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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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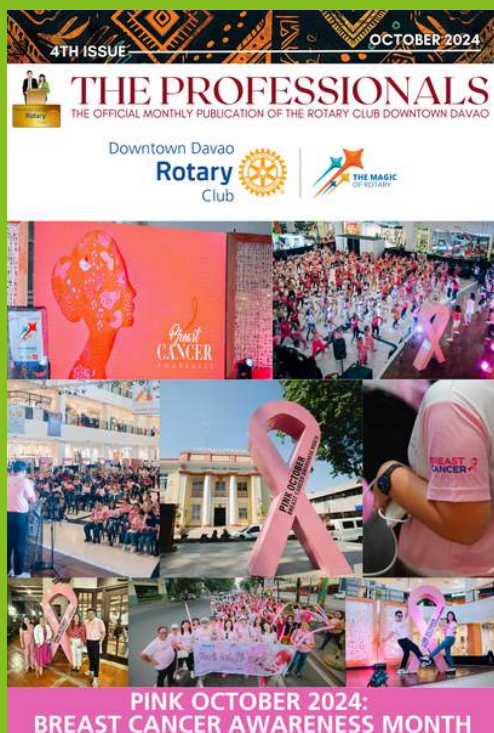
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

As we are pursuing economic growth and economic development, we have to make sure it happens with and by and for everyone. That everyone gets opportunity.

- Betsy Hodges



ABOUT THE COVER



This cover honors Pink October, a campaign for breast cancer awareness. The images represent unity and collective action among Rotarians, highlighting the importance of early detection and support for those affected. Together, we can make a difference.

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Pink October: Empowering Health and Building Stronger Communities

October is here, and with it comes the opportunity to raise awareness for breast cancer during Pink October. It's also a time to reflect on the deep connection between health and economic development. Healthy communities are the backbone of thriving and growing economies. This month, as we support breast cancer awareness, we also recognize how health directly impacts our shared future.

The Link Between Health and Economy

At first glance breast cancer awareness and economic development might seem like separate issues. However, both are actually connected. Healthy individuals are more productive, more capable of supporting their families, and more likely to contribute positively to their communities. When we invest in health – through education, early detection, and care – we also help build stronger, more resilient economies.

In fact, breast cancer has significant economic impacts. The cost of treatment, lost productivity, and emotional toll can strain families and communities. But when we focus on prevention, early detection, and supporting those affected, we reduce those costs and allow people to stay healthy, work, and contribute to the community.

Rotary's Role: Health, Education, and Economic Development

Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self means we understand the power of both health and economic development. Around the world, Rotary clubs have supported breast cancer awareness campaigns, provided screenings, and offered education to help people catch the disease early. These efforts save lives and reduce the financial burden of late-stage cancer treatment.

At the same time, we're also working to ensure that people – especially women – have skills, resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Whether it's providing vocational training or supporting small businesses, Rotary helps build economies by empowering individuals with knowledge and opportunity.

During Pink October, we have a chance to do more than just raise awareness for breast cancer – we can take action to improve the health of our communities, which in turn supports economic stability. Healthy people can work, earn a living, and contribute to society. And when we focus on health equity, particularly for women who are disproportionately affected by breast cancer, we make real work in creating equal opportunities for all.

Rotary's projects, whether focused on health, education, or women empowerment, are about breaking down barriers and helping people live their best lives.

The connection between health and economic prosperity is clear: healthier people lead to stronger communities. Whether we're providing life-saving care, supporting cancer research, or creating educational and vocational opportunities, Rotary is playing a key role in fostering personal and economic growth.

This Pink October, let's take action together. By focusing on health, supporting education, and empowering individuals, we can build stronger, healthier communities, ready for whatever the future holds.

The Mission of Rotary International

We provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals and community leaders.

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Core Values

Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity,
Service, Integrity and Leadership

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, 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.

President's Message



Anthony John D. Modiquello

President, 2024-2025

My respects to our Irresistible Rotary International District 3860 Governor, Caroline Lee Andrade with Spouse PP Robert Andrade, our esteemed dignitaries, IPDG Rozanne *Twinkle* Gamboa, PDG Salvador Angala & PDG Rodel Rizel Reyes, D3860 district officers, to our respectable Speakers, Valued Partners-in-Service and sponsors, Fellow Rotarians, Guests and Friends.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to our Pink October 2024 celebration, dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Today, we gather to shine a light on a cause that touches many lives and to foster a community of support, education, and empowerment.

