, Center Head, Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University**.

Rotary currently awards up to 170 [fully funded fellowships](#) for dedicated peace and development leaders from around the world to study at one of its eight peace center programs. Since 2002, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 individuals for careers in peacebuilding, and program alumni serve as leaders in governmental and non-governmental agencies, international organizations, and more.

About Rotary: [Rotary](#) brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 45,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. To learn more about Rotary's Peace Center programs and fellowships, visit www.rotary.org.

About Symbiosis International University: Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU), established by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar in 1971, is guided by the Vedic philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family). SIU was established to promote international understanding between Indian and foreign students and has evolved into a globally recognized university. The University attracts a diverse student body from across India and over 85 countries, benefiting from the expertise of a highly qualified faculty. The university's strong academic standing is reflected in its top national and international rankings. SIU's participation in the "Study in India" program further underscores its reputation.

Classification Talk...

MELITON “Mel” B. MENDOZA

Birthdate : Nov. 5, 1969
Address : Poblacion Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental
Civil Status : Married
Spouse : Meshelle Yap
Child : Trish Yap Mendoza – 23 years old



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT:

Elementary : Central 1 San Carlos City, Pangasinan - 1982
High School : Speaker Eugeno Perez National Agricultural School – 1986
College : Baguio Colleges Foundation University of the Cordilliras - 1991

Area 2A
Rotary  **UNITE FOR GOOD**

#rotaryFAMRUN2026

MARCH 8, 2026 / 5:00 AM • CROCODILE PARK (PARAMOUNT COFFEE)



ONE COMMUNITY. ONE RUN. ONE ROTARY.

5K SOLO STRIDERS **3K** FAMRUN WITH FURRY FRIENDS **1K** JUNIORS AND SENIORS WITH FURRY FRIENDS

REGISTRATION FEE: **1,000.00**

INCLUDES: JERSEY + RACE BID + FINISHERS MEDAL AND BALLER

NO.:

END POLIO BENEFIT RUN



Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.
Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Jan. 7	Jan. 28
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	26	26
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05
PRESENT	06	08
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	20	18
MADE UP	06	06
ATTENDANCE % BASE	26	26
WEEK AVERAGE	46.15%	54.00%

Thank you for making-up:

IPP Michael Chellathurai
PP Maeng Tabije

VP Litho Mojares
PE Harold Abellana

Rtn. Mel Mendoza
Rtn. Maita Lu

Happy Birthday

Feb. 01 – PP JL Solivio
16 – Treas. Dennis Aballe
20 – Rtn. Maita Lu

Save the Dates

Feb. 12 – RCSD 57th Charter Anniversary
Hotel Tropika, 6PM
Attire: wear any Red

Feb. 22-28 – Rotary Week 2026

Mar. 8 – Area 2 FamRun 2026
Crocodile Park (Paramount Coffee)
Registration fee:
P1,000 (includes: Jersey+Race
Bid+ Finishers medal
and Baller)



President's Message

Sonja V. Garcia

Club President

Dear fellow Rotarians,

February brings exciting opportunities for fellowship and service!

We will celebrate our 58th Charter Anniversary on Feb. 12, 2026 at the Hotel Tropika. We also prepare for Rotary Week on February 23-28, a time to strengthen our commitment to Service Above Self.

Finally, let us rally our Rotary family and friends for the Rotary FamRun 2026 on March 8 at Crocodile Park, promoting health, unity, and community spirit.

Together, let us continue making a positive impact – one project, one partnership, and one act of service at a time.

Cataract Screening ...

Jan. 24, 2026, Isla Reta Beach Resort, Talicud Island, IGaCoS



Zero Waste Management Training ...

In partnership with Rotaract Club of South Davao & Ecoteneo
Jan. 24, 2026, Isla Reta Beach Resort, Talicud Island, IGaCoS



Turnover of Books, Paints, Hygiene kits & Snacks ...

Jan. 24, 2026, Sta. Cruz Elem. School, Talicud Island, IGaCoS



Birthday Fellowship hosted by 4th Quarter Celebrants ...

Jan. 24, 2026, Isla Reta Beach Resort, Talicud Island, IGaCoS



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
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"