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**SERVICE ABOVE
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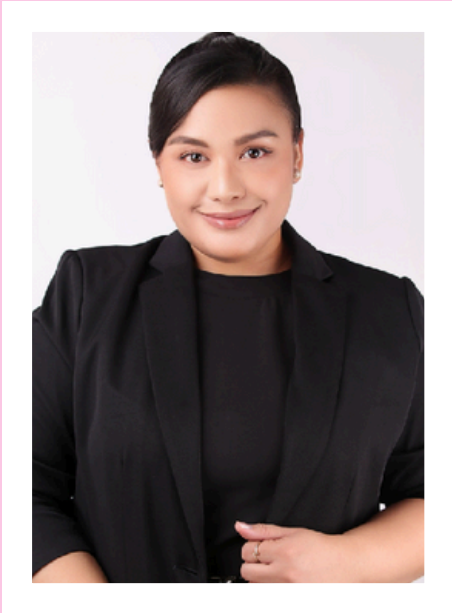
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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR

What a joyful and exciting month it's been for the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos! August marked Membership Month, and we also had the pleasure of celebrating the birthday of our incredible Club President, Ginalyn Cachuela! Her passion and energy continue to lead us toward greater heights.

This month, we didn't just talk about service—we delivered! We kicked things off with our Water & Sanitation Project, bringing clean water solutions to a community in need. Seeing the smiles on the faces of those we served was a reminder of how powerful Rotary's impact can be.

Next, we were thrilled to hold a fantastic Rotaract Orientation, where we empowered 25 young leaders from the Rotaract Club of Greater GenSan - Stratford International. Their enthusiasm and potential lit up the room, and we can't wait to see them thrive!

As we reflect on these accomplishments, let's continue to grow our membership, strengthen our bonds, and serve with even more heart and enthusiasm. The magic of Rotary is alive and well, and we are just getting started! 🚀

Happy reading!

THE IRRESISTIBLE LEADERS

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THE GREATER LADIES

**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

The Greater Ladies embody a spirit of warmth, emphasizing the importance of relationships and service in their lives. To be counted among them means overcoming obstacles, carving out one's own journey, and facing life's challenges with courage. United, the Greater Ladies possess the collective power to turn dreams into tangible realities, showcasing the transformative impact of their shared vision and determination.

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ABOUT THE COVER

****A NEW DAWN FOR BATOMELONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****

AS THE SUN CAST ITS GOLDEN GLOW OVER BATOMELONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE LIVELY CHATTER OF YOUNG STUDENTS FILLED THE AIR, HARMONIZING WITH THE GENTLE SOUND OF RUNNING WATER. THE SCHOOL'S HANDWASHING FACILITIES, ONCE A DREAM, NOW GLEAMED WITH NEW LIFE—THANKS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS.

IN THE HEART OF THIS VIBRANT SCENE, A GROUP OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN EAGERLY WASHED THEIR HANDS AT THE NEWLY REPAIRED FAUCETS. THEIR FACES LIT UP WITH PURE JOY AS THE COOL, CLEAN WATER FLOWED EFFORTLESSLY, A TESTAMENT TO THE ROTARY CLUB'S COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING THEIR DAILY LIVES. THE CHILDREN, THEIR HANDS NOW SPARKLING WITH CLEANLINESS, GIGGLED AND PLAYED, EMBODYING THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

NEARBY, THE SCHOOL'S FACULTY MEMBERS SHARED IN THE CELEBRATION. THEIR SMILES WERE AS BRIGHT AS THE NEW FIXTURES, REFLECTING THEIR GRATITUDE AND PRIDE. THEY STOOD SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS, WHO WERE EQUALLY ELATED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE OF CAMARADERIE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT, AS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY EMBRACED THIS MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENT.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER GENERAL SANTOS HAD NOT JUST REPAIRED FAUCETS—THEY HAD RENEWED HOPE AND FOSTERED A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THESE YOUNG LEARNERS. THEIR DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS EVIDENT IN EVERY DROP OF WATER AND EVERY BEAMING SMILE, MAKING A LASTING IMPACT THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL FOR YEARS TO COME.

This moment was more than just an upgrade; it was a celebration of shared values, community spirit, and the promise of a healthier tomorrow.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GINALYN FE C. CACHUELA
PRESIDENT

Dear Rotary Family,

August has been truly exceptional! The highlight was our Strategic Planning session on August 31 at Greenleaf Hotel, a milestone I've eagerly anticipated since stepping into my role last April in DTA. It was an inspiring opportunity to align our activities with district goals and develop our signature project.

A heartfelt thank you to Immediate Past President Lindalee Anos and Rtn. Honey Henrieth Mejias for leading our Water Sanitation Project. Your dedication brought a sustainable and impactful solution to our community.

