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Ma. Corazon **Reves** 1994-1995 (Be A Friend)



Lorna Llamas 1996-1997 (Build the Future with Action & Vision)



Leonida Santos 1999-2000 (Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity)



Remedios Calaguas 2001-2002 (Mankind is Our **Business**)



Divina Fe Boiser 2006-2007 (Lead the Way)



Maria Luisa Jacinto 2007-2008 (Rotary Shares)





Evangeline Mae Concepcion Schwendener Dolendo 2008-2009 2009-2010 (The Future 2011-2012 (Reach (Make Dreams of Rotary is in Your Real) Hands)



Maria Victoria **Jimenez** Within to Embrace Humanity)



Gomez 2012-2013 (Peace Through Service)



Valderosa

2014-2015 (Light

Up Rotary); 2021-

2022 (Serve to

Change Lives)

Estela Maribel Vilela 2016-2017 (Rotary Serving Humanity)



Marilou Baarde 2018-2019 (Be the Inspiration)



Teresita Yñiguez 2019-2020 (Rotary Connects the World)



Armi Geralyn **Espiritu** 2020-2021 (Rotary Opens **Opportunities**)



Vanessa Madayag 2022-2023 (Imagine Rotary)



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EDITOR'S NOTE

November is The Rotary Foundation Month.

With that, we have a guest speaker for our next regular meeting who will help us learn more about the Rotary Foundation and District Grants: COS-MIN/DGSC Jose Fortunato "Chi" Uy! You can read his profile in this Bloomscoop issue.

Our cover photo also features DPPSC/DPC Baby Vilela as she climbed the boulders at Mt. Apo to spread awareness about polio. How beautiful is this photograph taken of her? We couldn't help but make it our cover photo for this issue!

With October coming to an end, we congratulate our Ladies for the successful back-to-back World Polio Day activities. You can see our pictures for this under our Public Image's Exhibit and by viewing our Facebook posts on it!



Alessandra Könst GML Area 2B Editor • Vice-President • Programs for Young Leaders Contact • Editor-in-Chief

Happy Reading!





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Pres Maria Vida Könst

Fellowship - Games and Q&A

Invocation

God of the Universe, since we are not conscious enough to fathom your ebb and flow, help us then to bring our best efforts to what we can know.

To love our friends and family; to treat our emloyees and fellow workers fairly; to seek justice; to help those in need; to be the best that we can be; and to live by the Four-Way Test.

Of all the things we think, say, or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

AMEN.

Rotary

Given by Rtn Len Scheffler - RC Columbia-Northwest Columbia, MO D-6050; Shared by Rtn Niptalez Avena

WWD red jockshirt/red blazer, TMOR pin, and

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REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board of Directors and Officers officially inform the Club that there will be TWO HYBRID MEETINGS on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAY of the month, otherwise stated. VENUE of regular meetings will be at SARUNG BANGGI, DAVAO CITY, unless otherwise stated.

ROTARY MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

JULY - Maternal & Child Health Month

AUGUST - Membership & New Club Development Month

SEPTEMBER - Basic Education & Literacy month

OCTOBER - Community Economic & Development Month

NOVEMBER - The Rotary Foundation Month

DECEMBER - Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

JANUARY - Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY - Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month

MARCH - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene Month

APRIL - Environmental Month

MAY - Youth Service Month

JUNE - Rotary Fellowship Month



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Caroline Andrade District Governor for RID 3860



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Mario Luis Jacinto



Francisco Vilela, Jr.



CLUB PROFILE

CHARTER DATE: January 20, 1992 CLUB NUMBER: 28480 SPONSOR: Rotary Club of East Davao CHARTER PRESIDENT: Sylvia V. Manfoni

Marfori

NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO DATE: 45

MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: 29

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: 2 TRF SUSTAINING MEMBERS: 4

MAJOR DONORS:

- Active Members: 2
- Honorary Members: 2

FOUNDATION: The Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao Foundation, Inc.

