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The RCDD embarked on a memorable journey to Taiwan to celebrate a milestone with fellow Rotarians. This charter anniversary trip strengthened international friendships, showcased cultural exchanges, and reaffirmed the club's commitment to service. From fellowship dinners to engaging activities, this experience was a testament to the power of Rotary in uniting people beyond borders.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

- Henry Ford



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Editorial Note:

This month's issue takes us beyond our usual events as we celebrate a milestone with a memorable trip to Taiwan. The charter anniversary trip wasn't just about traveling—it was about strengthening friendships, building international connections, and experiencing the spirit of Rotary on a global scale. Meeting with fellow Rotarians in Taiwan reminded us that no matter where we go, our shared commitment to service keeps us united.

Before heading to Kaohsiung, we gathered for a special charter anniversary lunch—a moment to reflect on our journey as a club and the meaningful work we've done together. It was a time to appreciate how far we've come and to look ahead with excitement for what's next. Sharing a meal and stories made the occasion even more special.

One of the highlights of our trip was the MOA signing with the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan, marking the beginning of a meaningful partnership. This agreement signifies not just collaboration but also a shared vision of service and goodwill. Strengthening ties with an international club opens new opportunities for both organizations to create a greater impact in our communities.

We also had the privilege of holding a joint celebration with the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan, making our charter anniversary even more memorable. The warmth and hospitality we experienced during this event truly reflected the essence of Rotary—fostering connections and working together for a greater purpose. As we return home, we bring with us not just memories, but also fresh inspiration to continue our work. Here's to another year of meaningful service and shared experiences!

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

Distinguished guests, fellow Rotarians, and friends, it is truly an honor to stand before you today. I am Anthony John D. Modiquello, the 32nd President of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao. On behalf of our club, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt appreciation for your hospitality and warm welcome here in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

I would like to start my speech by sharing you a brief background of our club- The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao. RCDD embodies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," dedicating 32 years to humanitarian service across Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

Since our charter on February 23, 1993, as an all-women club, RCDD has evolved into a multi-awarded and top-contributing club in District 3860. A milestone in our journey came in RY 2018-2019 when we transitioned into a mixed club, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness (DEI). This significant change welcomed our first male members, including 23rd Philippine National Police Chief Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, who later served as club president in RY 2022-2023.

Our commitment to service is unwavering, with our Center for Hope standing as a testament to this dedication. Located in Agdao, Davao City, it continues to serve marginalized communities through education, healthcare, and livelihood programs.

Our club also takes immense pride in our leadership. Past President Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa made history as District Governor in RY 2023-2024. Today, with 47 dedicated members and 8 satellite club members under my leadership, RCDD continues to make a meaningful impact, spreading the MAGIC OF ROTARY with passion and purpose. Throughout the years, we have overcome challenges, proving our resilience and commitment to service. Beyond accolades, our success is truly measured by the lives we touch—the smiles of children, the empowerment of families, and the strengthened communities we uplift. With unwavering dedication, we forge ahead, embracing new opportunities to serve and inspire.

Today, we celebrate the strong bond of friendship and service between RCDD and the esteemed Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan. Our partnership is a testament to the shared values and commitment that unite Rotarians worldwide. Through collaboration, we strengthen not just our organizations but also the communities we serve.

Reflecting on our shared experiences, I am reminded of the memorable visit we hosted for our esteemed guests on August 22, 2024. We toured them around Magsaysay Park in Davao, followed by a delightful lunch at Malagos Garden Resort and an immersive tour of the Malagos Chocolate Museum. Our journey continued with travel to Lorega, Bukidnon, where we bonded over a heartfelt fellowship dinner, further strengthening the ties between our clubs. This visit allowed them to experience our rich cultural heritage and breathtaking natural beauty, fostering a deeper appreciation for our region and solidifying our friendship.

On August 23, we organized a heartwarming outreach event at our beloved Center for Hope in Agdao. Through the generous support of the Rotary Clubs of Kaohsiung Metropolitan and Taichung Marathon, we distributed "Magic of Rotary" bags, school supplies, and food packs to 64 pre-kindergarten students. The children, filled with excitement, showcased their talents with delightful performances, bringing joy and gratitude to everyone present. I took this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to AG Hwang, President YG, Secretary Gift, and the entire Taiwanese team for their generosity and unwavering support to the children of Center for Hope.