Breast cancer is a harsh reality to many, but together, we can foster a supportive environment that promotes awareness, encourages screenings, and ultimately saves lives. Let us commit to being advocates for ourselves and others, ensuring that everyone has access to the resources they need.

Today's events—our Health Forum, Breast Screening and Consultation, the vibrant Pink Bazaar, and the lively Pink & Bling Zumba—offer us all an opportunity to learn, engage, and take action. Each activity is designed to empower us with information, resources, and a sense of community as we navigate the complexities of breast cancer awareness.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Sponsors, Partners-in-Service, and the incredible Volunteers who have made this event possible. Your dedication and commitment to this cause are truly inspiring. A special acknowledgment goes to all Rotary Clubs of Areas 2A, B & C - our collective efforts amplify our message and extend our reach.

Likewise, we are particularly grateful to our esteemed speakers who will share their knowledge and experiences during this afternoon's Health Forum. Your insights are invaluable as we strive to educate ourselves and our community about breast health, prevention, and early detection.

Thank you all for being here today. Your presence signifies your commitment to this important cause. Together, let us make this Pink October a month filled with hope and action.

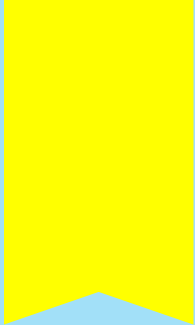
Once again, Welcome! Maayong Hapon ug Daghang Salamat.





Secretary's Page

By: Princess Joann V. Deño
Secretary



Attendance Report

	2nd Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	24	32	24
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	24	32	24
Membership Size	46	46	46
Excused due to health reasons	2	2	2
Net Membership Base	44	44	44
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	54%	69%	54%

EARLY BIRDS:

1. Corazon "Cora" L. Costan
2. Belen "Belen" D. Gemelo
3. Edna "Edzz" C. Ko
4. Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro
5. Glora "Glo" O. Cabillas

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1. Dr. Sarah D. Gerona
2. Paulo B. Ko
3. Marisol M. Da-an
4. Concepcion M. Domag
5. Bijay Reyes

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1. Pres. Princess Estrellanes
2. ADRR Kenneth Nomar Melliza

Activities for the Month

October 6 and 13

Magical Strikes 2024
Rotary Interclub Bowling Tournament
(Area 2)

October 7

Pink Walk 2024
Freedom Park - Roxas to Rizal Park

October 11

Pink October - Breast Cancer Awareness
Month Celebration, Abreeza Activity
Center

October 24

Patak Polio
Sitio Marawer Health Center, Santa Cruz,
Davao del Sur

October 25

Pink Dinner Celebration
Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City

October 29

Beautiful Girl:
Echoes of Strength and Hope
SM City Davao Activity Center

October 30

4th Regular Meeting and Signing of Memorandum of
Understanding with Mindanao Medical Foundation Collage



Sunshine and Fellowship

By: Enerie B. Aquino
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October 3



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October 23

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By PP Marina B. Ruivivar, Club Administration Officer
Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, RI District 3860

What do we understand by "Community Economic Development"?

We define the terms. Economics is simply defined as the "study of scarcity and how people use scarce resources to satisfy their needs and respond to incentives. A community is an interactive population of various kinds of individuals in a common location, while development is a process in which someone or something grows or change and become more advanced." (investopedia)

In Rotary, we help ensure the people in an underserved community with an access to tools that can improve their quality of life. To do this, we as Rotarians, undertake humanitarian services to address the seven (7) areas of focus in the community. To put to action the meaning of the theme, "Economic and Community Development", for the month of October, we offer them service projects that ensure good quality of life to all the people in terms of happiness, harmony and satisfaction of essential needs. In doing so, we alleviate poverty and empower the people to be self-sufficient. That is the "Magic of Rotary"!

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members put to action their desire to help others through global grants and other kinds of financial support. It helps us "strengthen local entrepreneurs and support community leaders through projects that create opportunities for productive work". (The Rotary Foundation)

The ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN DAVAO (RCDD) has focused on creating opportunities to develop the people's livelihood skills through trainings and organizing some Rotary Community Corps as beneficiaries to livelihood opportunities, building on local community resources and cooperatives, and encouraging community resilience. RCDD helps put up bazaars to promote their products during Rotary events, minimizing governmental barriers to constructive business. (Principle of Economic Development)

In our sincere desire to create a world of healthy and productive people, quality education for all, an inspiring environment of trees and clean air, and a peaceful life, free of conflicts and violence, we will keep on sharing and spreading the MAGIC OF ROTARY!