EXTENSION CLUB: Rotary Club of Davao 2000

SISTER CLUBS:

- RC Pikesville-Owings, USA, D-7620; 2018 – present
- RC Adelaide, Australia, D-9500; 2015 – present

- RC Prospect, Australia, D-9500;
 2007 present
- RC Tagum North; 2006-2022
- RC Hundred Islands, D-3790; 2006-2009
- RC Galena Park, Jacinto City, Texas, USA; 2003-2004
- RC Escondido Sunrise, D-5340; 2003-2004
- RC Mabalacat, Pampanga, PH, D-3790; 2000-2001
- RC Poway, California, USA, D-5340; 1999-2009
- RC Cebu Fuente, D-3860; 1999-2022
- RC Commonwealth; 1998-1999
- RC J.P. Rizal, D-3830; 1995-1996

PARTNERS-IN-SERVICE:

- RC Narashino, Japan, D-2790
- Rotaract Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- Interact Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- RCC Tibungco Resettlement Area, Davao City
- RCC Matina Pangi, Davao City



CLUB PROFILE

- RCC Association of Differently Abled Persons Village, Davao City
- RCC Duha, Ma-a, Davao City

CLUB BULLETIN: BLOOMSCOOP

NUMBER OF ROTEX HOSTED: 2 NUMBER OF ROTEX SPONSORED: 1 NUMBER OF GSE HOSTED: 7 NUMBER OF GSE SPONSORED: 9

ROTARY CONFERENCES:

- As Host Club
 - MEMBERSHIP/TRF SEMINAR: 2022-2023; 2010-2011
 - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SEMINAR: September 2015
 - TRI-DISTRICT SEMINAR: August 2014
 - DISTRICT BLOODLETTING ACTIVITY: 2003-present
 - PETS/SETS & DISTAS: May 10-11, 2002
 - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: August 16, 2001

- INTERCITY FORUM: 1998-1999; 1997-1998; 1993-1994
- As Co-Host Club
 - Fellowship Night, DisCon 2024
 - Voice of the Youth Impromptu Speaking Competition, 2008
 - Governor's Night, DisCon 2003
 - DisCon 1996

FUNDED PROJECTS:

- Rotary Foundation Matching Grants: 10
- Global Grants
 - 2 as proponent
 - 1 co-proponent with RC East Davao, RC Prospect (Australia) and RC Adelaide (Australia)
 - District Grants
 - D-3860: 8
 - D-7620: 1 (with Pikesville-Owings)
 - World Community Service: Chiba, Japan; RC Narashino



CLUB PROFILE

NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS:

- Pag-asa ng Batang May Kapansanan Foundation, Inc.
- Kakayahan ng may Kapansanan Foundation, Inc. (KKFI)
- Member, Davao City Council for the Welfare of Persons with Disability
- Philippine Pediatric Society
- Davao Medical Society
- Brokenshire Memorial Hospital
- Davao City Children Cancer Fund, Inc.
- San Pedro College
- San Pedro Hospital
- Philippine Veterinary Medical Association - Southern Mindanao Chapter

GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS:

- Davao City Social Services & Development Office
- Department of Social Welfare & Development
- Department of Labor & Employment
- Department of Education
- Department of Environment & Natural Resources
- Davao Blood Center
- Davao City Planning & Development Office
- Davao City Health Office
- Davao City Nutrition Office
- Davao City Water District
- Department of Agriculture
- Technical Education Skills Development Authority
- Philippine National Red Cross
- Southern Philippines Medical Center

PRESIDENT'S PASSPORT



Maria Vida Könst President

Belated Happy Hallows, Irresistible Red Ladies 🧅

It's a toss coin who wins 1st place as the most gruelling activity that RCWWD led for this Rotary Year: Bloodletting vs. World Polio Day!

The 3- months preparation leading to 24 Oct 2024 for "Patak Polio" and our Club's signature project, "3rd Climb Mt Apo to End Polio," led by our own DPPSC / DPC Baby Vilela, each entailed a minimum of 8- hours total land travel from Davao City to Digos City, Kapatagan, and Santa Cruz Municipality, to attend meetings with Local Government Units (LGUs).

Throw in a flashflood, heavy fog, and rain in between trips, combined with the windiest of weathers on 24October/ Thursday, all these literally "blew us away!" We all heaved huge sighs of relief that we pulled it all off despite the odds!

PRESIDENT'S PASSPORT

Spearheading all these? All women, All Rotarians 🐳 It warms my heart to this day remembering that in all the tense indecisions or while anxiously awaiting confirmation that cheering each other, in between foodtrips and koffee breaks, laffs , grumbles, and grunts ... these Women were there with me, alongside all the way!

You know who you are. Thank you so very much for your presence, support... and friendship!

