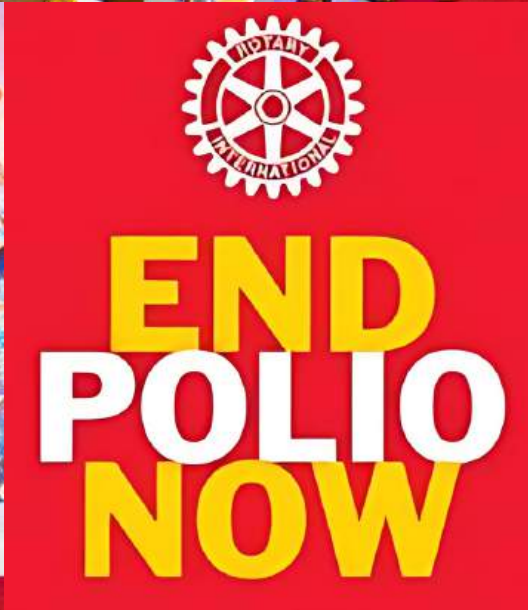




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**MOANA 2 SPECIAL BLOCK SCREENING**  
**"A FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY TO HELP END POLIO."**

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# QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The Rotary Foundation is not designed to build monuments of brick and stone. But if we work upon immortal minds, we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity

- Arch C. Klumph



## ABOUT THE COVER



The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao hosted a Moana 2 special block screening last November 29 as a fundraising initiative for Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign. Families, Rotarians, and supporters came together in a festive atmosphere, celebrating community spirit and the shared mission to eradicate polio worldwide.

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# Editorial Note:



## Rotary's Ongoing Fight to End Polio: Together, We Can Make a Difference

As a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, I've seen firsthand how Rotary's global effort to end polio brings communities together. Over the years, Rotarians around the world have worked tirelessly to reduce polio cases, and we're closer than ever to eliminating this disease for good. But the job isn't over yet. There are still a few places where polio remains, and we must keep pushing until it's completely eradicated.

One of the ways our club is contributing to this important mission is through fundraising events like the block screening of Moana 2 last November 26, 2024. I had the privilege of attending this event with my family, and it was a meaningful experience for all of us. Not only was it a fun, family-friendly way to raise funds, but it also gave me the opportunity to teach my kids about the power of giving back and the importance of helping others.

As we watched the movie, I couldn't help but feel proud of what Rotary is doing—how a simple event like this can make a real difference. It was also a chance for me to explain to my children how their participation and small contributions help fund vaccination campaigns that protect children from polio. It's moments like these that remind me of why I joined Rotary: to make a lasting impact and to pass on the value of service to the next generation.

Rotary's success in the fight against polio is the result of communities coming together and working with global partners. The funds raised at events like the Moana 2 screening help support vaccination campaigns, provide essential resources, and train healthcare workers in areas where polio still exists.

As Rotarians, we're part of something much bigger than ourselves. The fight to end polio is a journey of hope, determination, and unity. It's about showing up for the world's most vulnerable children and making sure they have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

I'm proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao and to share this experience with my children. Together, we can make polio history.

Let's keep going, together.

## 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

A pleasant and wonderful day to all of you!

It is with great pleasure to see all at our 5th regular meeting, where we come together to celebrate life and fellowship under the inspiring theme of "United Nations." which reminds us of the importance of unity and collaboration in our efforts to create a better world.

As we know, November is a significant month as we honor The Rotary Foundation, a time for us to reflect on the incredible impact this organization has on communities around the world. This foundation plays a crucial role in funding our projects and initiatives that make a positive impact in our communities and beyond. It is vital, that we recognize and support the work of The Rotary Foundation, as it empowers us to serve those in need, transform lives and create positive changes through our collective efforts in the community.

Today, we also celebrate our November babies! Let's take a moment to honor their special day and extend our warmest wishes to them.

As we dive into today's festivities, we have a lineup of fun and exciting games planned, so be ready to engage and enjoy! We encourage everyone to embrace the theme with our fabulous United Nations costumes, representing different countries. This symbolizes the unity and strength we share as we work together for a common purpose.

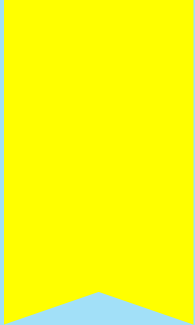
Let's embrace the spirit of togetherness and have a fantastic time today!