I also want to express my gratitude to Past District Deputy Governor Fidelina "Mommy Dhel" Eullaran and Past President Irish Christine "Pinky" Virtudazo for their outstanding work in conducting the Rotaract Orientation. Your leadership is shaping the future of our young leaders.

And to all our members—your unwavering support and the joy of celebrating my birthday with you made this month even more special. Thank you for making everything possible and for your commitment to our shared mission.

With deep appreciation,

Ginalyn Cachuela
President, Rotary Club of Greater General Santos

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT



**ZYRA XYZA NAKILA
SECRETARY**

Dear Greater Ladies,

I am excited to announce the impressive accomplishments of our CLUB for the month of AUGUST. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm have been evident, and I couldn't be prouder of what we have achieved as a team.

Here's a quick rundown of our August successes:

Date	Event/Meeting	Details	Impact	Outcome
August 17	ACOM Meeting	Discussed Rotary Days of Service and committee creation	-	-
August 23	Club Meeting	Cascaded Rotary Days of Service and celebrated President's birthday	Enhanced member awareness of upcoming events; strengthened team spirit	Increased engagement and participation in future activities
August 26	Rotaract Club Orientation	Empowered 25 young leaders from Rotaract Club of Greater GenSan - Stratford International. Also served as a club meeting	Increased engagement and leadership readiness among young members	25 future-ready young leaders; strengthened Rotary-Rotaract partnership
August 31	Strategic Planning Session	Strategic planning for the year's projects and goals at Greenleaf Hotel	Aligned club activities with district goals; developed signature project; enhanced strategic focus	Clear action plan for impactful and sustainable service; strengthened club's direction for the year
Completed	Water Sanitation Project (Area of Focus)	Project Title: Handover of Handwashing Facilities to Batomelong Elementary School	Improved access to clean water; positive health impact on the community	Long-term health benefits; strengthened community relations

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THE IRRISTIBLE PRESIDENT



Ginalyn Fe C. Cachuela: A Journey of Dedication and Leadership

Born on August 22, 1970, in the vibrant city of General Santos, Ginalyn Fe Cachuela has always been driven by a passion for development and community growth. With a heart deeply rooted in her hometown, she has made significant strides in her career and personal life.

Ginalyn's journey began with a strong academic foundation. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1992 and went on to complete her Master in Business Administration at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University. Her commitment to her field is reflected in her roles as a licensed Civil Engineer and Environmental Planner.

For over two decades, Ginalyn managed the SOCKSARGEN Area Development Project Office, overseeing sustainable development initiatives that propelled regional growth. Her expertise in area development planning, project management, and investment promotion has shaped major infrastructure projects and fostered economic resilience in the region.

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THE IRRISTIBLE PRESIDENT

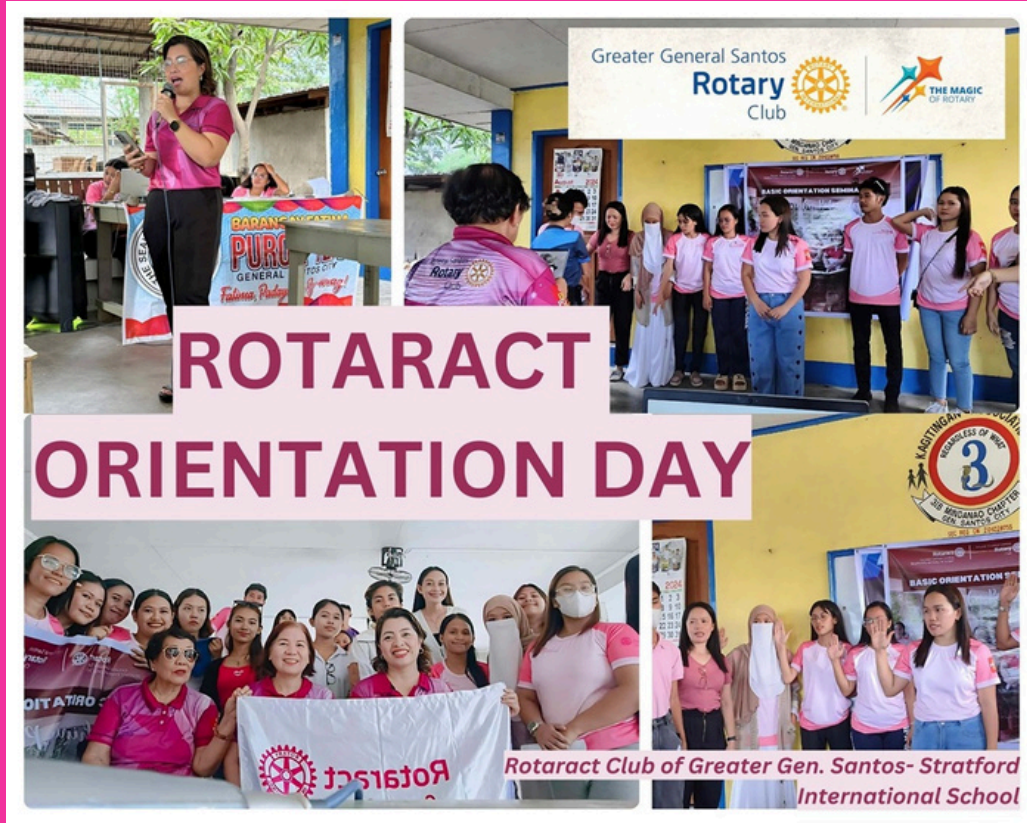
Currently, she serves as a Project Officer for the USAID Urban Connect Activity, focusing on inclusive and resilient economic growth in General Santos City. Her role involves enhancing local economic development and improving public service delivery, furthering her commitment to community advancement.