Together, We continue our commitment: " Service Above Self "

Cheers everyone 🂙

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SECRETARY'S





Armi Geralyn Espiritu Secretary

SEPTEMBER	5	19	OCTOBER	3	17
Members Present	25	18		22	19
Members Absent	5	10		8	12
Members w/ makeup	14	24		17	16
Unadjusted Average	80%	77%		83%	77%
Adjusted Average	89%	89%		83%	





GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Profile: Jose Fortunato "Chi" F. Uy

He joined Rotary in RY 2012 with the classification of General Merchandise Distributorship. He became club secretary for Rotary Club of Central Davao of Area 2C for Rotary Year 2013-2014. In RY 2016-2017, he was elected as Club President with the Year Theme Rotary: Serving Humanity.

In RY 2017-2018, he was surprised to be appointed by PDG Art Tan as the Drastic Secretary of D-3860 for the Year Theme: Rotary: Making A Difference

In RY 2018-2019, PDG Benjamin Garcia appointed him as the Deputy District Governor for Operations Mindanao for the Year Theme Rotary: Be The Inspiration

In RY 2019-2020, he was appointed the daunting task of being the District Membership Chair by PDG Philip Tan for the Year Theme Rotary: Connects the World. This position will be in effect for 3 consecutive years, under the joint agreement of the current Governor and the two succeeding Governors. Starting RY 2019-2020 under his term, then RY 2020-2021 under PDG Riezl Reyes for the Year Theme Rotary: Opens Opportunities, until RY 2021-2022 under PDG Anna Bumagat.

In RY 2022, PDG Riezl Reyes endorsed him to PDG Lilu Alino as Assistant Governor for Area 2C for the Year Theme: "Imagine Rotary" to have a full experience of a district officer and be recognized by Rotary International as one.

In 2023, PDG Riezl Reyes introduced him to the Rotary Foundation world and was appointed as the District Grants Sub-Committee Chair under District Governor Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa for the Rotary Year Theme: Create Hope In The World.

Currently, he has been recommended to maintain the position of District Grant Sub-Committee Chair under District Governor Caroline "Caycay" L. Andrade for the RY 2024-2025 with the Theme: The Magic of Rotary, aside from having been appointed multiple district positions as Assistant District Learning Facilitator to PDG Anna Bumagat and the Chief of Staff for Mindanao.

He is fondly called as "CHI" - Chinese for life or energy.

- DATE: 19November, 2024/Tuesday
- VENUE: La Herencia, Davao City
- TIME: 4pm to 9pm
- ATTIRE: TBA

RCWWD 12TH REGULAR MEETING

- DATE: 21November, 2024/Thursday
- VENUE: Sarung Banggi, Davao City
- TIME: 12pm to 2pm
- ATTIRE: TBA

DISTRICT 3860 TRF AWARDING AND RECOGNITION NIGHT

- DATE: 23November, 2024/Saturday
- VENUE: Cebu Parklane International Hotel
- TIME: 6pm to 10pm
- ATTIRE: Cocktail attire

LITO PEPITO ONE-MAN SHOW PAINTING EXHIBIT: BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

- DATE: 27November, 2024/Wednesday
- VENUE: La Herencia, Davao City
- TIME: 5pm to 8pm
- ATTIRE: TBA





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Louis Palma Gil Public Image Director







10th Regular Meeting Sarung Banggi, Davao City *October 17, 2024*









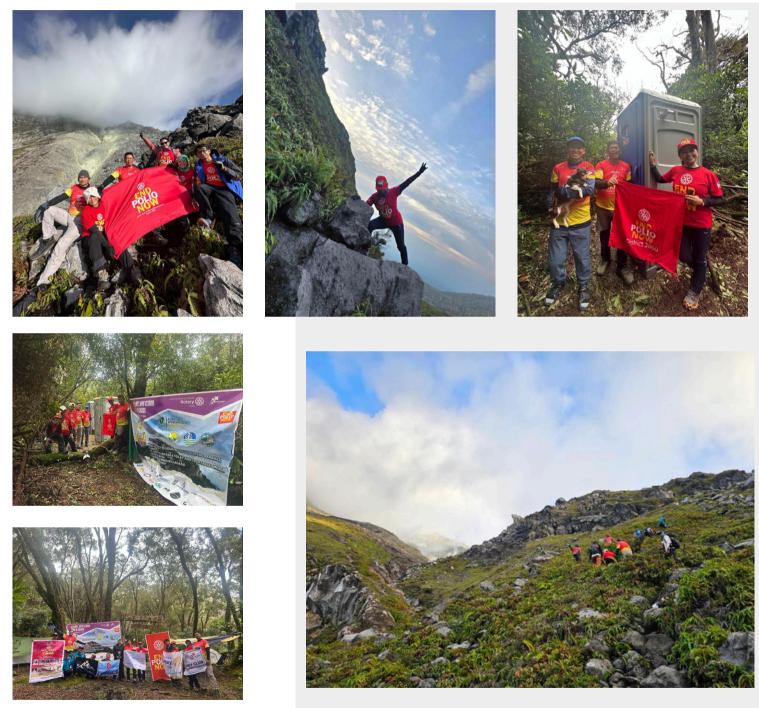
House of Hope: Dinner for Hope Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City October 18, 2024