# Secretary's Page

By: Princess Joann V. Deño  
Secretary



## Attendance Report

	Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
Members Actual Present	20	32	20
Members with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
Total Attendance	20	32	20
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	45%	69%	45%

### EARLY BIRDS:

1. Marina "Maring" B. Ruivivar
2. Glora "Glo" O. Cabillas
3. Angelita "Litlit" M. Ang
4. Marife "Marife" C. Salcedo
5. Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro

### GUEST:

1. Momoka Kondo

### ROTARACTORS:

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

## Activities for the Month

### November 4

"Break the Prevalence, End the Violence: Protecting Children, Creating a Safe Philippines,"  
Camp Captain Domingo E. Leonor, Davao City

### November 19

Mastering the Art of Butchery:  
Training Program for Working Abroad  
LAVCO School of Butchery, Davao City

### November 20

5th Regular Meeting  
Paramount Hall, Crocodile Park, Davao City

### November 29

Moana 2 Special Block Screening  
Abreeza, Ayala Mall, Davao City



## Sunshine and Fellowship

By: Enerie B. Aquino  
Sunshine & Fellowship Chair



Novee Padilla  
November 1



Irene Aquino  
November 20



Fely Lovitos  
November 22

# ROTARY INFORMATION

## GIVING TUESDAY'S TOP ROTARY CLUBS SHARE FUNDRAISING TIPS

Clubs that lead in Rotary Foundation giving reveal secrets to year-round success

By *Etelka Lehoczky*



In places where winter brings snow and ice, a classic Rotary club fundraiser is the polar plunge. It's downright heroic to jump into an icy lake when the outdoor temperature is below freezing, so participants have little trouble getting their friends and family to pledge to donate. But what about when winter temperatures are far above freezing, as they usually are in Alpharetta, Georgia, USA? Do people still get excited — and open their wallets — for a less-than-icy plunge?

You bet they do.

"It's a unique fundraiser here," says Jeff Davis, the president of the Rotary Club of Alpharetta. "It's not something you really think about a lot in the state of Georgia, so we usually get a segment on the local news. In 2020 we actually had snow. We've gotten a ton of use out of the pictures of that year's snowy Polar Bear Plunge."

This unconventional approach to fundraising has worked well for the Alpharetta club. Last year's plunge raised more than US\$150,000 for Rotary and other local charities, and that wasn't the only benefit.

"It's a great advertisement for Rotary," Davis says. "Folks in the community get a better understanding of what Rotary does. It's more visibility, which helps bring in more members and ultimately more donations."

It's no surprise, then, that Alpharetta was one of The Rotary Foundation's [top performers in online donations for Giving Tuesday in 2023](#). Observed on the Tuesday after the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, Giving Tuesday is a day in late November or early December when nonprofit organizations around the world solicit donations and publicize their causes.

But fundraising is a year-round activity for the clubs that raised the most money for The Rotary Foundation last Giving Tuesday. The Rotary Club of Taipei Nankong, Taiwan, asks all members to donate at least US\$100 each year.

"We have a baseline for basic fundraising every single year," says Johnny Hou, the club's vice president and membership chair. "We also encourage members to donate to special campaigns, like polio [eradication,] and to specific projects."

# ROTARY INFORMATION

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One of the club's main projects this year was establishing a free health clinic in Changbin, a rural township in southeast Taiwan. It also collaborated with clubs in Myanmar to open a similar clinic there and is currently working to establish one in Thailand.

"We collected donations to fulfill those projects. Our members are motivated and very generous," Hou says. "This year we might double or triple our donations compared to last year."

Other clubs emphasize the importance of donating in November, which is Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary Club of Toyohashi, Aichi, Japan, was another of the Foundation's top Giving Tuesday clubs in 2023, excelling in the category of donor participation. This year, though, the weak yen has discouraged members from giving very much, says Tomoaki Kurebayashi, the club's president. Still, he and the other club leaders haven't given up.

"During Foundation Month, we hold informational meetings about The Rotary Foundation," he says. "And we try to announce information about giving at all our meetings. We take care to properly explain the purpose of the donation so as not to overstep the bounds of the request and force the donation."

One of the Toyohashi club's signature projects dates back to 1998. The club works with the Rotary Club of Bangkok Benjasiri, Bangkok, Thailand, and members of Thailand's Indigenous hill tribes to develop housing and educational resources for tribe members. Tying donations to specific projects also has been effective for the Rotary Club of Edmonton South, Alberta, Canada, another of The Rotary Foundation's top Giving Tuesday clubs. One of the club's main projects is building playgrounds and supporting education for girls in Belize.

"A number of our members have traveled to Belize to build these playgrounds. Their enthusiasm rubs off on other members and creates financial support," says Brian Rothwell, who served as the club's Foundation chair from 2021 through this year.

