



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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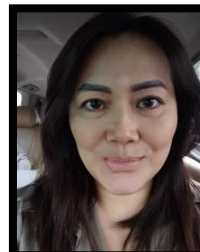
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## *Regular Luncheon Meeting*

March 18, 2026 \* Pinnacle Hotel \* 12:00NN

### *Program*

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

Call to Order.....	Pres. Sonja Garcia
Invocation.....	Treas. Dennis Aballe
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.....	PDDG Arthur Uy
Classification Talk.....	Rtn. Mary Therese Lu
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

- 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.

### A Peace Fellow's school helps refugees land tech jobs

By Amy Hoak

Being a pacifist in Nazi Germany meant being labeled as a traitor.

That's why Anne Kjær Bathel's grandfather and his family uprooted in 1933, rather than submit to the demands of Hitler's regime. They fled to Denmark, where they found work and a home and could sustain their convictions of nonviolence. "Had they not left, they would have landed in the concentration camps and I wouldn't be alive, that's for sure," she says.

Today, her family history inspires her work to help refugees restart their careers as they settle into a new home.

About a decade ago, Bathel, 43, co-founded the [ReDI School of Digital Integration](#) to help refugees land tech jobs. Since then, the school has expanded to multiple locations in Germany, Denmark, and Sweden and has served more than 30,000 people, providing free coding and computer courses as well as career and mentorship opportunities in partnership with over 100 businesses and public entities. In February 2025, Bathel was honored as one of six [Rotary People of Action: Champions of Peace](#).

Rotary programs helped shape Bathel's worldview starting at age 16, when she traveled from her family's home in Norway to Australia as a [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) student. She remembers meeting other students from around the world through coordinated tours and beginning to understand how people could live in peace despite differing cultures and languages.

At 18, she participated in a [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) program at a military base in Norway. Coming from a pacifist family, it was a unique opportunity.

"Even to this day, I remember a very serious conversation about if everybody, especially young males, should serve in the army. I was very much against this, and I was discussing this with a general in the Norwegian army," she says. "What has stayed with me was, of course we disagreed, but he listened and I could also therefore listen to him."

Her studies took her to International Christian University in Japan, where she researched open social innovation as a [Rotary Peace Fellow](#). She wrote her master's thesis in Silicon Valley with OpenIDEO, a platform that aims to build solutions for societal problems.

"My focus has always been on social innovation and social entrepreneurship," she says. "How do we make sure that we find the really powerful ideas, and when those ideas are being implemented in pilot projects, test if they are good ideas? And how do we track the impact data to understand what ideas to bring forward and to scale up?"

While in Silicon Valley, Bathel met with the [Stanford Peace Innovation Lab](#). They collaborated to open a Peace Innovation Lab in Berlin in 2012, bringing together people from for-profit companies, nonprofit organizations, politics, and academia to discuss local issues.

One topic of discussion: the refugee crisis that started developing in Germany and other parts of Europe in 2015. There was an influx of refugees arriving from Syria at the time, and Bathel began visiting refugee camps to try to understand their needs.

"There I met Mohammed, who was from Iraq, and he had a bachelor's degree from the university in Baghdad. Since he had a degree in computer science, he wanted to work in the tech sector in Germany," she says. But he didn't have a laptop to keep up his programming skills. He'd go to the library but could only use the computer for a set amount of time.

They continued their conversation, bringing two more friends to join the next time they met. Those friends brought more friends. Quickly, the idea for the ReDI School gained traction.

The school stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic because it could reach students when many traditional schools couldn't, she says. Afghan students, especially women, enrolled with the school when the Taliban came back to power, and there was another push when Russia invaded Ukraine and refugees fled to Germany. "In a sense, when the world is in crisis, we grow because the need is there," Bathel says.

Today, 71 percent of former ReDI tech students are working in full-time jobs or have entered universities to further their careers, she adds. To name just two: Her early collaborator, Mohammed, is now a senior developer at Accenture, and another student, an engineer from Syria, is a cybersecurity expert for Cisco.

"It's super nice to see these changed lives — but also changed companies that have more diversity and therefore, hopefully, can build better products," she says. "Our part is small, but we can see the impact when refugees are well integrated into society."