Patak Polio & Nutrition Feeding Activity Sitio Marawer Health Center, Kapatagan, Digos City October 24, 2024



Unveiling of RCWWD Billboard & Mt. Apo Climbers' Send-off Sitio Paradise, Kapatagan, Digos City October 24, 2024



3rd Mt. Apo Climb for a Cause & Turnover of Portable Toilet and Shower at Camp Gudi-Gudi

> Mt. Apo October 24 to 26, 2024



Night Out with DG Caycay Andrade Swiss Deli, Davao City October 28, 2024

Chasing Polio

A PHOTOGRAPHER DOCUMENTS PROGRESS AND PROMISE

ON THE ROAD TO ENDING THE DISEASE.

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> WHEN THE END OF POLIO WAS CELEBRATED, OF COURSE IT HAPPENED IN DELHI WITH THE CABINET MINISTERS. BUT THE REALLY HARD WORK WAS BEING DONE BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS GOING BY FOOT DOOR TO DOOR.

For 18 years, photographer Jean-Marc Giboux chased polio with his camera in He followed this fight, capturing the unsung heroes —nurses, teachers, volunteers—working tirelessly to vaccinate children, even in the most challenging conditions. From refugee camps in Sudan to classrooms in India, his lens told a story of resilience and hope. Every photo tells a story, and every story is a reminder that a polio-free world is possible.

Illustrations by Alicia Zyburt

Taken from *Rotary International's Instagram account* **Shared by: Leamie Retales** Assistant Treasurer • DEI Officer • Managing Editor





Finding a Path to Sustainable Membership Growth





Shared by: Maria Luisa Aportadera Membership Director

For Rotary leaders, putting the diverse skills of our members to good use can be the key to making an impact. The larger our organization, the greater the potential impact, so let's work on growing Rotary and Rotaract membership. Find ideas for sustainable growth in the newly updated presentation on <u>The State of Membership</u>. The slide presentation shows how we're doing as of 1 July, reveals the latest membership trends, and is easy to customize for your region.

To learn more about the data in the presentation, play the recording of <u>The State of</u> <u>Membership webinar</u>. The comprehensive webinar, which covers various strategies for attracting and retaining members as well as establishing new clubs, is invaluable for anyone involved in managing membership.

A new experience for connecting with prospective members

Did you know that each year more than 30,000 people visit <u>rotary.org/join</u> and express interest in joining a Rotary or Rotaract club? Right now, these membership leads are sent to district leaders, who assign each one to the club that they think will best meet the person's needs.



To improve how all of this works for our club and district leaders, and to more quickly and easily connect prospective members with clubs, Rotary will launch a new membership leads management system this Rotary year.

The new system, using technology from Salesforce, will connect prospective members with clubs based on their location and meeting preferences. Those prospective members will select the club that they find to be the best fit. That club's president, membership chair, secretary, and executive secretary/director will then be notified by email that their club has a new lead and will be asked to contact the prospective member through the membership leads management system. District leaders will still be able to offer support if the match isn't the right fit.

Club and district leaders, watch for updates to learn when the new system is being launched.

Nominating members for the Service Above Self Award

Rotary's Service Above Self Award honors Rotarians — and now also Rotaractors — who help others by volunteering their time and talents. Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award, and up to 150 recipients are selected each year. If you know someone who has demonstrated exemplary service, encourage their governor to nominate them for the Service Above Self Award — one of Rotary International's highest distinctions in service — between 1 and 31 October.

New Rotaract benefit unlocked

Rotaract members can now use Rotary Club Central, Rotary's free goal planning and tracking platform. Club leaders can add and track goals, while members can track their club's progress. Rotaract clubs can earn the Club Excellence Award (formerly the Rotary Citation) by achieving goals entered directly into Rotary Club Central. It's never too late to start planning your club's future. Set annual goals in <u>Rotary Club Central</u> to help your club achieve its vision.