ROTARY INFORMATION

'WHEN,' NOT 'IF': PROGRESS CONTINUES TOWARD ENDING POLIO

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

By Etelka Lehoczky and Arnold R. Grahl

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 a [livestream event on 24 October](#) 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."



Rotary leaders, including RI President Stephanie Urchick (middle), and global health experts discuss the future of the polio eradication effort at a World Polio Day event in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, 24 October 2024.

Photo credit: Rotary Zones 33/34

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.

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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."

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.

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."

— October 2024

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/when-not-if-progress-continues-toward-ending-polio>

Why Did I Join Rotary?

By: Rtn. Novee Loie Ricyl C. Padilla



I joined the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao because I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself. I love the idea of giving back, sharing God's goodness, and showing others how He's transformed my life for the better. Working alongside people who are just as passionate about helping others is inspiring, and it's a great way to make a real difference, learn new things, and build meaningful connections. More than anything, I want to be a positive influence, spreading hope and being a light in this world, one small step at a time. It truly feels good to know that my efforts can impact lives in my community, and that is the kind of energy I want to be part of, as much as I can.



DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

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District 3860



The Rotary Foundation *Recognition Night 2024*

“The MAGIC of Doing Good in the World”

November 23, 2024 / 6:00 p.m. / Cebu Parklane International Hotel

Early Bird Registration: Php 2,000.00 until Nov. 5, 2024 / Regular Rate: Php 2,500.00

Spouses and Guests: Php 1,800.00 / Rotaractors: Php 1,500.00

Attire for Participants:

For Men – Club Shirt with Blazer

For Women - Club Shirt with Blazer or
Cocktail Dress

Attire for DRFC Team & District Officers:

Coat and Tie

Formal Business Attire or Cocktail Dress



Registration Link:
<https://bit.ly/trf2024>



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Pink October 2024

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October 11, 2024 | 10:00AM - 6:00PM | Abreeza Mall Activity Center

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DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Every October, Davao City comes together for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a series of impactful events hosted by the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) and Area 2 Rotary Clubs. The month kicks off with the Pink Walk, where hundreds gather in downtown Davao for a symbolic journey that ends at Rizal Park, reinforcing the community's shared commitment to breast cancer awareness. Distinguished guests, including local and district leaders, participate to underscore the importance of collective action.

On October 11, the Pink October Celebration at Abreeza Ayala Mall brings together the community for free screenings, health forums, a Pink Bazaar, and the Pink & Bling Zumba. These events provide vital health services and promote awareness, education, and community support while celebrating resilience and hope.

The Pink Dinner Celebration at Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao serves as the grand finale, where supporters enjoy a gourmet meal, live entertainment, and a pink-themed dessert selection. This event also raises essential funds for breast cancer support initiatives, with proceeds going towards advocacy, care, and awareness programs.

Through these annual gatherings, RCDD not only honors survivors and remembers those lost but also strengthens its commitment to combating breast cancer as a community. With each year, Pink October grows in impact and reach, uniting individuals, families, and organizations in the shared mission to spread hope, support ongoing research, and create a future free from breast cancer. Our heartfelt thanks go to all sponsors, partners, and community members who make this initiative possible.

PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PINK WALK

On October 7, 2024, the city of Davao came together to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a vibrant Pink Walk, drawing a remarkable turnout of 225 participants. This event was spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao and included various civic groups, government offices, and Rotary clubs from areas 2A, 2B, and 2C, showcasing a unified commitment to raising awareness about breast cancer.

The Pink Walk commenced at Freedom Park-Roxas, where participants gathered in a spirited assembly. From there, they made their way along a scenic route that included Ponciano, Bonifacio, and Bolton, culminating in a celebratory finish at Rizal Park. The event not only promoted awareness but also fostered community spirit, as participants donned pink attire—a symbol of hope and solidarity. Attending the walk was the esteemed Irresistible Governor Caroline Lee Andrade, along with D3860 District Officers, club presidents, and dedicated members from various clubs of Area 2ABC. Their presence underscored the importance of community involvement in health initiatives and the collective effort to combat breast cancer.

