



# ANNUAL **REPORT**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HOPE-CREATING PRESIDENT

Back in 2023, July, I shared this quote: Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all the evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it and to work for it and to fight for it.”  
—Barack Obama.

The real mission on the ground is the faces of the people and communities we as Rotarians have served in this Hope Creating Year with peace and joy.

Finally, we made it. With so many busy schedules and leadership roles I had to play outside of Rotary, grace has blessed it to have ended RY 2023 – 2024 with joy and love.

Thank you Rotary, for the transformational experience in this noble humanitarian journey in the entire hope-creating year. As we reflect on our collective achievements, it is important to emphasize the value of each and every one of us collaborating with the club to make our mission work.

Rotary is not just an organization; it is a community of individuals who share a common vision of service and a commitment to making a positive impact in the world. Each one of us brings unique skills, perspectives, and resources to the table, and it is through our collaboration that we are able to achieve great things.

When we collaborate with the club, we are not only pooling our resources and expertise, but we are also strengthening the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that define Rotary. By working together towards a common goal, we amplify our collective impact and change in our communities.





It is through the dedication of each member that the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu is able to fulfill its mission and strategic goals. Your willingness to contribute your time, talents, and resources is what makes our club truly special and effective in serving those in need.

Our partner communities play a vital role in the success of our projects and initiatives. They are the heart and soul of our service efforts, and it is through their collaboration and participation that we are able to make a meaningful impact in their lives.

Let us express our gratitude to our partner communities for their trust in working hand in hand with us toward a common goal. It is their resilience, strength, and determination that inspire us to continue our service with even greater dedication and passion.

We continue to build bridges, create opportunities, and bring hope and transformation. Their involvement has enriched our work and deepened the impact of our service projects.

As I reflect on this wonderful journey, it was a year filled with hope, compassion, and positive change. Rotary has always been a symbol of unity, service, and the power of collective action for me and it has taught me more than what I expected: discipline, time management, high-level patience, flexibility, decision-making endeavors, taking leadership calls to action, keeping members going, networking, serving above self, dedication and passion to address the needs of the communities and many more.

Our world faces numerous challenges yet we worked closely hand in hand, empowered communities, supported those in need, and brought hope to the lives of countless individuals bringing with us our motto, service above self, beyond any awards or citation, because we choose to care more on the impact to the lives of many.

I extend my gratitude to the past leaders of RCMC who have paved the way for us and to our dedicated volunteers who make Rotary's work possible. To my mentors Governor Twinkle Gamboa, DT Archie Gamboa, AG Bernard Amago IV and the Hope Creating District Officers, Past District governors PDG Philip Tan, PDG Pepito Bengzon, DGE Jong Fernandez, PAG Bing Martinez, Hope Creating Presidents, Club partners, Partner Communities, Your commitment inspired me and all of us to aim higher and reach further in service.

Thank you once again for this honor. To my family and Spring Rain Global family, whom all these years had been very supportive in all my endeavors.

To my RCMC club officers, board members, all RCMC members, and rotaractors, thank you for the trust and support you have given to me and the club.

Most of all, I want to thank God for this handpicked invitation to share my leadership gifts in this hope-creating year of rotary. I did my best and all the rest was with him manifested by all of you who had been there through. With hope in our hearts and in our souls on this hope-creating year, we have embedded a beautiful masterpiece of RY 2023 – 2024, our Hope Creating Year.

RCMC, together, we say: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. What a journey it had been.

May we always stay in God's Grace.

**Dr. Glenda Antonio**  
President  
RY 2023-2024  
RC Metro Cebu





## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings!

With great pride, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the vibrant Rotary Club of Metro Cebu on the occasion of your Club Awards Night and Fellowship in celebration of a prosperous Hope-Creating Year.

The numerous service projects you have launched are testaments of how rooted the Rotary's motto of Service above Self and essentially establishing the core of your Club and your members.

Added to this is how your club gave importance to the new generation by mentoring and leading them. This culminated when your Club accepted the challenge and the responsibility of hosting the Pilipinas Rotaract Convention, making it the most prestigious event with overwhelming attendance and creating great hope and opportunity for our young leaders.

Moreover, your Club has not been negligent in all the other District Goals and Rotary Citations that Clubs must achieve. You have achieved all these well, leading your recognition with a silver category in the District's overall performance.

You provided a well-meaning Rotary Year that is truly worth emulating. Please continue to do good in our community, and may you persevere in the quality of Service Projects you do.





To all the members of RCMC, I am incredibly grateful for the support, trust, and kindness you have extended to me.

To your member, Assistant Governor Jonathan Zabate, my heart is full of admiration for your determination to travel to Bogota and help all the clubs in your area. We are all grateful to you.

Asst Governor Berns Amago, my heartfelt gratitude to you for representing me and for your exceptional guidance and leadership in Area 1B. Your willingness to step in and provide guidance in my absence has been a tremendous help to the club, and I am genuinely proud to have you as a trusted colleague and partner in service.

Hope Creating President Glenda, thank you for your outstanding leadership. Your confidence, prayerful determination, and focus in the face of trials have been genuinely admirable, and I am in awe of how you have led your club with grace and strength. Be assured of our friendship, which will go beyond Rotary.

Once again, congratulations to each individual's contribution to what the Club has achieved, as you are all part of RCMC's successful year.

May the Hope that you have created turn Magic in Rotary.

**Rozanne "Twinkle" Gamboa**  
District Governor  
RY 2023-2024  
RI District 3860







## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT LEARNING FACILITATOR

My warmest felicitations and greetings to the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu for a wonderful and successful journey for the Rotary's Hope-Creating Year.

The leadership provided by your Club President Glenda Antonio and the enormous support of the Club officers and members, led to your exemplary silver category performance. This, too, is an attestation of how well you have participated and inculcated knowledge and skills in the District Trainings. Your effective implementation of our District Goals for Rotary Year 2023-2024 gave you a finish with flying colors.

The excellence awards you have received in the conduct of your Service Projects and your love and belief on the youth, garnering recognition in New Generation, are manifestations that each one of the Club deserves acknowledgment on what your Club has achieved. It is then but fitting that every effort exerted be applauded.

As you pursue the ideals of Rotary, let your Hope-Creating Year experience inspire you to continue to do good in our community. The bond within your club is your strength to move as one strong and determined organization as you continue to excel in your future endeavors.

My special congratulations to the individual Club awardees and the Club as a whole.

Let the Hope you have created propel Magic in Rotary.

**Archie Francisco F. Gamboa**  
District Learning Facilitator  
RI District 3860  
RY 2023-2024





## MESSAGE FROM THE ASST. GOVERNOR - AREA 1B

Dear RCMC

Greetings!

This year, the People of Action have been challenged to create hope in the world and you, Rotarians of RC Metro Cebu (RCMC), have risen up to the occasion through your impactful service projects. With heart filled with pride, I extend my sincerest gratitude to Pres.Glenda and the members of RCMC for successfully upholding the goals of District 3860 and the thrusts of Rotary International.

It is my fervent hope that your generosity will continue to pave the way for more lives changed and more dreams reached. May your individual light shine brighter than ever as we welcome another year of service cloaked with the Magic of Rotary.

Anew, congratulations and thank your Service Above Self!

Sincerely yours,

**Atty. Bernardino T. Amago IV, CPA**  
Area 1B Assistant Governor  
RY 2023-2024





## MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING SECRETARY AND INCOMING PRESIDENT RY - 2024-2025

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we bring the "Hope Creating Year" to a close, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for what we have achieved together. Serving as the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu has been an honor and a privilege, and I am deeply appreciative of the unwavering support and cooperation from each one of you. Your dedication and commitment have been the cornerstone of our success, enabling us to bring hope and positive change to the communities we served.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our officers and members for their tireless efforts and contributions. Your enthusiasm, hard work, and Rotary spirit have been truly inspiring. Together, we have undertaken numerous projects, faced challenges, and celebrated triumphs, all in the spirit of service above self.

As we transition into "The Magic of Rotary Year," I am excited and humbled to accept the responsibility of leading our esteemed club as your President. I am confident that, with your continued support and cooperation, we will be able to build on the foundation we have laid and create even greater magic in the lives of those we serve.

I look forward to working closely with all of you in the coming year. Let us continue to harness our collective strengths and dedication to make a significant impact, foster fellowship, and embody the true spirit of Rotary.

Thank you once again for your trust and support. Together, let us embark on this new journey with renewed energy and commitment, creating magical moments and making a difference in our community and beyond.

Yours in Rotary,

**Emma Ramas**  
Incoming President  
RY 2024-2025  
RC Metro Cebu







## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERACT PRESIDENT

Being the first president of the Interact Club of Metro Cebu at Sacred Heart School - Ateneo de Cebu was an incredible experience. Leading a team of dedicated members, we launched meaningful projects that truly made a difference in our community. As both a leader and a member, I felt a deep sense of fulfillment seeing our efforts bring about positive change and foster a spirit of service among us.