Following this meaningful initiative, we had the privilege of holding our 2nd regular meeting, coinciding with the vibrant Kadayawan Festival. This gathering was made even more special with the presence of our distinguished guests from the Rotary Clubs of Kaohsiung Metropolitan and Taichung Marathon. The event was filled with cultural dance performances and our members proudly embraced Kadayawan-inspired costumes reflecting the 11 linguistic tribes of Davao. A defining moment of the evening was the signing of the Sisterhood Agreement between Rotary Club Downtown Davao and the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan, symbolizing a deep commitment to unity and collaboration.

As I stand before you today, I am deeply grateful for the warm reception and generosity extended to us by the members of the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan. Our visit to Taiwan marks a significant milestone in our ongoing partnership, fostering deeper connections and opportunities for future collaboration. We have truly enjoyed experiencing the rich culture, hospitality, and dedication of Rotarians here in Kaohsiung, and we eagerly look forward to working together on meaningful projects that will create lasting change.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, we congratulate you on your 10th charter anniversary,we thank you for your kindness, your unwavering commitment to service, and your inspiration to us all. You remind us of the power of Rotary to unite people from different parts of the world to make a positive impact.

As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to service, friendship, and cooperation. May this visit mark the beginning of even greater initiatives that will benefit both our clubs and the communities we serve.

Once again, thank you, and may our partnership continue to thrive in the spirit of Rotary.

Mabuhay and thank you, Kaohsiung!

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Secretary's Page

By: Princess Joann V. Deño Secretary

Attendance Report	Regular Meeting	Service Projects	FELLOWSHIP
lembers Actual Present	20	29	20
embers with Valid Make-up	0	0	0
otal Attendance	27	29	27
embership Size	47	47	47
used due to health reasons	2	2	2
t Membership Base	45	45	45
otal Attendance Divided by	44%	64%	44%
t Membership Rate			

EARLY BIRDS:

- 1. Eliza Joy Hilario
- 2. Angelita Ang
- 3. Belen Gemelo
- 4. Edna Ko
- 5. Vilma Kho

ROTARACTORS:

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

Activities for the Month

February 12

Buntis Day 2025 at Center for Hope Agdao February 20

32nd Charter Anniversary Lunch at Red Lantern at SK Complex

February 21-25

32nd Charter Anniversary Celebration at Kaohsiung, Taiwan



Sunshine and Fellowship By: Enerie B. Aquino

Sunshine & Fellowship Chair



THELMA FEBRUARY 2



MASAE **FEBRUARY 8**



CYRIL **FEBRUARY 9**



XYZA **FEBRUARY 10**



BOLYN FEBRUARY 25

ROTARY INFORMATION

MÁRIO CÉSAR MARTINS DE CAMARGO CALLS ON MEMBERS TO UNITE FOR GOOD

The RI president-elect speaks about the power of Rotary's members

By Etelka Lehoczky



Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to Unite for Good by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand "the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet."

"Rotary's greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members," de Camargo said at the organization's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 10 February. He noted praise from one of Rotary's partners about "the extraordinary dedication" of Rotary members. "That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary's greatest gift to the world is its people."

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary's service to communities around the globe. He outlined three "essential pillars" for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership.

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Innovating while also building a consistent legacy

Noting how quickly the world changes, de Camargo urged members to innovate.

"Technology, social expectations, and economic conditions evolve constantly, and Rotary must evolve with them," he said. "Innovation is how we adapt to this changing world."

One important way to do this, de Camargo said, is by embracing and promoting a variety of club models. Satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, enterprise clubs, and passport clubs offer people different ways to experience Rotary. Noting that his wife helped charter a satellite club with nearly 50 members, he said, "Future Rotary members are out there. We must meet them where they are."

De Camargo also emphasized the importance of leadership continuity and said he observed its benefits during his extensive travels in the past 18 months. Districts thrive, he said, when governors build on their predecessors' efforts, ensuring that programs and strategies continue without interruption.

He cited an effort to build wells in Nigeria, an initiative in Pakistan that helped people affected by devastating floods to find a better future, and a Rotary grant-funded program in India where children get lifesaving care.