Enhance your meetings with videos

Supplement your club meeting agenda with high-quality videos from the Brand Center that can be used as meeting content. You'll find videos from 10 to 25 minutes long that feature recent Rotary International convention speakers, programs and resources, our areas of focus, and more. Use the Brand Center's filters to search for campaigns, causes, keywords, and regions, and find the videos that will appeal most to your club members. Explore <u>our video collection on the Brand Center</u>.



Together, with your support, we funded 1,285 global grants, 485 district grants, and 105 disaster response grants in 2023-24. Donors like you make this work possible. Your generosity helped us raise more than US\$417 million for our Foundation, which will continue to help communities around the world thrive through life-changing, sustainable projects.

Thanks to you, Rotary members can continue to work toward solving some of the world's most complex problems, such as improving people's health, supporting highquality education, protecting the environment, and aiding communities affected by disasters. We accomplish this while remaining committed to eradicating polio to make sure children are free forever from its devastating effects. With your support, we can continue to unite and take action to create lasting change.

Your donations make Doing Good in the World possible. Thank you for strengthening your own community and communities everywhere.

Sincerely, The Rotary Foundation



Shared by: Luna Gaviola TRF Director



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE STATION



Join Rotary members, partners, and thought leaders at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference. Leaders from across the globe will come together to learn, exchange ideas, gain inspiration, and build relationships to advance peace - through dialogue, interactive workshops, and insightful presentations.

The three-day event will explore important peacebuilding issues of our time, including healing in a divided world, and creating sustainable peace. Take advantage of the many opportunities to share stories, insights, and ideas and engage in meaningful conversations about advancing peace within and beyond our communities.

Led by 2024-25 Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, the conference will also recognize the launch of our newest Rotary Peace Center, the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center, in partnership with Bahçe**Ş**ehir University in Istanbul.



Shared by: Lolita Leticia Tai International Service Director

Speaks blary



WHEN,' NOT 'IF': PROGRESS CONTINUES TOWARD ENDING POLIO BY ETELKA LEHOCZKY & ARNOLD R. GRAHL

On World Polio Day, Rotary International leaders and public health experts reiterate their commitment to global eradication

Eradicating polio around the world is still an attainable goal, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick and public health experts said as they commemorated World Polio Day in the city where the vaccine was developed.

"I know it is a question of *when* polio will be eradicated, not *if*," Urchick told the audience at <u>a livestream event on 24 October</u> in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

"Our Action Plan talks about improving our impact. That's really where our polio eradication program shines," Urchick added. "Millions of children won't get this crippling disease. Billions of U.S. dollars won't be spent on ancillary health care costs as a result of this disease. We have made so much progress."



Ipeaks Kolary



World Polio Day raises awareness and funds for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's work to eliminate the disease. Since Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, the number of wild polio cases has decreased by 99.9%. The event highlighted Rotary's continuing efforts toward complete eradication.

Polio remains endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2024, increased case counts of wild poliovirus and the first case of paralytic polio in Gaza in 25 years served as a reminder that until the disease is fully eliminated everywhere, it remains a threat to children everywhere.

Despite the challenges, Michael K. McGovern, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, said he remains confident as ever that global eradication is within reach. "We're in a bumpy period, but we're going to get this done by continuing to focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan and doing the things that were done so successfully by Rotarians," he said.

The event included videos featuring polio vaccination workers in the field. Urchick said she was inspired by them during a visit to Karachi, Pakistan, earlier this year.

"Men work diligently to immunize thousands of children every day at traffic checkpoints, while women go house to house to reach families directly," Urchick said. "Some workers literally climb mountains to vaccinate children in remote locations, and their determination never wavers."

Opeaks Kolary



The livestream event was part of a two-day Rotary zone institute. RI Director Patrick Eakes, who convened the institute, said Pittsburgh was a perfect location because it's where Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine. "We realized we were in a unique position," said Eakes, a member of the Rotary Club of Crescent (Greensboro), North Carolina, USA.

Dr. Peter L. Salk, president of the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation in La Jolla, California, and a part-time professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, talked about what drove his father to develop the first inactive polio vaccine.

"He just never let go," Salk recalled. "It was his personality to have a dream and get things done."

Salk said his father wanted to make a difference in the world from a young age and became interested in science. After working in the U.S. state of Michigan on an influenza vaccine, he came to Pittsburgh in 1947 to work at the virus research lab and received a grant for polio research from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. That led to his work developing the inactive polio vaccine.