**Jamillah Althea Sarsalejo**  
Interact President  
RY 2023-2024  
Interact Club of Sacred Heart  
School- Ateneo de Cebu





Metro Cebu  
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Club



# **ROTARY CLUB OF METRO CEBU**

ITS HISTORY AND LEADERS





The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu (RCMC) was organized on September 15, 1977 (Theme : Serve to Unite Mankind) as an Extension Club of the Rotary Club of Cebu (RCC), known as the “Mother Club” by many Rotary clubs which it had helped charter. On June 3, 1978, the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu was chartered by Rotary International.

Amador “Morry” Moriles, an advertising executive who used to run Wise Advertising in Cebu City, became the first club president for Rotary Year 1978-1979 (Theme : Reach Out). He undertook such projects as the free clinic at Agus, Mactan; beddings donated to the Bohol Provincial Jail and orthopedic materials and services donated to vehicular accident victims. He served for another year for RY 1979-1980 (Theme : Let Service Light the Way).

Practicing lawyer Luis “Lou” V. Diores became president for RY 1980-1981 (Theme : Take Time to Serve). His projects included mini blood bank at Cebu City Medical Center (CCMC) costing P60,000.00, cardio vascular ward established at the same hospital, and a training van donated to National Manpower and Youth Council (NMYC).

Charlie F. Adlawan (deceased) took the helm of the RCMC in RY 1981-1982 (Theme : World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary). During his term, he adopted the SAPAK project as the club’s continuing project. The club also organized the RC Cebu Central with PP Lou Diores as SGR.

Guillemro “Willie” Balmaceda, who was then a businessman dealing in the construction of swimming pools, became president in RY 1982-1983 (Theme : Mankind is One -- Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World). His projects included Support for SAPAK in Compostela, Cebu, equipment donated to the blind masseurs of Cebu and the first “Songs to Remember” concert which raised funds for SAPAK.

Victor “Vic” Young took over in RY 1983-1984 (Theme : Share Rotary -- Serve People). However, he got sick and served only from July - September 1983. The rest of his term was taken over by Eriberto “Bhoy” Melliza (deceased) who was then manager of the Philippine Long Distance Co. (PLDT) in Cebu and later vice president of the same firm.

Ildefonso “Larry” Latorena (deceased), an insurance executive, assumed the presidency in RY 1984-1985 (Theme : Discover a New World of Service). His projects included organization of RC Boggo (Now Metro Boggo). During his term, the Club presented the first-of-its-kind Journalism Award to Mr. Pedro Calomarde (deceased) who used to edit the defunct Morning Times, a Cebu daily. The award was co-sponsored by San Miguel Corporation (SMC).

Xavier Ledesma (deceased), a corporate communications manager of San Miguel Corporation was president in RY 1985-1986 (Theme : You are the Key). He later became an RI District Governor for the then District 386 (now District 3860). The RCMC Foundation was organized with P30,000.00 as initial funding during his term.





Eddie Dakay became president in RI 1986-1987 (Theme : Rotary Brings Hope). A piano virtuoso, he was a great help in the production of the Club's "Songs to Remember" concerts. He is credited for 40 members registering 100 percent attendance, sent the biggest delegation to DISTAS '87 and DISCON projects, PETS sponsorship, a potable water system installed at Barangay Tulo-Tulo.

Pete Durano became president in RY 1987-1988 (Theme : Rotarians -- United in Service-Dedicated to Peace). During his term, the club supported 15 Share-a-Child scholars, sponsored PolioPlus Seminar and handled polioPlus vaccination in some Cebu City barangays, staged the "an Evening of Chamber Music" fundraiser.

Former Cebu Vice Governor Salutario J. Fernandez (deceased), a lawyer, took over in RY 1988-1989 (Theme : Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life). The US \$300,000.00 Mananga Watershed Project was launched during his term.

Jose "Joe" Tan (deceased), a retired Shell Philippines Inc. sales executive became president in RY 1989-1990 (Theme : Enjoy Rotary!). He was awarded the "Rotarian of the Year" during his term. He later became an Assistant District Governor (ADG).

Jose Utzurum, a businessman, became president in RY 1990-1991 (Theme : Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm). He was then elected chairman of the Cebu Council of Rotary Club Presidents and concurrent Chairman of the RCMC Foundation.

Jake Marques who later became Cebu Port Authority (CPA) general manager and now a businessman, assumed presidency in RY 1991-1992 (Theme : Look Beyond Yourself).

Lawrence Aliac, Sr., a businessman, became president in RY 1992-1993 (Theme : Real Happiness is Helping Others). This was the 15th year of the Club. During his term, the club hosted the Cebu TriDiscon which raised funds for the RCMC Foundation.

Wyben Briones, a Neurosurgeon, took over the leadership in RY 1993-1994 (Theme : Believe in What You Do -- Do What You Believe In). This was the year RCMC were full of euphoria due to the success of the Tri-Discon hosting. PP Wyben launched the following projects: Club Reforestation Project, bloodletting, Ormoc City Relief Operation leading a team of 70 medical practitioners staying 8 days in flashflood-ravaged Ormoc, launched "Songs To Remember Part V" organized by PP Jun Satorre generating P200,000.00 for the Club's coffers enough to support new projects for the club.

Under Ramon Torres (deceased) who served in RY 1994-1995 (Theme : Be a Friend), a Regional Trial Court judge, the club garnered the Presidential Citation for Community Concerns.

Leandro "Jun" Ocampo (deceased), a businessman, became president in RY 1995-1996 (Theme : Act with Integrity Serve with Love Work for Peace). His term reaped five RI awards through its Kansas Shares with Cebu Medical Mission Project. In addition, the





Club also got the RI Presidential Citation for Integrity, Love and Peace, Special Challenge of RI Prexy Herbert Brown, RI Golden Century Citation (PDG Xavier Ledesma), Rotary Foundation RI District Service Award (PDG Xavier Ledesma Rotary Foundation RI District Service Award).

Don Calvo, a sporting goods businessman became president in RY 1996-1997 (Build the Future with Action and Vision). PP Don is one of the Club's leaders who had an eye for sanitation. It was during his term that the Club had initiated a big sanitation project in a blighted area under the old MandaueOpon Bridge in Mandaue City. The facility, composed of a dozen toilets, is still working to this day and has contributed to the sanitation in the area.

Manuel "Jun" Satorre, a lawyer-journalist, became president in RY 1997-1998 (Theme : Show Rotary Cares for your community for our world for its people). He undertook the following projects: He set up the Olango Rotary Village Corps and launched the Olango RCMC Livelihood project, initiated medical/dental/surgical missions in Olango island and Balamban, Cebu led by PP Wyben Briones with the help of the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu Community-based, the Rotaract Club of RC University District under PP Serge Damo of SWU and the interns and doctors of Cebu Institute of Medicine (CIM) care of PP Wyben Briones.

Fruto Teodorico, a banker, was president in RY 1998-1999 (Theme : Follow Your Rotary Dream). During his term, he undertook the RCMC sponsorship of the movie premier (You've Got Mail) and raised P107,780 to help finance several projects, among them, the Rotary Blood Service Support Program, Project Help-A-Medical Mission in Argao, Cebu; Operation Tuli, 81 major operations at Operation Restore Hope.

Mila Demecillo, a businesswoman, became president in RY 1999 (Theme : Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity). Her term was one of the most colorful as it gave the club great honors when it won the Significant Achievement Award for the Millennium Babies Project, where the first baby boy and baby girl born at the start of the new millennium were given college scholarships by the club. Unfortunately however, during the term of PP Mars Pastor (RY 2001-2002), Demecillo's membership from the Club was terminated by the RCMC Board after hearing a petition filed by some RCMC members asking for her resignation.

Cesar Vesuna, another banker, served in RY 2000-2001 (Theme : Create Awareness Take Action). He is credited for spearheading Operation Restore Hope. He was also a factor in organizing RCMC's hosting of Distas 2001. RCMC also launched the Vitamin A project and others.

Mars Pastor, an engineer-businessman, was president in RY 2001-2002 (Theme: Mankind is our Business). His term was also a very colorful one. For it was at this time that RCMC was rocked by infighting over a petition against PP Mila. Under his leadership, he led the launching of several projects for RCMC such as the initiative for the Improvement of the Maternity Ward and Delivery Room of the Cebu City Medical Center and the successful







Operation Restore Hope at the Opon Emergency Hospital.

Peter Yap, a chemical engineer who is a top bank executive, was president in RY 2002-2003 (Theme: Sow the Seeds of Love). Although he was working in Cebu as VP of a big bank, he was promoted to Manila cutting short his term. He was quickly replaced by Vic Balbuena, a doctor, who is completing PP Peter's term.

Dr. Vic Balbuena, an internist, had replaced PP Peter and has been doing well to provide leadership to the Club. When he took over, more new RCMC members were inducted. PP Jun Ocampo's untimely death happened during PP Vic's watch.

Several projects were launched during Lambert Lim Lam Thai's watch as the Club's Silver Anniversary President for RY 2003-2004 (Lend a Hand), among them the continuation of Operation Restore Hope. The club also garnered many awards.