"Continuity is not about uniformity; it's about alignment," de Camargo said. "When district leaders work together, envisioning Rotary beyond their 'governor year,' they set the stage for long-term success."

The power of partnership

Rotary members working alone can achieve de Camargo great things, said. but collaborating with others makes it possible to change the world. He noted that Rotary's against polio has historic effort undertaken with partners such as the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF. Without these partners, Camargo said, Rotary couldn't have had the same impact. He suggested exploring other kinds of partnerships to attract members and revitalize clubs.

Partnering with business associations, professional organizations, and academic institutions can help Rotary attract members while embracing diversity in professions and perspectives, he said. "By reaching out to professionals who share our values of service and engagement, we can expand Rotary's capacity to do good in the world."

Ultimately, de Camargo said, all of Rotary's achievements and growth depend on members. By focusing on attracting and retaining them, Rotary can renew its strength as well as its ability to create change in communities for years to come.

"In a world often divided, Rotary stands as a beacon of unity and hope," de Camargo said. "Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies, and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose: to do good in the world. ... Let's build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all."

BUNTIS DAY 2025: Healthy Mommy, Happy Baby!

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao successfully held Buntis Day 2025 at Center for Hope, Agdao, bringing care and support to expectant mothers!

Aligned with Rotary's Area of Focus on Maternal and Child Health, this initiative provided prenatal wellness sessions and free dental check-ups to ensure a healthier journey for moms and their little

Beyond supporting mothers, we also visited the daycare students of the Center for Hope, sharing moments of joy and learning with the little ones!















Celebrating 32 Years of Service and Fellowship!

Last February 20, 2025, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao marked its 32nd Charter Anniversary with a simple yet meaningful lunch at Red Lantern Seafood Restaurant. It was a special moment to reflect on our club's journey and the impact we've made over the years.

We were especially honored to recognize our charter members, PDS Marina B. Ruivivar and PP Vilma U. Ko, whose dedication and leadership have been instrumental in shaping RCDD. Their commitment continues to inspire us as we move forward in service and fellowship.

Beyond the celebration, it was a great opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and look ahead to more projects, more meaningful collaborations, and more years of making a difference. The spirit of Rotary remains strong in RCDD, and we are excited for what's to come!















A Warm Welcome in Kaohsiung (February 21 – Arrival)

Touchdown in Kaohsiung!

From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed with open arms by the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan. Their hospitality and warmth made us feel at home right away, reminding us of the strong bonds that Rotary fosters across borders. As a thoughtful gesture, they also prepared welcome gifts for us, making our arrival even more special. The excitement in the air was undeniable as we prepared for the meaningful experiences ahead. With a packed itinerary filled with fellowship, cultural immersion, and service-driven exchanges, we knew this trip would be one for the books.















An Evening of Camaraderie (February 21 – Welcome Dinner)

To officially kick off our visit, RC Kaohsiung Metropolitan hosted a welcome dinner that set the perfect tone for the journey ahead. It was an evening filled with laughter, engaging conversations, and a shared appreciation for the connections that Rotary brings. As we enjoyed delicious local cuisine, we got to know our hosts better, exchanging ideas and experiences that reinforced our mutual commitment to service. This gathering was more than just a meal—it was a celebration of friendship and collaboration, highlighting how Rotarians no matter where they are in the world, always find common ground in their passion for making a difference.















Exploring Kaohsiung's Cultural Gems (February 22 – Morning to Afternoon Tour)

A highlight of the day was participating in hands-on Hakka traditions, where we tried our hand at making traditional Hakka mochi and brewing authentic Hakka tea. Kneading and pounding the glutinous rice to make soft, chewy mochi was both fun and rewarding, while the tea-making experience allowed us to appreciate the delicate flavors and rituals behind this age-old tradition. The combination of these activities gave us a deeper understanding of the Hakka way of life, blending history, culture, and food into an unforgettable experience.