Following the walk, a Flag Ceremony was hosted by the City Government of Davao with the presence of Vice Mayor Melchor Quitain Jr. added a ceremonial touch, reminding everyone of the ongoing fight against breast cancer and the critical need for awareness, early detection, and support for those affected. The Pink Walk was more than just a physical journey; it was a powerful statement of unity, hope, and resilience, reinforcing the message that together, we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.



PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

On October 11, 2024, the Abreeza Ayala Mall Activity Center transformed into a hub of health and community spirit for the *Pink October 2024 Breast Cancer Awareness Month* event. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao alongside the Rotary Clubs of Area 2, this initiative aimed to promote awareness, education, and support for breast cancer prevention and care.

The day kicked off with free breast screenings and consultations, running from 10 AM to 4 PM, providing vital health services to the community. A total of 158 individuals participated, taking advantage of these essential screenings and random blood tests. The initiative emphasized the importance of early detection in improving treatment outcomes and highlighted the community's commitment to health awareness.

Alongside the screenings, a Health Forum attracted 256 participants, enriching discussions around breast cancer prevention, health education, and community support. The forum was supported by various Rotary Clubs of Area 2, Sponsors, Partners-in-Service, and the enthusiastic students from Mindanao Medical Foundation College, showcasing the role of education in driving awareness and fostering an informed community.

Adding a festive atmosphere to the event was the Pink Bazaar, organized in partnership with Golden Unicorns Cooperatives. This vibrant marketplace featured local vendors and crafts, promoting economic development while supporting the cause. The bazaar not only provided attendees with unique items but also reinforced the community's solidarity in the fight against breast cancer.

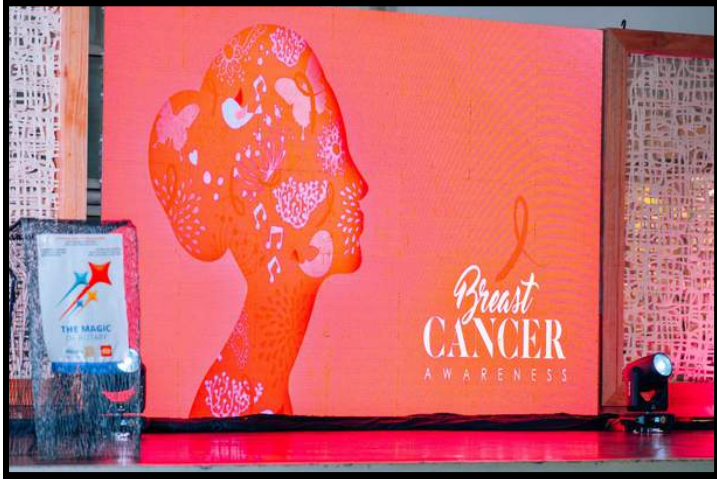
The event culminated in a lively Pink & Bling Zumba session, encouraging participants to embrace fitness and fun. With 162 participants joining in, this energetic workout was a celebration of health and community spirit, blending physical activity with the joy of togetherness.

Present and in full force during the entire day celebration were Rotary International D3860 Irresistible Governor Caroline Lee Andrade with spouse PP Robert Andrade, Rotary Dignitaries, District Officers, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Civic groups, and other Government group sectors.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our generous sponsors making The Pink October 2024 a resounding success: Davao Penda, Inc., TKS Builders & Supplies, Travis Gamboa & Arlo Mosquisa, Dragon Speed Trucking Corporation, Nature's Spring, Oishi, RDL, Young Living Essentials. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our partners in service: City Government of Davao, City Health Office, PNP, PhilHealth Region XI, Ammuma Cancer Support, and Integrated Gender and Development Division.

In conclusion, the Pink October 2024 event was a remarkable success, uniting the community in support of breast cancer awareness and prevention. The collaborative efforts of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, Rotary clubs, local partners, and participants highlighted the importance of health education and community engagement. Together, we are making strides in the fight against breast cancer, fostering a supportive environment for those affected by the disease. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event impactful!

PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PINK FORUM



PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH FREE BREAST SCREENING



PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PINK BAZAAR



PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PINK AND BLING ZUMBA



PINK OCTOBER 2024: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PINK DINNER

On October 25, RCDD proudly hosted the Pink Dinner Celebration at the Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao, a special evening dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This event brought together community members, advocates, and survivors to celebrate resilience and promote awareness surrounding breast cancer.

The evening was beautifully adorned in shades of pink, symbolizing hope and solidarity. Guests were treated to a gourmet dinner featuring a variety of delectable dishes, each crafted with care to enhance the dining experience. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the dessert selection, presented in a stunning pink motif that delighted both the eyes and the palate.