After Lambert Lim Lam Thai, Rudy Cabrera, a former long-time member of the Cebu City Council, took the helms of the club for RY 2004-2005 (Theme : Celebrate Rotary), followed by banker Danilo 'Danny' Quinto, another banker for RY 2005-2006 (Theme : Service Above Self).

President Gema Pido is the club's 28th president for RY 2006-2007 (Theme :Lead the Way) and only the second lady president of the club. Under her term, the club secured some P100,000 worth of books worth of books for children which were donated to various schools who already had libraries.

Elton Cerna took the helms of the club for RY 2007-2008 (Theme : Rotary Way). But his term was cut short when he transferred residence and business to Davao City. Eddie Barrita, a lawyerjournalist, continued the rest of the Rotary Year. It was during this Rotary Year that the club started the "Light an Island Project" in which lamps made of energy efficient light-emitting diodes (LEDs) were distributed to residents of Pamilacan Island in Bohol. The Sapak Project and the Operation Restore Hope were also continued.

Andres "Jun" Llanos, Jr. was the club president for RY 2008-2009 (Theme : Make Dreams Real). Operation Restore Hope was continued. The club also sponsored a college scholar (Jessica Degamo) and sent to the United States Cherry Mae Espedilla for a series of surgeries for the restoration of her nose which was all destroyed by an infection when she was still a baby.

Susan U. Valmayor, a dentists, took the helms of the club for RY 2009-2010 (Theme : The Future is in Your Hands). During her term, Operation Restore Hope was continued, the club continued the college scholarship of Jessica Degamo and conducted several medical missions, including the Camotes Medical Mission.

Dr. Jose 'Jojo' Z. Flordelis, an orthopedic surgeon, was club president for RY 2010-2011 (Theme : Building Communities --- Bridging Continents) and raised funds through the





promotion of solar flashlights, continued the Pamilacan project, Camotes Medical Mission, feeding of orphans and street children at Balay Samaritano, Operation Restore Hope. The club also sponsored another college scholar (Joy Grancapal).

Dr. Neil Oliver Camonggol, a neurosurgeon, took the helms of the club for RY 2011-2012 (Theme : Reach Within to Embrace Humanity). During his term, the club started the massive anti- dengue campaign with the use of larvicide to eradicate mosquitoes that carry the deadly dengue disease and other diseases. The club also continued Operation Restore Hope and the college scholarship of Joy Grancapal.

Frank Crijns was club president for RY 2012-2013 (Theme : Peace Through Service). He led the Monte de Ramos project. The boy was born blind and unable to walk. His eyes were operated and is able to see. He is undergoing treatment to be able to walk. During his term, the club held a medical mission in Samar with the “Halad ha Barrangay.” The club also sent a big relief and medical mission to Compostela Valley which was hit by a typhoon and continued Operation Restore Hope, the Pamilacan project and the anti-dengue campaign.

Florita Hall was club president for RY 2013-2014 (Theme : Engage Rotary, Change Lives) when a 7.2 magnitude earthquake jolted Cebu and Bohol On October 15, 2013 and Super Typhoon Yolanda, the strongest typhoon in recorded history, hit northern Cebu, Tacloban and other parts of Eastern Visayas on November 8, 2013. RCMC also responded during the collision of two ships, St. Thomas Aquinas and Sulpicio lines stationing itself at the Talisay Fish port at Pier 4. President Hall raised millions of pesos for relief efforts. Food, bottled water and carpentry tools were given to earthquake and typhoon victims even in the farthest areas with the help of the All-terrain Medical Relief Organization (AMRO). The club also continued the Pamilacan project to acquire a desalination equipment, the anti-dengue campaign but suspended Operation Restore Hope due to the calamities.

The club is now in the hands of Floram Limotlimot, a banker RY 2014-2015 (Theme : Light Up Rotary). Her projects include the rebuilding of schools in Kinatarkan Island, Sta. Fe, Bantayan Island which were destroyed be Super Typhoon Yolanda. She also continued the anti-dengue drive, the Pamilacan water desalination system and the Operation Restore Hope.

Vicente Gabriel C. Balbuena RY 2015-2016 (Theme: Be a Gift to the World). Balbuena, a cardiologist, He continued all the major projects of the club, including the Pamilacan Island project, the massive dengue mosquito eradication project, undertook several medical missions, and initiated the feeding program for the poorest among students of the Don Carlos Gothong Memorial High School in Cebu City.

Eddie O. Barrita RY 2016-2017(Theme: Serving Humanity). The term of Barrita, a lawyer and journalist, saw the construction of 12 toilets for the Ati community in Barangay South Poblacion, Naga City in southern Cebu. This is in response to the challenge of





improving sanitation and health among tribe members. The project evolved into the “Pansayan sa Katawhan” (Kubeta ng Bayan) project with funding support from the Rotary Club of Campbelltown in Australia and resulted in the construction of 50 toilets in Barangay Suba, Jao Island, Talibon, Bohol.

Marjorie Ann L. Bernardo RY 2017 – 2018 (Theme: Rotary Making a Difference) Dr. Bernardo, a dentist, initiated a flurry of projects for the club. Among them were the Paddle for the Planet project, which was started in the past Rotary Year, dental mission and giving of gifts to children who are victims of sexual abuse together with the CURE Foundation of Rtn. Bart van Oost, district-wide bloodletting, support for free cataract surgery, and continued the club’s feeding program for the Ati community and the Gothong Night High School.

Roberto Tito Pacana RY 2018-2019 (Theme: Be the Inspiration) With the theme embedded in us, we try to breath Rotary wherever we are and ‘be an inspiration’ to communities, friends..and be a witness of what Rotary is..inviting and inspiring them to be one of us.

Catherine Cusi RY 2019-2020 (Theme: Rotary Connects the World) RI President Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, Rotary Connects the World, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Mary Ann Soria RY 2020-2021 (Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities) The theme ‘Rotary Opens Opportunities’, is encouraging Rotarians around the world to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities in which they serve. RI President Holger Knaack noted Rotary isn’t just a club for people to join, but rather “an invitation to endless opportunities,” He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects. PP Mary Ann was very dynamic and had so much achievements during her term. As part of her passion she pursue to charter the cause-based club of the Rotary Club of Hearing and Speech.

Jonathan Zabate RY 2021-2022 (Theme: Serve to Change Lives) During the Life Changing Year, 2021-2023, despite the challenges with the pandemic, we were still able to respond to the victims of the Odette superstorm. We gave construction materials to the victims who totally lost their homes all over the provinces of Cebu. Truly a life changing gesture that will put a smile to the people’s faces overlaying the tragedy they experienced. We participated in all District Service projects covering all the 7 areas of focus and did all 7 areas in the club service projects as well.





Josefina Zabate RY 2022-2023 (Theme: Imagine Rotary) Imagine Rotary Year was very eventful making us reach several places of Cebu Province - Alegria, Alcoy, Samboan, Cordoba, Bunlan-Santander, Naga, Sapangdaku- Guadalupe, and Camotes Island providing Medical-Surgical-Dental Services and giving School supplies, and hygiene kits. Indeed it was also a collaboration with Gosford City, Australia, and Twin Cities, U.S.A., and friends with a Heart to serve. Rotary Club of Metro Cebu became a 100 percent Paul Harris Club after 45 years!

Glenda Antonio RY 2023-2024 (Theme: Create Hope in the World) The theme – Create Hope in the World – aims to restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and achieve lasting change. RI President R. Gordon R. McNally urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.





# **RCMC 45TH INDUCTION AND TURNOVER CEREMONIES**







The induction of Pres. Glenda was officiated by RI 3860 District Governor Rozanne “Twinkle” Gamboa, with PDG Philip Tan as charging officer, while the new officers were charged by Immediate Past District Governor Lilo Aliño and inducted by Pres. Glenda Miro Antonio.

In her acceptance speech, Pres. Glenda emphasized the significance of creating hope, fostering unity, and making a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals. She quoted Barack Obama who eloquently described hope as, “that thing inside us that insists, despite all the evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it and to work for it and to fight for it.” This unwavering belief in a better future is the driving force behind the Rotary Club’s dedication to service.



The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu has embarked on a journey of creating hope and positive change. President Glenda Miro Antonio’s speech echoed the club’s commitment to empowerment, support, and making a lasting impact in our society. Throughout her tenure, she promises to uphold the values of unity, service, and collective action that Rotary embodies. With the support and cooperation of each of the members, the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu will strive to achieve its goals and uphold the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self and embody the RY 2023-2024 theme, Create Hope in the World.





RC OF METRO CEBU  
**ROTARY'S  
STRATEGIC  
PRIORITIES AND  
OBJECTIVES**



# INCREASE OUR IMPACT



RCMC has impacted more than 8,596 lives to more than 50 communities, bringing hope and service. Together with the active members and partners, we raised a collective P685,300 funding supporting the projects.