Over the years, ReDI has taken on a variety of initiatives. It worked to increase the number of women in its classes and provided child care to those who needed it while attending school. ReDI then started offering tech classes to the kids in child care, with funding help from a Rotary Foundation global grant. Its most recent push focuses on skills related to artificial intelligence, with the goal of educating 1 million students on AI over the next five years, she says.

Bathel's biggest wish is for peace in her former students' homelands and for them to return with fresh skills. "Because that's a wish of all refugees," she says. "They don't leave because they don't love their home country. They leave because they cannot survive."

"I really believe in these small actions that create momentum, that will become a wave and a movement that can change society for the better."

This story originally appeared in the February 2026 issue of [Rotary](#) magazine.

## *Classification Talk...*

### **MARY THERESE “Maita” R. LU**

Maita Robillo Lu is a teacher, writer and artist. Born in Davao City, she studies in Manila. She took up AB Fashion and Merchandising in DLS – College of St. Benilde. She took up a second course in Davao City, Education Management in Ramon Magsaysay College. She is currently taking up her Masters in Education Management. Her work spans across the literacy, art and game development world.

AI, being touched on by both the educational world and the game development side, is a subject she is advocating to teach, in particular, the proper use of AI technology.





## Secretary's Report

Exequiel L. Tomines, Jr.  
Club Secretary

### *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	<b>Mar. 4</b>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	26
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	12
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	14
MADE UP	06
ATTENDANCE % BASE	26
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>69.23%</b>

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

IPP Michael Chellathurai  
PP Virgie Albaera

VP Litho Mojares  
Rtn. Maita Lu

PS Apple Adora  
PD Annie Faye Singson

### ***Happy Birthday***

Mar. 20 – Dir. Mackie Tac-an

25 – PP Rudy Abellana

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

April 11, 2026 – **Rotaract Court & Cause  
Charity Pickeball Open**  
Dink Yard, Maa Bypass  
6:00 – 10:00PM

April 16-18, 2026 – **PELS/SELS**  
Koronadal City, South Cot.

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

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

# RCSD 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting ...

Feb. 4, 2026, Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City



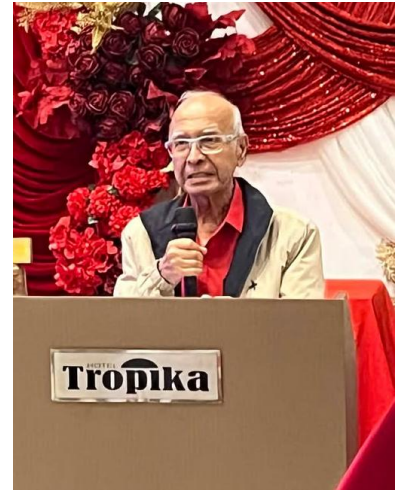
# Turnover of Multipurpose Building to Ilang Child Development Center ...

Feb. 12, 2026, Brgy. Ilang, Davao City



# RCSD 58<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary ...

Feb. 12, 2026, Hotel Tropika, Lanang, Davao City



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## Zumbathon...

Feb. 22, 2026, Coastal Road



## Mangrove Planting...

Feb. 22, 2026, Coastal Road



# Medical Mission ...

Feb. 23, 2026, Lanzona Gym, Matina, Davao City



## Courtesy Call ...

Feb. 24, 2026, Sangguniang Panglungsod, Davao City



## Sportsfest ...

Feb. 24, 2026  
Las Terrazas, Davao City



# Job Fair ...

Feb. 25, 2026, SM City Ecoland, Davao City



# Peace Forum ...

Feb. 28, 2026, Abreeza Mall, Davao City



# Voice of the Youth Oratorical Contest ...

Feb. 28, 2026, Abreeza Mall, Davao City



## Rotary Week Culmination Night ...

Feb. 28, 2026, Dance Club Studio, Lanang, Davao City



## Rotary Week Thanksgiving Mass ...

Mar. 1, 2026, Abreeza Mall, Davao City



## RCSD Lunch Fellowship Meeting...

Mar. 4, 2026, Mixed Temptations, Matina, Davao City



## Turnover of Donations to fire victims in Monteritz...

Mar. 4, 2026



# *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>ABRINA, AMARA</b> , Amara		
<b>ADORA, AILLEEN 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</b> , Clem	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"