DEWINTERVINERS IN ACTION

A Night of Fellowship, Celebration, and **Strengthened Partnerships** (February 22 – Joint Charter Anniversary & Fellowship, MOA Signing

In the evening, we had the honor of attending the joint Charter Anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung Metropolitan (RCKM) and the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD). This event was not just a milestone—it was a testament to the strong partnership that continues to grow between our clubs. The night was filled with inspiring speeches, heartfelt exchanges, and moments of reflection on the impact we have created over the years. It was a proud moment to stand side by side, celebrating service, leadership, and the enduring friendships that Rotary has built across generations and borders.















Goodbye, Kaohsiung! Hello, Taipei! (February 23 – Morning Departure)

As our time in Kaohsiung came to an end, we couldn't help but feel grateful for the incredible experiences and friendships we had built in just a few days. The warmth and hospitality of our hosts left a lasting impression on us, making our farewell bittersweet. But the adventure was far from over—our journey continued as we boarded the train to Taipei, eager to explore the city and reunite with fellow Rotaractors. The transition from Kaohsiung to Taipei marked a new chapter in our trip, promising more moments of learning, fellowship, and celebration.















A Lively Night in Ximending (February 23 – Ximending Night Market Side Trip)

After our intimate Charter Anniversary Dinner, we took advantage of the cold Taipei night and made our way to Ximending Night Market—a bustling hub of lights, energy, and endless food choices. The crisp air made the experience even more refreshing as we strolled through the lively streets, taking in the sights and sounds of Taipei's famous shopping and entertainment district.





A Scenic Journey Through Shifen and Jiufen (February 24 – Full-Day Tour)

On our final full day in Taiwan, we embarked on a picturesque journey to Shifen and Jiufen, two of the most charming destinations just outside Taipei. The day was filled with breathtaking sights, rich cultural experiences, and unforgettable flavors, making it the perfect way to conclude our incredible trip.

















ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



A Weekend to Remember: My Pilipinas Rotaract Convention 2025 Experience

From February 21-23, 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the 13th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention (PROCON) at the Manila Prince Hotel, Ermita. As the lone representative from the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion, I wasn't quite sure what to expect—but I knew one thing: this was going to be an unforgettable weekend filled with learning, fun, and new connections.



















ROTARACT CORNER

by: President Princess Jenina Estrellanes



Day 1: Culture, Connections & Pageantry

The event began with Festival Booths, where districts showcased their heritage. Our District 3860 booth featured local delicacies, sparking conversations and camaraderie.

The evening brought the Ginoo, Binibini, and Dawani ng Pilipinas Rotaract pageant— a dazzling display of wit, poise, and confidence, setting the stage for an exciting weekend.

Day 2: History, Inspiration & Neon Night

I joined the Lagalag Tour to Fort Santiago, immersing in its rich history and reflecting on Jose Rizal's legacy. Later, Kiko Pangilinan delivered an empowering talk on "The Power of Youth - Transforming Ideas into Action." His words reinforced the impact young leaders can create.

At night, PROCON Night 2: Sabado Nights had everyone dressed in Neon & Denim. The Magpasikat segment showcased incredible performances, followed by non-stop dancing, singing, and celebrating until dawn.

Day 3: Strengthening Bonds & Culinary Surprises

The event closed with the Mass Club Signing Agreement, reinforcing partnerships among Rotaract clubs nationwide.

After PROCON, I extended my stay, leading to a spontaneous adventure in Binondo's Chinatown with District 3810 Rotaractors—highlighted by trying fried frog (yes, it tastes like chicken!) and indulging in Eng Bee Tin's famous tarts.

More Than Just a Convention

PROCON 2025 wasn't just an event—it was a transformative experience filled with friendships, insights, and unforgettable moments.

A huge thanks to our mother club, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, for sponsoring all expenses and allowing me to experience this incredible annual event.

To everyone who made it special, thank you! See you in Iloilo for the 14th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention!

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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".













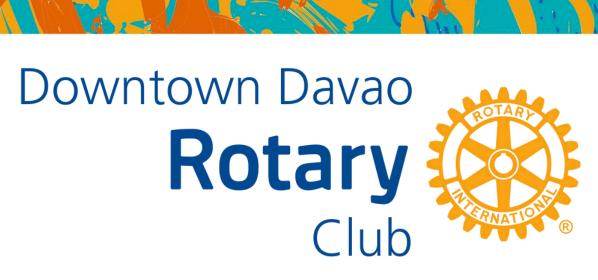












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