A global partnership with Rotary Club of Gusford City, Rotary Club of Twin Cities District 5020 US, Rotary Australian District, gave hope in building and constructing a 2-story building for Audio & Visual Classrooms of Luciano B. Rama Sr Memorial National High School, Camotes Islands (USD 10,000-20,000).

## 1. ROTARY CLUB OF METRO CEBU PHILANTHROPIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE LAUNCHING

March 20, 2024

RC Metro Cebu and Venrich Holdings OPC  
Philanthropic Development Office  
Launching through a dinner for a cause.

The establishment of the Philanthropic Development Office is a significant milestone for our Club. It signifies our unwavering dedication to serving the needs of our community and creating lasting change. Through this office, we aim to enhance our capacity to implement impactful projects and initiatives that address the pressing issues faced by our society.

A Philanthropic Development Office, or PDO was introduced to us by Spring Rain Global as the main consultant of this office, is the fundamental unit of the sustainable ecosystem we aim to create to professionalize the donor-donee relations. The PDO is dedicated to establishing a continuing, systematic, and long-term program for generating funds that will be used solely for the development of the institution. It aims to organize and establish a community-based fundraising program to tap sources of funds from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other



sources in the institution's area of influence. The PDO also works to develop a strong voluntary support program to financially support the institution and make it more a part of its community. Additionally, the PDO provides opportunities for people, foundations, and organizations to participate in the joy of giving and sharing. It aims to consolidate all funding efforts to ensure a professional relationship with donors, prevent donor fatigue, institutionalize the brand of philanthropic donor-donee relations, and build an ecosystem of good to better collaborate collectively and globally.

Through this launching, we are very happy to share our blessings to one of our beneficiaries, CURE Foundation Inc.

May we embrace this new chapter with enthusiasm and determination. Together, let us strive to create a lasting impact and leave a legacy of service and compassion.

May God bless the work of our hands as we continue this philanthropic journey.



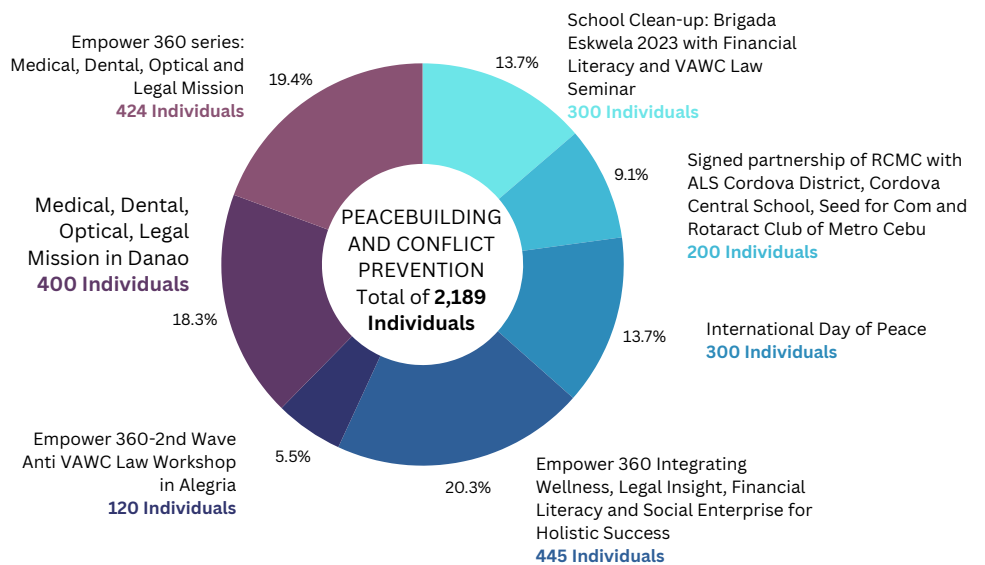


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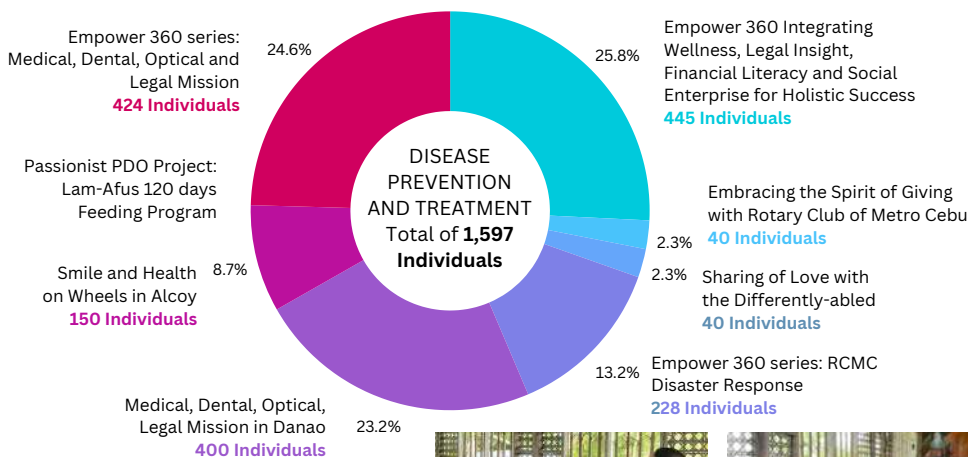
### Launching of the Empower 360 Series

The Empower 360 Series in the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu is a transformative program that aligns with the seven areas of focus of Rotary International. Through a comprehensive approach, this series empowers our members to make a lasting impact in the following areas:

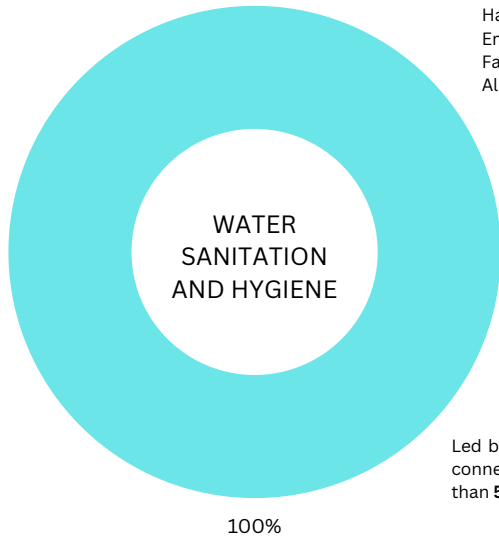
**1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution:** Equipping members with the skills to promote peace and resolve conflicts in our community.



**2. Disease Prevention and Treatment:** Providing knowledge on disease prevention and healthcare initiatives to improve the well-being of individuals.



**3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene:** Educating members on the importance of clean water and sanitation for community health.



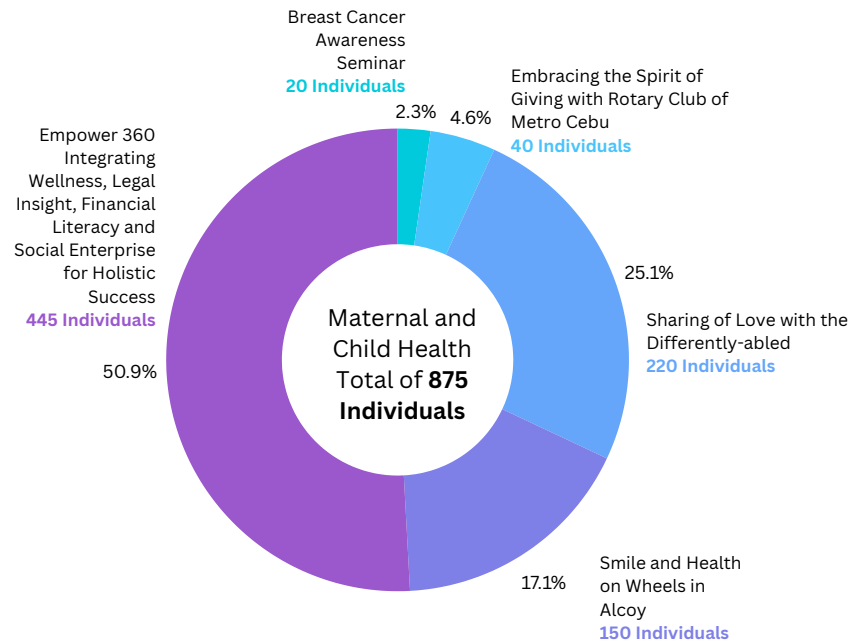
Harvest of Hope:  
Empowering the  
Farming Community in  
Alambijud, Argao