The ambiance was further enhanced by live entertainment, with local artist performing throughout the evening, creating a joyful and uplifting atmosphere.

The Pink Dinner Celebration not only provided a platform for awareness but also raised vital funds for breast cancer support initiatives. We are grateful to all the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who contributed to making this event a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Pink Dinner Celebration. Together, we continue to foster hope, spread awareness, and celebrate the strength of those affected by breast cancer. Let's keep the spirit of Pink October alive as we work towards a future free from breast cancer.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

Magical Strikes 2024 Rotary Interclub Bowling Tournament (Area 2)

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao proudly hosted the Magical Strikes Bowling Tournament on October 6 and 13 at the SM Bowling Center. This year, twelve clubs participated in the tournament, showcasing their bowling skills and camaraderie. After an exciting elimination round, six clubs advanced to compete for the Governor's Cup, while another six vied for the President's Cup.



3 DOWNTOWN DAVAO											4 EAST DAVAO														
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ML	9	18	27	44	51	59	67	76	85	85	JIM	8	17	20	28	37	46	65	74	94	94				
JAS	0	9	16	24	32	48	59	63	70	70	FLO	9	28	37	46	55	67	72	81	90	90				
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JIM											473	473	VILMA											604	604



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

World Polio Day

On October 24, RCDD participated in Rotary World Polio Day at Sitio Marawer in Kapatagan, Digos City. The event focused on the Patak Polio initiative, benefiting a total of 30 children who received vital vaccinations against polio.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

Beautiful Girl: Echoes of Strength and Hope

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) and SM CARES celebrate beauty, strength and hope with breast cancer survivors of Breast Friends and Amuma as part of the culminating event of Pink October 2024 last October 29 at SM City Davao



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

4th Regular Meeting, Celebration of Life & Fellowship

On October 30th, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao had a blast at its Spooky 4th Regular Meeting, Celebration of Life & Fellowship at Paramount Hall, Croc Park, infusing the event with joy and camaraderie during a lively Halloween celebration.



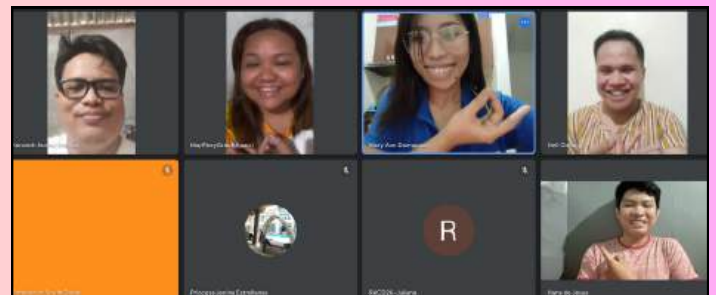
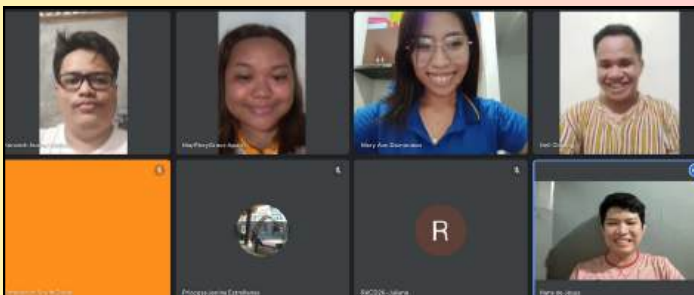
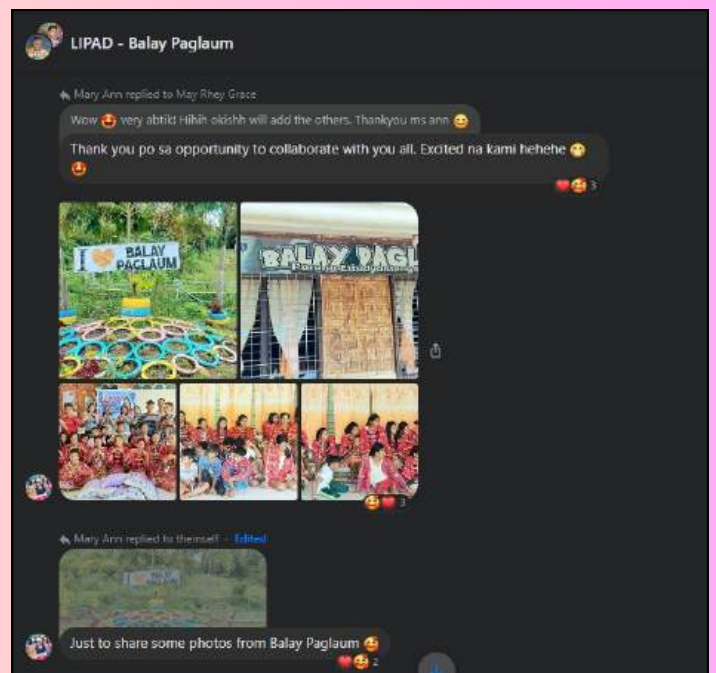


ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



TWIN CLUB AGREEMENT between Rotaract Club of Imus & Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion



On October 14, 2024, the Rotaract Club of Imus invited the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion for a joint meeting as part of the pre-agreement compliance of the Twin Club Agreement. And afterwards, we also tackled our joint service project called *Lipad sa Balay Paglaum - Outreach Project for the Indigenous Community in Panabo*. Wherein we divided all our taskings and the lists of things that we will donate. The meeting was also attended by Rotaract Club of Davao 2000, Rotaract Club of South Davao, and Rotaract Club of Isulan.

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RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2024-2025

by PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar, RCDD Club Historian

The commitment to the Rotary motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF, is now a way of life for every Downtowner as they continue their programs and humanitarian services on the seven (7) Areas of Focus and to serve those who have less in life so they too can enjoy a world that Rotary dreams of.

RCDD prides itself on being consistent in its outstanding performance as a service club working towards excellence without counting the cost. There were challenges, especially regarding financial resources and personal relationships. But undaunted, RCDD survives as it moves on.

RCDD has been blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in District 3860 since its charter year, receiving awards and recognitions year after year. Its first landmark achievement was winning its first "Most Outstanding Club and President" awards in RY 1995-1996, topping all 83 clubs in the district. The most shining moment for the club was when its Centennial Dream Team in RY 1998-1999 won a grand slam in all four major district awards as Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin-The Professionals", besting 93 clubs in the district. It was recorded as the club's glorious historic feat. RCDD has been dubbed a multi-awarded club through its 31 years of service.

In RY 2011-2012, RCDD was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, and in RY 2023-2024 as a "Promised Club" with all the members contributing to the Endowment Fund with (5) Major Donors. RCDD is consistently among the top contributors to the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

RCDD maintains its flagship projects at its Center for Hope, serving the marginal families of Barangays Agdao Centro and Vicente Duterte in Agdao District, Davao City. Through a daycare center, humanitarian service projects continue to address the community's needs for the welfare and development of children during their formative years. It also addresses their medical-dental, healthcare, and livelihood skills training needs. It has sponsored a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) as a partner-in-service with some non-government organizations, the Philippine National Police (PNP), other local and International Rotary Clubs, and the City Government.

RCDD was Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club by RI President Robert R. Batch. The charter year was one grand celebration as the Rotary World celebrated the 88th Foundation Anniversary of the Rotary International. RCDD became the 29,258th Rotary club worldwide and the 79th club in District 3860 (Visayas and Mindanao). The Club started with twenty-eight (28) women executives with various professions of one classification each.

On its 26th year in RY 2018-2019, RCDD marked another historical milestone when it inducted two distinguished gentlemen to the club membership: Paulino B. Ko, a successful businessman, and Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, a high-ranking Police General, then became the Chief of the Philippine National Police and RCDD's first male club President (2022-2023). This turned RCDD into a mixed club from an all-women club, practicing Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness (DEI) principle.

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RY 2023-2024 marked another milestone when another club's Past President, Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa, was the District Governor, the second from the club. The first woman District Governor came from the club, Charter President Evelyn "Len" A. Magno (RY 2005-2006).

There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity, inspired and motivated by the happy smiles and grateful responses from the people it serves, much more worthy than the awards it receives.

This RY 2024-2025, RCDD starts its 32nd year of service and fellowship with 39 strong men and women of various professions and leaders of their fields of specialization. RCDD's Roster of Membership is a balance of a senior-aged group, middle-aged and young generation, five (5) male and 36 female, under the new young leadership of President Anthony John D. Modiquello.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) will continue to persevere in God's Grace and guidance, serving and touching other people's lives to make a difference, spreading the "MAGIC OF ROTARY".



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