Outside of her professional achievements, Ginalyn is a devoted family woman, married to Neil P. Cachuela, and the proud mother of three remarkable children: Dr. Neill Steven Cachuela, Dr. Blaise Gianelle Cachuela, and Clarke Wayne Cachuela.

Her dedication extends beyond her professional life into academia, where she imparts her knowledge as a part-time professor at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University. Additionally, Ginalyn is actively involved in several organizations, including the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers and the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planning, where she serves as the Board of Trustees/Treasurer. As the current President of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, she continues to lead with passion and vision.

Ginalyn's story is one of unwavering dedication to her community, driven by a lifelong commitment to development and leadership.

SERVICE PROJECTS



****Rotaract Orientation Day Empowers Young Leaders****

General Santos City, August 26, 2024 – The Rotaract Club of Greater General Santos-Stratford International School hosted a transformative Rotaract Orientation Day on August 26, 2024. This event brought together 25 aspiring young leaders to dive into the values and responsibilities of Rotaract.

The day was filled with engaging activities aimed at enhancing leadership skills and understanding community service. Participants gained hands-on experience in leadership and project management, aligning with Rotaract’s mission of personal and professional growth.

The successful orientation highlighted the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos’ commitment to developing future leaders. By investing in these young individuals, the club is ensuring that the spirit of service and leadership continues to flourish in the community.

SERVICE PROJECTS

HANDOVER OF HANDWASHING FACILITIES

to

**BATOMELONG ELEM.
SCHOOL, Brgy. Batomelong,
General Santos City**

August 28, 2024

Greater General Santos

Rotary
Club



(AUGUST 28TH 2024- OUR WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE COMMITTEE PROUDLY HANDED OVER THE REPAIR OF HANDWASHING FACILITIES ALONG WITH PAINTING SUPPLIES TO BATOMELONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WITH POTABLE WATER SOURCED FROM BARANGAY BATOMELONG, THIS PROJECT SUPPORTS THE HEALTH OF 300 STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND PARENTS.

THIS PROJECT GOES BEYOND JUST A FACILITY—IT'S ABOUT SAFEGUARDING HEALTH AND FOSTERING A CULTURE OF HYGIENE.

WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN, DRINKABLE WATER, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS CAN ENJOY PEACE OF MIND AND PARENTS CAN FEEL REASSURED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING. PROPER HAND WASHING CAN REDUCE THE SPREAD OF DISEASES, ENSURING THAT STUDENTS STAY HEALTHY IN SCHOOL. WE ARE HONORED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A FUTURE WHERE CLEAN WATER AND PROPER SANITATION ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME. TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT JUST PROVIDING WATER; WE'RE EMPOWERING A HEALTHIER, STRONGER GENERATION.



AREA OF FOCUS HIGHLIGHT



**HANDOVER OF
HANDWASHING
FACILITIES**
to
**BATOMELONG ELEM.
SCHOOL, Brgy. Batomelong,
General Santos City**
August 28, 2024



Greater General Santos
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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION IN COMING UP WITH THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT:

IPP LINDALEE: “ WE IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR REPAIRING HANDWASHING FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS AS A PRIORITY PROJECT BECAUSE PROPER HANDWASHING IS A CRUCIAL ASPECT OF MAINTAINING GOOD HYGIENE AND PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DISEASES. BY ENSURING THAT SCHOOL HAVE FUNCTIONING HANDWASHING FACILITIES, WE CAN HELP PROMOTE BETTER HEALTH AND SANITATION PRACTICES AMONG STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF. ADDITIONALLY, IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES ALIGNS WITH ROTARY’S FOCUS ON WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE INITIATIVES TO CREATE A HEALTHIER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF IT TO THE BENEFICIARIES? THE IMPACT OF REPAIRING THEIR HANDWASHING FACILITIES IN SCHOOL CAN LEAD TO IMPROVED HYGIENE PRACTICES AMONG STUDENTS, REDUCED SPREAD OF DISEASES, AND BETTER OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR THE BENEFICIARIES. WHAT IS THE LONG TERM OUTCOME OF IT TO THE SCHOOL? THE LONG-TERM OUTCOME OF TAKING GOOD CARE OF HANDWASHING FACILITIES IN SCHOOL IS THAT THEY WILL REMAIN FUNCTIONAL AND ACCESSIBLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS. THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO PROPER HYGIENE FACILITIES, LEADING TO IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME.”