Led by **50 Individuals**  
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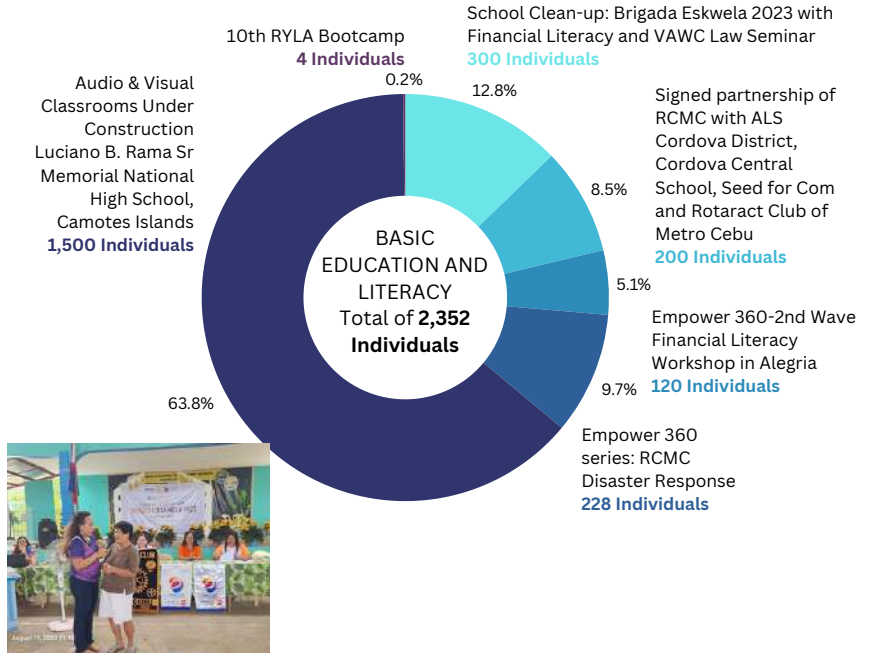


**4. Maternal and Child Health:** Focusing on initiatives that support the health and well-being of mothers and children in Metro Cebu.

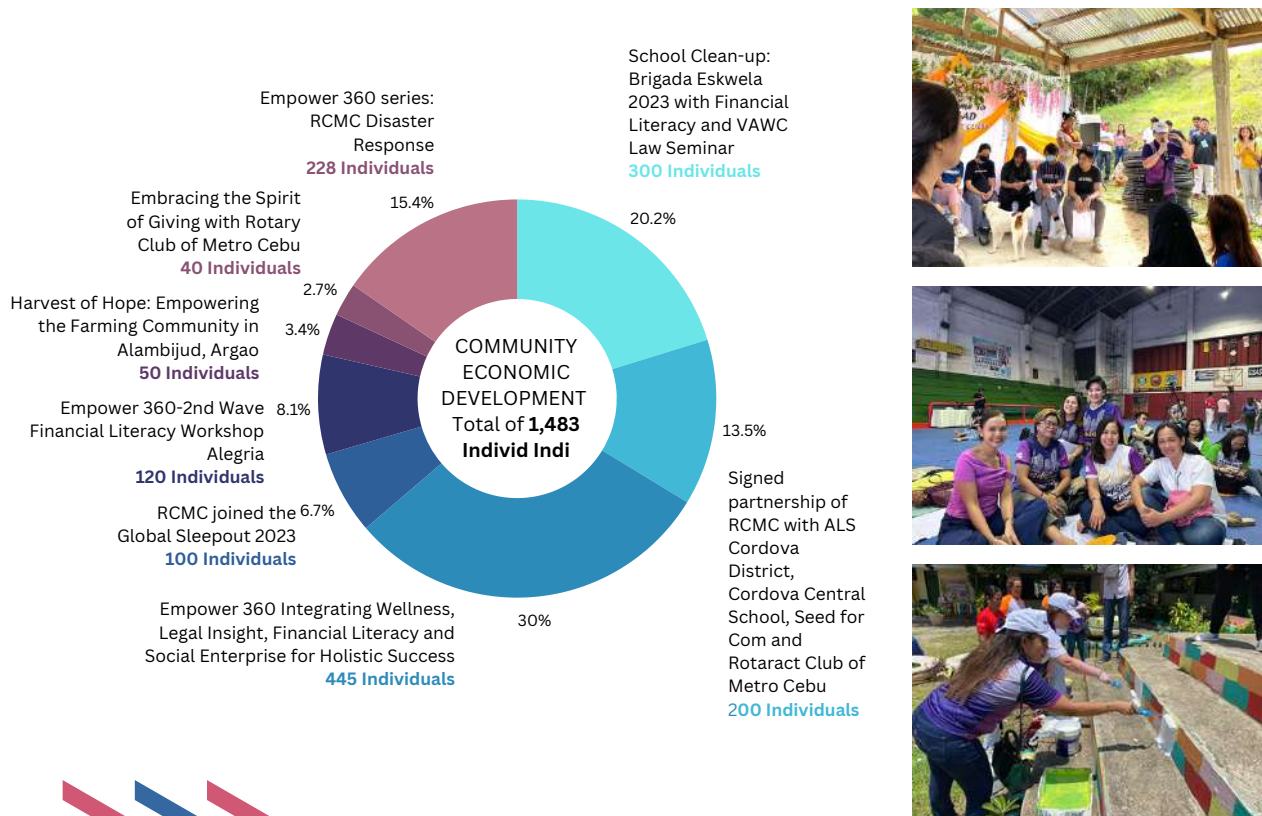




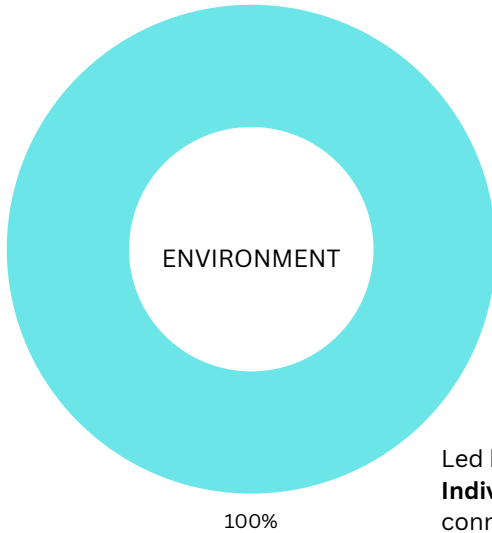
**5. Basic Education and Literacy:** Promoting literacy and education programs to empower individuals and communities



**6. Economic and Community Development:** Providing tools and resources for sustainable economic development in our community



**7. Environmental Sustainability:** Encouraging environmental conservation and sustainability practices for a greener and healthier future.



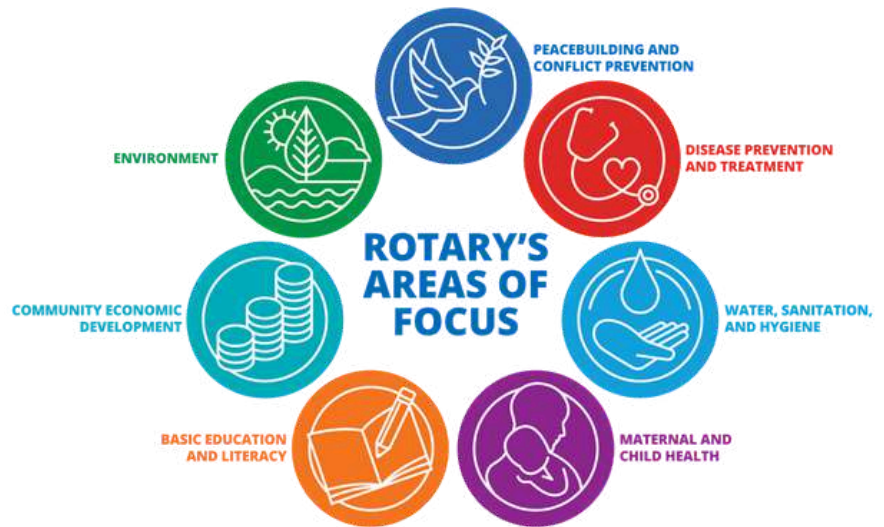
Harvest of Hope:  
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Alambijud, Argao

District Activity:  
Mangrove  
Planting and  
Coastal Cleanup



Led by **50**  
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Through the Empower 360 Series, members of the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu are equipped to lead initiatives that address these crucial areas of focus, creating a positive and lasting impact in our community. This is a transformative journey towards empowerment and sustainable change.



**IMPACT  
CREATED**

**8,596**  
lives touched

**50<sup>+</sup>**  
communities  
served





# RC OF METRO CEBU **CLUB MEETING**





# REGULAR CLUB MEETING



Our regular meetings with the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu is to cultivate fellowship, collaboration, and service within our esteemed members. These gatherings provide us with a vital platform to discuss upcoming projects, share progress on ongoing initiatives, and devise strategies to enhance our impact in the local community. Through these meetings, we strengthen our bonds, exchange valuable insights, and uphold the core principles of Rotary International. Our dedication to service above self shines brightly during these regular meetings, where we unite to inspire, support, and uplift one another in our collective pursuit of creating positive change in the world.

During the hope-creating year we were able to hold 24 regular meetings including fellowship and the District Governor's Visit.