Other presenters at the livestream event included 2016–17 RI President John Germ. Several members of Rotary's eradication effort also sent video messages.

Opeaks Kolary



In a video shown at the event that was originally recorded for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, Gates Foundation co-founder Bill Gates lauded the commitment toward eradication. "When polio is eradicated, it will be one of the biggest advances in public health in human history," said Gates. The Gates Foundation, a partner in the GPEI, matches up to US\$50 million that Rotary raises each year at a 2-to-1 ratio, which means up to US\$150 million for the effort each year.

Salk, too, said he was honored to be in a room full of Rotary members who have a passion for solving tough problems.

"Every time I get together with Rotarians," he said, "I am just uplifted by the quality of humanity that you all radiate and the dedication you put in all the different realms helping the world become a better place."



Birthdays

Rtn Jenah De los Santos November 14



PP Remie Calaguas

November 15



Rtn Elsie Libron November 17



Wedding Anniversary



Rtn Elsa Villagomeza & Spouse Gibley

November 5



Rtn Chona Lamparas & Spouse Jelfreind

November 17



Membership Milestones



PP Fe Boiser November 29, 2007



Dir Letty Tai November 10, 2011

HERMES

(July, October, January, April) 1. TEAM LEADER: **POLINTAN, Mynne** 2. APORTADERA. Luchi 3.BOISER, Fe 4. CHUA. Bel 5. GAVIOLA. Luna 6. GUIDING, Pao 7. KÖNST, Vida 8. LIAMZON, Jo 9. LLAMAS, Lorna 10. PALMA GIL, Loi 11. ROSALES, Happy 12. SANTOS, Nen 13. SCHWENDENER, Vangi 14. YÑIGUEZ, Tess

DIOR

(August, November, February, May) 1. TEAM LEADER: **EVANGELISTA, Bec** 2. AUSTRIA, Sylvia 3. AVENA, Jeejee 4. CALAGUAS, Remie 5. DE LOS SANTOS, Lara 6. ESPEJO, Gina 7. GOMEZ, Che 8. JIMENEZ, Vicky 9. LAMPARAS, Chona 10. LIBRON, Elsie 11. MADAYAG, Vanessa 12. LAO-OLIVA, Janice 13. REYES, Zony 14.TAN, Irish 15. VALDEROSA, Jaja 16. ZHANG, Ma-em

CHANEL

(September, December, March, June) 1 TEAM LEADER: DE LOS SANTOS, Jenah 2. BAARDE, Melot 3. DIAZ, Ces 4. DOLENDO, Mae 5. ESPIRITU, Gigi 6. FITZBACK, Teri 7.JACINTO, Malou 8. KÖNST, Alex 9. LIM, Cha 10. RETALES, Mimi 11. TAI, Letti 12. TAN, Myriam 13.TE, Creng 14. VILELA, Baby 15. VILLAGOMEZA, Elsa