AREAS OF FOCUS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOCUSES ON SEVEN KEY AREAS TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES:

- 1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention:** Promotes peace and conflict resolution through education and community efforts.
- 2. Disease Prevention and Treatment:** Works to reduce the impact of diseases by improving access to healthcare and conducting vaccination campaigns.
- 3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):** Ensures clean water and sanitation, vital for public health and community development.
- 4. Maternal and Child Health:** Enhances the health and well-being of mothers and children through quality healthcare and nutrition.
- 5. Basic Education and Literacy:** Improves education and literacy to break the cycle of poverty and empower communities.
- 6. Community Economic Development:** Supports sustainable economic growth and job creation, improving living standards.
- 7. Supporting the Environment:** Focuses on environmental sustainability, conservation, and combating climate change.

****IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS****

Rotary club committees organize and execute projects, while members drive success through active participation, expertise, and commitment. Together, they create lasting, positive change in communities worldwide.

7 AREAS OF FOCUS
MEMBERS LIST

1

BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY

CHAIR PERSON:
Irish Christine "Pinky" Virtudazo

Co-Chair: Rosalinda Veloria

MEMBER:
Mariele Diel

2

CONTINUING PROJECT FEEDING PROGRAM with St Gemma's Kitchen

CHAIR PERSON:
Fiel Angelie "Gie" Cortez

MEMBER:
Helen Grace Fernandez
Edna Salazar
Paz Salazar

3

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR PERSON:
Chriselda "Kring" Macion

Co-Chair: Cecille Valencia

MEMBER:
Zyrah Mae Hong

4

PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

CHAIR PERSON:
Aileen "Ais" Lovitos

Co-Chair: Naravy "Bing" Duquiatan

MEMBERS:
Atty. Elvie Albano
Atty. Carl de Liz Acosta

5

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

CHAIR PERSON:
Ester Marian Balolot

Co-Chair: Zyra Xyza Nakila

MEMBER:
Razzia Hahn Tumpatan

6

MATERNAL CARE and CHILD HEALTH

CHAIR PERSON:
Maria Jessica "Jet" Reyes

Co-Chair: Theresa Napala

MEMBERS:
Agnes Trabado

7

DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

CHAIR PERSON:
Roselle Layug

Co-Chair: Ginalyn Cachuela

MEMBERS:
Pauline Grace Dula-ogon
Kimberly Limpot

7

WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE

CHAIR PERSON:
Lindalee Anos

Co-Chair: Honey Henrieth Mejias

MEMBERS:
Adhel Arca
Fidelina Eullaran



MEETINGS



**3rd
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AREA 3FGH**

**August 17, 2024
Cottonbowl,
General Santos
City**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Greater General Santos
Rotary Club  

AUGUST
Celebrants

15 - JOSELV (ELVIE)
19 - TANYA YZABELLE (PINKY)
22 - GINALYN
31 - JOHN GABRIEL (TESS)

HAPPY
Birthday

Greater General Santos
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AUGUST
Celebrants

17 - Rtn.
Honey &
Spouse Ryan



HAPPY
Anniversary

Greater General Santos
Rotary Club  

SEPTEMBER
Celebrants

5 - GENE PATRICK (CILLE)
6 - IYAH (RAZ)
11 - FERDIE & CHESKA (HELEN)
14 - ADO (PAULINE)
18 - CECILLE
21 - FRANCIS BRENT (LINDALEE)
22 - SHALIMAR (GIE)
28 - AIS

HAPPY
Birthday

Greater General Santos
Rotary Club  

SEPTEMBER
Couples

18 NELSON & KRING
25 ARNOLD & ZYRAH

HAPPY
WEDDING Anniversary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Vibrant Seminar: September 6, 2024, Davao City
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ROTARY DAYS OF SERVICE

- Tree Planting: September 21, 2024
 - Move to End Polio: October 19, 2024
 - Breast Cancer Awareness: October 26, 2024
-

Governor's Night
October 30, 2024

Greater General Santos

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in the WORLD




TOGETHER, WE

END POLIO

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION



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