July 5, 2023



July 19, 2023



August 2, 2023



August 16, 2023



September 6, 2023



September 20, 2023





September 27, 2023  
Governors Visit



October 18, 2023



November 8, 2023



November 15, 2023



December 6, 2023



January 3, 2024



December 21, 2023  
Fellowship (Christmas Party)



January 17, 2024







February 7, 2024



February 28, 2024



April 3, 2024



April 17, 2024



May 15, 2024



March 6, 2024



March 20, 2024  
PDO Launching



June 5, 2024



June 19, 2024



Rotary  
Club of Metro Cebu



You are invited  
*Rotary Club of Metro Cebu*  
*Awards and Fellowship*  
*Night*

June 29, 2024





# BOARD MEETING



Our board meetings with the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu is to facilitate strategic planning, decision-making, and governance for our esteemed organization. These meetings serve as a forum for our board members to discuss important matters, review financial reports, set goals, and ensure that our club is operating effectively and in alignment with Rotary International's values and objectives. Through these board meetings, we aim to provide leadership, direction, and oversight to guide the club in fulfilling its mission of serving the community and making a positive impact in the world. It is a privilege for us to come together in these meetings to collaborate, share insights, and work towards the common goal of advancing the ideals of Rotary. Throughout the Hope-Creating year, the board members of our club was able to conduct 5 board meetings.



July 29, 2023



August 30, 2023



January 17, 2024



April 17, 2024



June 5, 2024



# AREA 1 COORDINATION MEETING



Area Coordination meetings (ACOM) for Area 1 in District 3860 is to foster collaboration, coordination, and synergy among the clubs within our designated area. These meetings provide a platform for club representatives to come together, share best practices, discuss upcoming projects, and address any challenges or opportunities that may arise. By convening regularly, we aim to strengthen the bonds between clubs, enhance communication, and ensure that our collective efforts are aligned towards serving our communities effectively. Through these Area Coordination meetings, we uphold the spirit of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" and work together towards making a meaningful and sustainable impact in our local area. It is a privilege for us to gather in these meetings, united in our commitment to service and fellowship as members of Rotary International.

Our club was able to attend all of the ACOM called by the Assistant Governors for Area 1.







October 28, 2023



January 18, 2024



December 3, 2023



April 27, 2024



June 22, 2024



March 24, 2024  
Area 1 District Governors Night







# DISTRICT GOVERNORS VISIT

We had a meaningful and successful District Governor's Visit with the Hope-Creating President Glenda Miro Antonio.

District Governor Rozanne "Twinkle" Gamboa, together with District Secretary Edmund Vincent Ang and Assitant Governor for Area 1B Atty. Bernardino "Bernz" Amago IV, listened to Pres. Glenda's report on the club's accomplishments to-date, goals, and targets for the remaining Rotary Year 2023-2024. DG Twinkle and the district officers provided guidance and imparted their wisdom to the club towards achieving our targets and goals. In the same day, the club inducted 6 new members into the fold, as the club aims to strengthen its numbers to better serve the community.

Together, we will continue to create hope in the world!



# EXPAND OUR REACH

Inducted  
members below  
**40** years  
old

**12**  
New Members

Restored  
Members  
**2**

For the hope-creating year we have more than 30 active members including 12 new additions and 2 restored members. We've strengthened our team to drive even greater change.





# COMMUNITY CORPS



Rotary Community Corps (RCC) are groups of non-Rotarians who share Rotary's commitment to service and community development. These corps are formed by individuals in a community who come together to address local needs and implement sustainable projects. The members of an RCC work closely with their local Rotary club to identify priorities, plan initiatives, and carry out service activities that benefit the community.

RCC members are volunteers who contribute their time, skills, and resources to make a positive impact in their neighborhoods. They may engage in a variety of projects such as environmental conservation, health awareness campaigns, educational programs, or infrastructure improvements. By working hand in hand with Rotary clubs, RCCs amplify the reach and impact of Rotary's service efforts, creating a network of dedicated individuals committed to making a difference.

Through collaboration and partnership, Rotary Community Corps play a vital role in promoting community engagement, fostering sustainable development, and advancing the ideals of Rotary in action. Together, RCC members and Rotary clubs work towards building stronger, more resilient communities and creating a better world for all.

Last June 3, 2024, we were granted with the certification of San Roque Parish in Subangdaku, Mandaue City as our sponsored community corps. We are excited to work closely with them and create lasting impact in the community.





## INTERACT CLUBS

The Interact Club is a service club for youth ages 12-18 sponsored by local Rotary clubs. It provides young people with opportunities to connect with others in their community and around the world while developing leadership skills and making a positive impact through service projects. Members of Interact clubs carry out hands-on service projects, participate in leadership development activities, and have fun while building friendships and connections that will last a lifetime. It's a great way for young people to get involved, make a difference, and learn valuable skills that will benefit them in the future.

The Interact Club of the Sacred Heart of School Ateneo de Cebu was initiated by our Immediate Past President, Dr. Josefina Zabate, and continued by President Glenda Antonio. Last November 11, we had a successful Charter Presentation and Induction of Members and Club Officers. The event was graced by no less than the District Governor Twinkle Gamboa.

As their mother club, we provide these young people with opportunities to develop leadership skills, promote international understanding, and make a positive difference in their community. Through various service projects and activities, we work together to address local and global issues, foster goodwill, and build a better world.







## CAUSE-BASED CLUB

The Cause-based Club in Rotary is a specialized club within the organization that focuses on addressing specific social or environmental issues. Members of the Cause-based Club are passionate about making a difference in a particular area of need, such as education, healthcare, environmental conservation, or poverty alleviation. They work together to plan and implement projects and initiatives that directly impact their chosen cause, collaborating with other Rotary clubs and community partners to maximize their impact. By dedicating their efforts to a specific cause, members of the Cause-based Club are able to create meaningful change and contribute to the overall mission of Rotary in a focused and impactful way.

As their mother club we continue to support their cause and projects and make a difference to humanity.



## ROTARACT CLUBS



The Rotaract Club is a vital part of the Rotary family, embodying the spirit of service and leadership that defines Rotary International. They work hand in hand with our club to address community needs, promote goodwill, and foster international understanding. Through service projects, professional development opportunities, and networking events, they contribute to Rotary's mission of advancing peace and goodwill worldwide. By collaborating with our club, they gain valuable mentorship, guidance, and support as they strive to make a positive impact in the communities.

As their mother club, we continue to support both our rotaract clubs, Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu and Rotaract Club of CIT University Chapter.



# GLOBAL REACH

Rotary Club of Metro Cebu extends to our fellow Rotarians and the Philanthropic Development Offices (PDOs) in the PDO ecosystem of Spring Rain Global based in India, Peru, and Nigeria. As part of the global Rotary International network, we are proud to collaborate with Rotary clubs around the world to make a positive impact in our communities and beyond.

Together, we work towards promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. Our shared commitment to service above self transcends borders and unites us in our mission to create a better world for all.

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu values the opportunity to collaborate with our esteemed counterparts globally, as we work together to make a difference in the lives of those in need.





# ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

Members are given the chance to be the Emcee during regular meetings

- Conducted 24 regular meetings and 5 board meetings
- Fellowship events
- Fellowship Singing
- Encourage them to join district activities
- Passion Projects
- Having Guest Speaker during regular meetings

# INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

We had strategic planning before the start of the Rotary year facilitated by Pres. Glenda Antonio. Strategic Planning is crucial for setting clear goals, defining priorities, and aligning efforts towards a common vision. By strategic planning, our club assessed our current status, identified areas for improvement, and developed a roadmap for success.



This process allows clubs to establish a strategic direction, allocate resources effectively, and ensure that activities are in line with Rotary's mission and values. Strategic planning also fosters collaboration, enhances communication, and promotes accountability within the club.

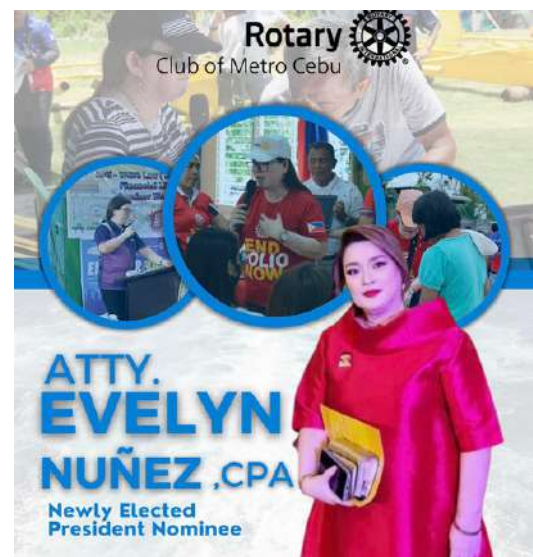




# SUCCESSION PLANNING

Succession planning in Rotary is important as we ensure the continuity, effectiveness, and sustainability of leadership within the organization. By actively identifying, nurturing, and preparing future leaders, our club can uphold our mission of service above self and maintain a strong legacy of community impact.

Last December 2023 during our Christmas party we elected Atty. Evelyn Nuñez as our club President for RY 2025-2026.







RC OF METRO CEBU

# **ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES**



# ROTARY NEW YEAR WITH CHILDREN

On July 1, 2023, the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu ushered in the New Rotary Year by joining together with Rotary clubs of Rotary International District 3860 - Area 1, in celebration at Sitio Mangga Covered Court in Punta Princessa, Cebu City.