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AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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Vanessa Madayag	USD 3,612.40	2600
Letty Tai	USD 3,526.96	1300
Maribel Chua	USD 3,576.92	700
Vida Könst	USD 3,419.91	1400
Sylvia Austria	USD 3,354.29	400
Cecile Diaz	USD 3,192.46	200
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Elsa Villagomeza	USD 2,666.29	900
Teresita Fitzback	USD 2,413.38	1100
Josephine Liamzon	USD 2,281.38	500
Alessandra Könst	USD 2,077.91	600
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Chona Lamparas	USD 553.38	-
Mimi Retales	USD 535.00	-
Jeejee Avena	USD 500.00	-
Jenah De los Santos	USD 229.00	-
Caryl Lim	USD 229.00	-
Carina Abellera-Te	USD 229.00	-
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Lara De los Santos	USD 35.00
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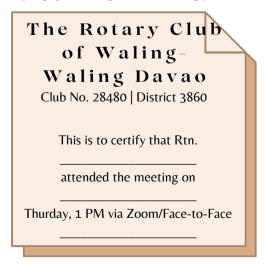
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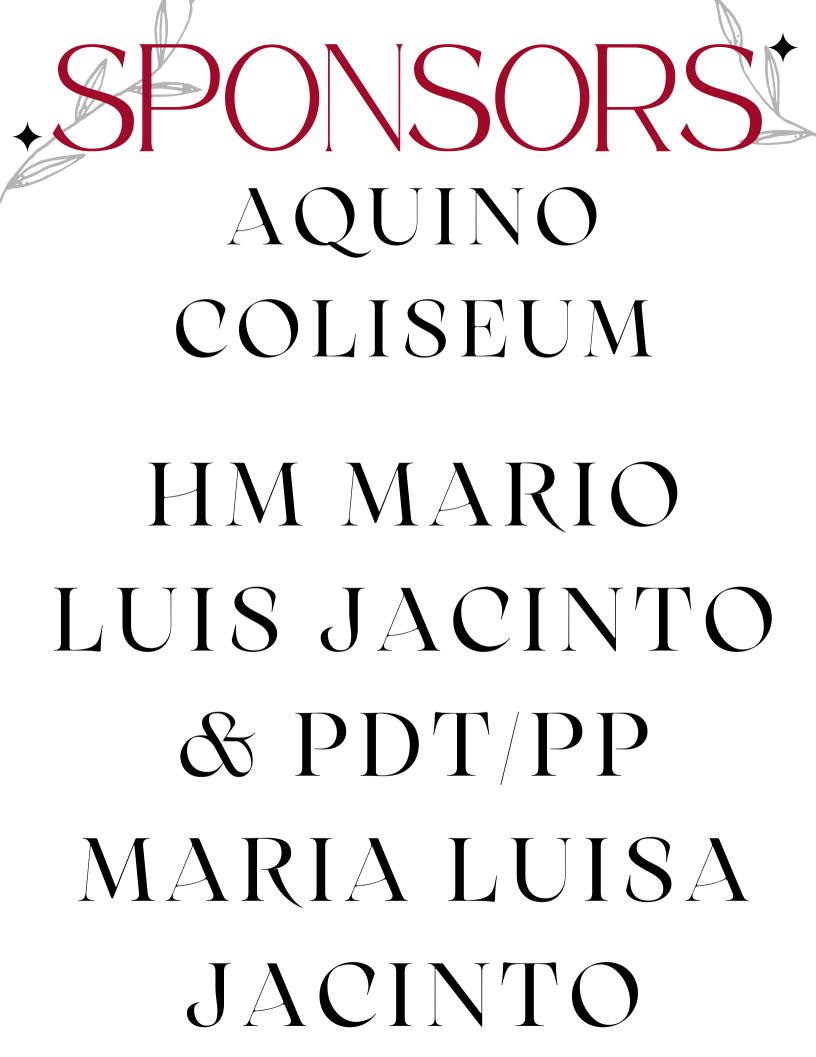
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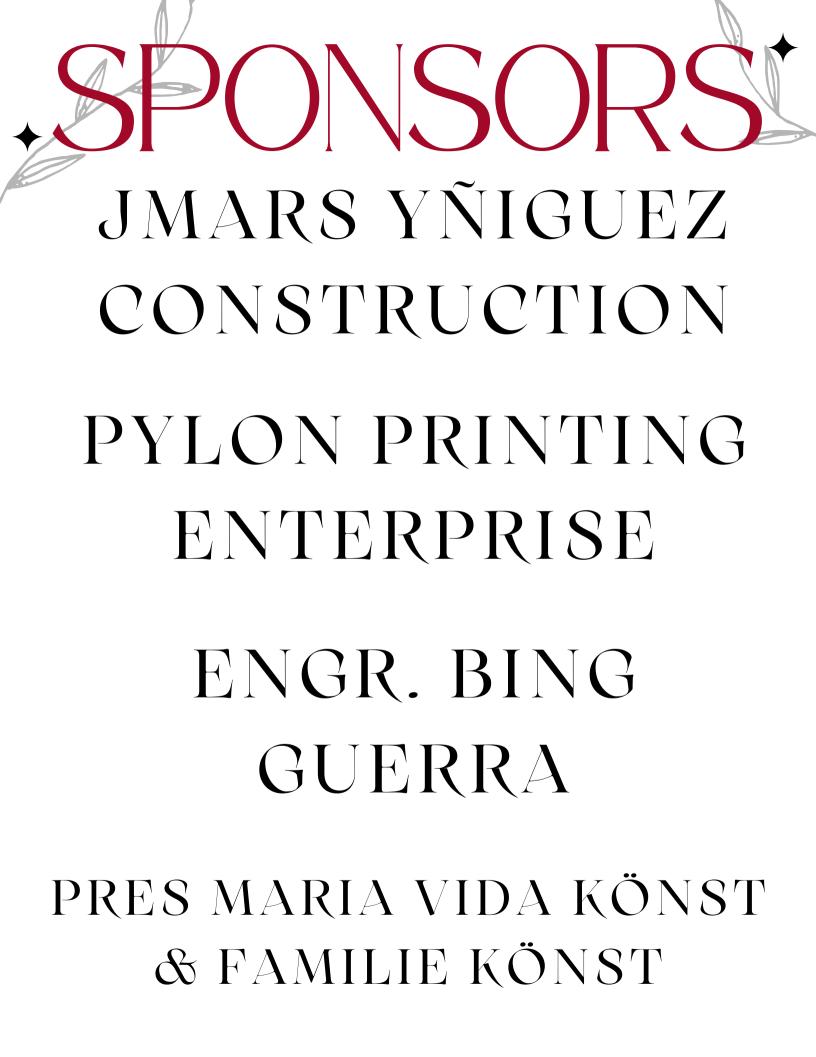