The key to successful fundraising, Rothwell says, is having a strong club whose members believe in Rotary's ideals. He notes that his club's 53 members are diverse in age and gender.

"They're very willing to engage with the community and support international projects," he says. "Our meetings are lively, with many good speakers. Members want to attend, and financial support becomes a natural consideration of belonging to the club."

Rothwell has tried to get as many members as possible to contribute even a small amount to The Rotary Foundation every year, and he found testimonials from contributing members to be useful. But he cautions against placing too much emphasis on fundraising. Instead, he says, club leaders should focus on building a strong, nurturing culture.

"Clubs should avoid a hard sell when it comes to contributions. We use a gentler approach," he says. "If the club is strong and supportive of its members, the money will come."



# DISTRICT 3860 UPDATES

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## 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>



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## **Break the Prevalence, End the Violence: Protecting Children, Creating a Safe Philippines**

On November 4, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, led by IPDG Rozanne C. Gamboa, joined the 32nd National Children's Month Kick-Off at Camp Captain Domingo E. Leonor, Davao City. With the theme "Break the Prevalence, End the Violence," the event, led by the Davao City Police Office under PCOL Hansel M. Marantan, emphasized child protection. IPDG Twinkle reaffirmed the Rotary Club's commitment to supporting the Women and Child Protection Center Project, focusing on children in conflict with the law.



## **32nd National Children's Month Kick-Off Ceremony November 4, 2024**

*"Break the Prevalence, End the Violence:  
Protecting Children,  
Creating a Safe Philippines"*



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## Mastering the Art of Butchery: Training Program for Working Abroad

On November 19, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao provided personal protective equipment (PPE) to 18 students of LAVCO School of Butchery in Davao City, supporting their hands-on training in cutting and deboning techniques. This initiative, part of a broader economic development project, equips students with essential skills and certifications to boost their career prospects locally and abroad. The event's success was made possible through the collaboration of LAVCO's administration and staff, whose dedication to fostering a nurturing learning environment ensures a promising future for the participants.



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## 5th Regular Meeting

On November 20, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao held its 5th Regular Meeting at Paramount Hall, Crocodile Park, Davao City, celebrating life and fellowship with a United Nations-themed event. The gathering featured a birthday celebration for November members, an engaging session on The Rotary Foundation Month, and a fun quiz bee competition. Members also showcased their creativity through cultural performances and costumes representing various countries, highlighting diversity within the club. The event fostered unity and camaraderie, reinforcing the spirit of Rotary and the importance of global humanitarian efforts.



# DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

## Moana 2 Special Block Screening

On November 29, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao hosted a block screening of "Moana 2" at Cinema 1, Abreeza Mall, to raise awareness and funds for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The event drew 201 attendees, with 65% being children and their families, creating a memorable family bonding experience. Thanks to generous sponsors Dragon Speed Trucking Corporation, DC Tacs, and RCDD members, as well as the EndPolio fundraising Committee led by Past President Andrea dela Cerna, the event was a great success, uniting the community for a noble cause.





# ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



## LIPAD SA BALAY PAGLAUM



November 9, 2024

In collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Imus, we successfully carried out Lipad sa Balay Paglaum in Lower Panaga, Panabo. Together, we provided sacks of rice and groceries to 100 beneficiaries, bringing much-needed relief and support to families in the community.

This collaboration reflects the essence of Rotaract: uniting for a common cause to create lasting, positive change. Our heartfelt thanks to the Rotaract Club of Imus and to all partners-in-service of this Project for their dedication and partnership. Here's to many more shared efforts that make a difference!



# ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



## TWIN CLUB AGREEMENT



November 9, 2024

A new partnership has formed.

The Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion and the Rotaract Club of Imus have officially entered into a twin club agreement. This partnership paves the way for stronger ties, mutual growth, and impactful service projects. Together, we look forward to working hand-in-hand to create positive change in our communities.



# ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



## DRR'S VISIT 2024



On November 10, 2024, DRR Mark Glen G. Baldo together with DS/DRRE Jacob Erm Jericho Dolino, DRRR/DRRN Christian Jade Azura, and ADRR Christine Joy Balobalo visited Davao City for the DRR's Visit 2024, themed "Celebrating Fellowship Through Service." Hosted by the Davao Council of the Rotaract Clubs at Rophe's Chicken, the visit brought together clubs to showcase their projects, share reports, and discuss upcoming plans for the rest of the year.

This gathering highlighted the strength of fellowship within our community and reinforced our shared commitment to service. A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of this meaningful event. Together, we continue to inspire and create lasting change.



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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.

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

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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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