Around a hundred children with their mothers were treated with fun and games, delicious food, and lots of giveaways. The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, under the leadership of IPP Josefina Zabate, Pres. Glenda Antonio, and Secretary Emma Ramas, conducted medical check-ups and provided essential support to both children and mothers.

The presence of District Governor Twinkle and Spouse DT Archie Gamboa from Davao elevated our celebration with their unwavering commitment to service. We thank them for their inspiring leadership and support.



# BLOODLETTING: DUGO MO, BUHAY KO



The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu family joined forces with clubs from Areas A, B, C, D, and E in a joint bloodletting activity at the Philippines Red Cross - Cebu Chapter, Osmena Boulevard, Cebu City from July 15 -16, 2023.

Under the dynamic leadership of our Hope Creating President Glenda Antonio, our club took an active role in this lifesaving initiative. President Glenda Antonio led the activity as one of the volunteers, with our Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu Community-Based and CIT-U donating blood to save lives.

Let's continue to embody the Rotary spirit and make a difference in our community through meaningful initiatives like "Bloodletting: Dugo Mo, Buhay Ko." Together, we can save lives!





# BRIGADA ESKWELA 2023 AT CORDOVA CENTRAL SCHOOL

Making a Difference Together!

Rotary Club of Metro Cebu (RCMC), alongside the enthusiastic members of Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu and Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter, joined hands with Cordova Central School and Alternative Learning System Cordova District for Brigada Eskwela 2023.

In collaboration with Rotary International District 3860, today - August 19, 2023, marked an exceptionally productive day. Beyond the paint and clean efforts, our Brigada Eskwela took on an extra layer of significance with informative sessions:

### Empowering Insights Shared:

RCMC Vice President, Atty Evelyn Nunez, shed light on the VAWC law, creating awareness about legal protections for women and children against abuse. The discussion encompassed various forms of abuse and the rights safeguarded under the law.

### Financially Empowered:

Dr. Glenda Miro Antonio, RCMC Hope Creating President, unfolded the essence of financial literacy. From financial planning to stability, she unveiled the concept of 'envelopes' for different purposes - savings, expenses and giving. Remember, we're stewards of blessings!

### Stitching for Progress:

Adding a touch of creativity to education, Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu handed over two brand new Singer sewing machines and a thoughtful donation of 3,000 pesos for sewing materials. This contribution beautifully aligned with the Sastre sa Kaugmaon Project. Kudos to generous sponsors - Past District Governor Nancy Barbee (RID 7730) and Immediate Past District Governor Ellen Deaton (RID 7730).

### Signed Partnership

Signed partnership of RCMC with ALS Cordova District, Cordova Central School, Seed for Com and Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu Together, we're shaping futures and fostering positive change. Let's keep the spirit alive!





# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu played an active participation in the “Break the Stigma” Mental Health Awareness Workshop held on August 27, 2023, at the Golden Prince Hotel in Cebu City, which drew participation from all Rotary Clubs in RID3860 - Area 1.

Renowned mental health advocate Gabriel Sebastian Lizada delivered a powerful presentation, imparting invaluable insights to all attendees. The workshop served as a platform for comprehensive discussions on mental health issues and strategies to combat the stigma surrounding them, fostering a deeper understanding of the topic among Rotary members and strengthening their commitment to promoting mental well-being in the community.



# MANGROVE PLANTING AND COASTAL CLEANUP

The RCMC Family participated in the yearly Mangrove Planting and Coastal Cleanup activity together with the different Cebu Rotary Clubs of District 3860 last September 17, 2023.

The activity was held at the Oceanside Village, South Poblacion, City of Naga, Cebu, which started with a Zumba fitness activity. It was a day filled with fun and camaraderie, all while imparting our contribution to save Mother Earth!





# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Breast Cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women worldwide, claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of women each year. It is the second most common cancer overall.

Although rare, it does occur in men too. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The pink ribbon is a prominent symbol that signifies breast cancer advocacy.

In support of the Pink October our club joined various district wide activities and had our own seminar with Dr. Tess Annette Serrato Libron, a Surgical Oncology Specialist during our regular meeting.



# PATAK POLIO AND BIKE TO END POLIO

The RCMC Family participated in the End Polio Vaccination activity, as part of the End Polio Ride campaign of the Rotary International.

Together with the Rotaract Clubs of Metro CIT-University and Community-Based, RCMC joined forces with the Rotary Club of Talisay in providing vaccination and health information on polio to residents and children of Barangay Dumlog, Talisay City.

This event brings the community, country and the world closer to closing the gap in ending Polio.

With Rotary, we are this close to ending polio!





## EMPOWERING GIRLS



Empowering girls in Rotary is a noble endeavor that aligns with our organization's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. By actively involving and supporting girls in Rotary programs and initiatives, we not only provide them with valuable leadership opportunities but also help them develop the skills, confidence, and networks needed to thrive in their personal and professional lives. Empowering girls in Rotary means creating a welcoming and supportive environment where they can voice their ideas, take on leadership roles, and contribute meaningfully to our service projects and community initiatives. Through mentorship, training, and recognition, we can inspire and empower girls to reach their full potential, break barriers, and make a positive impact in the world. Together, let us champion the empowerment of girls in Rotary, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

In our club we had our own activity that aligns with this area of focus and conducted a talk about violence against women and children.

## JOB FAIR

Hosting a job fair in Rotary is a wonderful opportunity to connect job seekers with potential employers, facilitate career development, and support economic growth in our community. By organizing a job fair, we can provide a platform for individuals to explore job opportunities, network with industry professionals, and gain valuable insights into various career paths.



For this activity we collaborated with the Rotary Club of Mandaue East. The event allowed us to showcase the diverse talents and skills within our community, promote job readiness, and foster meaningful connections between job seekers and employers.



## WASH

RCMC supports the project Harvest of Hope: Empowering the Farming Community in Alambijud, Argao.

We express our deepest appreciation to all our partners, volunteers, and the farmers for their invaluable contributions to the success of the Harvest of Hope project. Through this collaboration between Rotary, Rotaract, and the farmers in Argao, we were able to provide 400 meters of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) water pipes to the community and Christmas Bundles to 30 farmer families.

This project marks the beginning of a long-term partnership that aims to continuously uplift the lives of the farmers and make a positive impact in the Argao community.





RC OF METRO CEBU

# **ATTENDANCE IN ALL DISTRICT EVENTS/TRAININGS**





# DTTS-PETS-SETS

We attended the DTTS-PETS-SETS in Butuan in preparation for the Hope-Creating year and the leadership roles. It provided valuable resources and guidance and successfully led the club and carried out Rotary's mission.



# DTA 2023

The District Training Assembly in Bohol played a vital role in strengthening our leadership skills, knowledge, and camaraderie of Rotarians, ultimately enabling us to make a greater impact in our communities and beyond.

During the assembly we also had our formal induction as a whole district.







# GRANTS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



During the Grants Management Virtual Seminar, Rotarians learn about the various types of Rotary grants, the application process, grant requirements, financial management, reporting procedures, and compliance with Rotary's grant policies. This training is essential for ensuring that Rotary clubs and districts adhere to the highest standards of stewardship and accountability when utilizing grant funds.

# DISCON DAVAO 2024

## DAY 1

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues, we work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment





## DAY 2

Morning- Plenary Sessions

The Impact of Rotary's Collective Call to Action on Health and Vocational Training

Hon Isko Moreno, fellow Rotarian shares about leadership and impact on his experience in government.

PDG Philip Tan shares about the experience of Rotary In Nigeria, Spirituality Beyond Rotary, the Africa Experience.





# AWARDS AND CITATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 3860

Gratitude District Gov Twinkle Gamboa and DT Archie Gamboa and the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu. Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, in the collective efforts of the club, its members, officers, board, partners, donors and communities served for the various service projects, paid off with an earned citation from Rotary carried over all - Silver Award covering accomplishments of the strategic goals of the Rotary Year 2023 - 2024 ( towards its ending year though we carry on still for the end year is by June 30 yet ), Bronze level for the new generation service recognition, RCMC cited for its support to the activities of Rotaractors and of course the impact these resonates to the beneficiaries served in the course of the journey.

We continue our mission with Rotary for the purpose each of one us is called.



## DAY 2 - FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



Honoring our dynamic District 3860 Governor Twinkle Gamboa and DT Archie Gamboa, the power couple, for enabling all of us to soar high in our collective action to create hope in the world and promote lasting impact to our clubs and the communities we served.

Thank you for leading us to become the best version of ourselves if it is to bring hope to people who needs it the most.



# THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SINGAPORE



This year, Pres. Glenda joined for the 3rd time in her Hope Creating Year in Singapore along with RCMC officers and Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu and took her breath away with affirming each year the impact of what Rotary has done collectively around the world. For such a volunteer organization, rotary has shown that once we all are firm with our common purpose for humanity, many possibilities will unfold.