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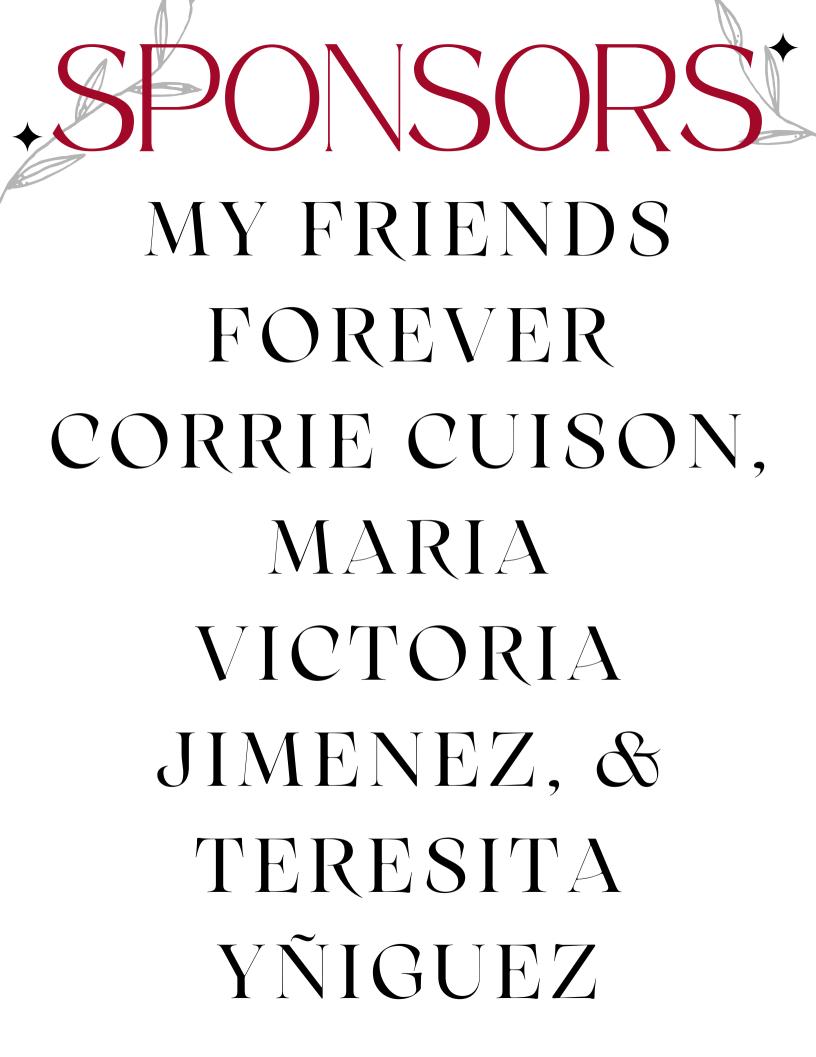




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- 4.Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE 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 of 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 and community life;

FOURTH, the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peach through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

CORE VALUES: SERVICE · FELLOWSHIP · DIVERSITY · INTEGRITY · LEADERSHIP

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1.Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
- 2.Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
- 3.Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world. With a commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most importantly, advance the community.

While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, Rotary has focused its efforts in seven areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs:

- 1.Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- 2. Disease prevention and treatment
- 3.Water and sanitation
- 4.Maternal and child health
- 5.Basic education and literacy
- 6.Economic and community development
- 7.Supporting the environment