The Rotary International Convention is where you'll find people of action from around the world brainstorming solutions to some of the most pressing challenges and celebrating our works of service that create lasting change. The convention is where you'll renew connections, discover fresh perspectives, and create unforgettable moments and enduring relationships.

See you next year fellow Rotarians around the globe in Calgary, Canada.





# LEAD CLUB



## CELEBRATING WORLD POLIO DAY 2023

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, along with Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs from Rotary International District 3860 - Area 1, came together for "One Day, One Focus: Ending Polio."

On this special occasion, we unite with public health advocates and all those dedicated to a world free from polio. Together, we recognize the remarkable progress in our battle against this devastating disease and discuss the vital steps we must take to eradicate polio for good.

### World Polio Day - A Global Call to Action

#### Rotary's Mission: A World Free from Polio

For over 35 years, Rotary has relentlessly worked towards eradicating polio. We're closer to our goal than ever before. Join us in amplifying our message to protect the world's children from this crippling illness.

## MAJOR MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- A 99.9% reduction in cases caused by wild poliovirus
- Immunization of 3 billion children
- Reduction of endemic polio countries to just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Focused containment in a few districts and provinces

But remember, one case is one child forever changed by polio. We will not rest until no child suffers its paralyzing effects.



## ROTARY'S DEDICATION AND IMPACT:

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has played a monumental role:

- Contributed over \$2.1 billion
- Donated countless volunteer hours
- Protected nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries
- Advocated for governments to contribute over \$10 billion

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but we must keep the world polio-free.



# 12TH PILIPINAS ROTARACT CONVENTION



RCMC along with our rotaract clubs both school and community based were the host club of the 12th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention.

The 12th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention is an annual gathering of Rotaractors from all over the Philippines. It serves as a platform for young leaders to come together, exchange ideas, and collaborate on projects that promote positive change in their communities.

We are very happy and honored to join with us Gov. Twinkle and DT Archie Gamboa.

Congratulations to all our rotaractors and rotarians of District 3860 for a successful event , having gathered more than 600 delegates , the first ever in history and transformed so many youth leaders of Rotaractors serving humanity .



# ROTARY WEEK 2024 CELEBRATION



RCMC participated in the Rotary Week 2024 Celebration. Rotary Week is a special time dedicated to celebrating the incredible work and impact of Rotary International and its members. It is a week-long celebration filled with various activities and events that highlight the values and principles of Rotary.

Congratulations to all our members who participated in the different activities and to Rotary Week Area 1 Chair, Dr. Jet Bernardo for a successful event and fellowship.





# ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, dedicated to supporting Rotary clubs and districts in their efforts to make a positive impact in communities around the world. Established in 1917, the Foundation embodies Rotary's commitment to service and humanitarian work by providing grants, funding projects, and promoting peace and understanding globally.

Through its grants, programs, and partnerships, the Rotary Foundation plays a vital role in advancing Rotary's mission of service above self and making a lasting impact on communities worldwide. Rotary members and supporters contribute to the Foundation's work through donations and fundraising efforts, ensuring that Rotary's humanitarian efforts continue to create positive change for generations to come.

Last November 18, 2023, we were one in celebrating the achievements of our club during The Rotary Foundation Night in Acacia Hotel, in the vibrant City of Davao, with District Governor Twinkle Gamboa as lead convener. It was truly remarkable to witness our collective efforts over the past three Rotary years and beyond, as we've worked together to achieve our goals.







# THE WORKS OF OUR ROTARACTORS

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu sponsors and supports two of the oldest and longest running Rotaract Clubs in the District.

The **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu** (Community-based) which has been in service for 26 years and the **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu - CIT Chapter** (School-based) which has been in service for 39 years.

Here are some highlights of their accomplishments this RY 2023-2024.

## THE ROTARACT CLUB OF METRO CEBU



The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu is a community-based organization of young leaders and professionals. Led by Hope-Creating President Jan Dale Carlo Catalonia, this club is one of the well-awarded and best performing Rotaract Clubs in District 3860.



# THE ROTARACT CLUB OF METRO CEBU

Metro Cebu  
**Rotary**  
Club



**Induction Rites and Handover Ceremonies** (August 2023): The **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu** welcomed and inducted new members to the club for Rotary Year 2023-2024, making them one of the few clubs with **positive membership growth** in the District.



**New Rotary Year Celebration with the Kids** (July 2023): To celebrate the start of the Hope-Creating Year, the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu joined hands with other clubs in the Cebu Council of Rotaract Clubs to conduct a children's party in Lapu-Lapu City.

Present in this endeavor from the club were President Jan Dale Carlo Catalonia, PP Francis Baraga, PP Vhon Chrisnan Ganuza, and VP Bernarda Panilagan.



**Sastre sa Kaugmaon: Tailors as our Future** (June 2023 and August 2023): One of the flagship projects of the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu is Sastre sa Kaugmaon which aims to provide livelihood to out-of-school youth and jobless mothers in Cordova. This is achieved through turnover of multiple functioning sewing machines and constant livelihood training sessions.

This project was awarded as **2nd Place** (Silver Award) for the **Edison Ong National Awards 2023**, receiving a grant of Php 15,000.



**DENGUARD: Guarding Communities against Dengue** (June 2023 and August 2023): With hopes of alleviating the situation of dengue in communities around Cebu City and Talisay City, the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu in partnership with Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter conducted a series of information campaigns and larvicide distribution.

This project was awarded as the **Most Outstanding Project for Disease Prevention and Treatment** during the **2024 District Conference ROYALS Awards Night**.







**UNCOVER Basic Orientation Seminar for Rotaract** (August 2023): The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu conducted an orientation for new and old members to set expectations and introduce the world of Rotaract and Rotary at the start of the year.

Such endeavor led to a fruitful year for the club, allowing the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu to end the Rotary Year with the **Platinum Distinction for the Completion of the DRR's Thrust** which is a distinction given to less than 10 clubs out of the 81 clubs in the District.



**Hike to End Polio for a Cause** (November 2023): The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu conducted several activities to support Rotary International's mission of ending polio. This includes the Walk to End Polio in October and the Hike to End Polio in November 2023.

The club was later awarded with a special recognition as a **Polio Plus Giving Club** with President **Jan Dale Carlo Catalonia** as the sole **Polio Plus Society member** of the club.



**Harvest of Hope: Helping the Farmers of Alambijud, Argao** (December 2023): The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu partnered with the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu - CIT Chapter, the Rotaract Club of National University of Singapore, and the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu to serve the farming community in the mountainous barangay of Alambijud in Argao.

The project was in collaboration with the **Organisadong Grupo ng Mag-uumang Diyosnon (OGMAD)** of Alambijud where the Rotaractors handed over 400 meters of HDPE or high density polyethylene pipes to improve water access and agricultural productivity.

Through the impact of the project, Harvest of Hope was awarded as the **Exemplary Project for Collaboration** in Baguio City and a **Finalist for the Outstanding Project for Community Economic Development** in Surigao City, Philippines.







**CHEERS Mandaue** (December 2023): The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu in partnership with Dilaab Digitals conducted a Christmas Party for the kids in Brgy. Jagobiao, Mandaue City. This was supported by their local government unit and was attended by 100 children.



**EmpowHER: Welcome to Womanhood** (March 2024 and April 2024): In support to Rotary International's focus on Maternal and Child Health and Empowering Girls, the Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu conducted a project focused on fighting the stigma around menstrual health and menstruation among young girls.

More than 900 sanitary pads were distributed to the two partner communities. This project eventually got awarded as a **Finalist for the Exemplary Project on Empowering Girls** in Baguio City and the **Most Outstanding Project for Maternal and Child Health** in Surigao City, Philippines.



The **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu** attended all district and national functions in Rotaract: **RDLT 2023** (Butuan), **RDLT 2024** (Tacloban), **DISCON 2024** (Surigao), and **GEAR Awards 2024** (Baguio) where the club received **Gold Distinction** and Jan Dale Carlo Catalonia got awarded as one of the **Top 10 Exemplary Rotaractors in the Philippines**.



The **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu** ended the Hope-Creating Year with a bang, after being recognized as a **Finalist for the Outstanding Club of the Year**, **Finalist for the Outstanding President of the Year**, and **Finalist for the Outstanding Secretary of the Year**.

The club also received the **Platinum Distinction** for RY 2023-2024 along with **28 other District Awards** during the ROYALS Night of the 40th District Conference in Surigao & Siargao, Philippines from June 21 to June 24, 2024.







# THE ROTARACT CLUB OF METRO CEBU CIT CHAPTER



The **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter** consists of passionate **student leaders** dedicated to serving the community through outreach programs. Balancing their academic responsibilities, these rotaractors exemplify **volunteerism** and a **commitment** to making a **positive impact**.

In **August 2023**, the **Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter** held joint induction rites and handover ceremonies, welcoming and inducting **new officers and members** for the Rotary Year 2023-2024. This achievement positioned them as one of the few clubs in the District with **positive membership growth**.



The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter consists of passionate student leaders dedicated to impactful community service. Despite limited funding and relying on fundraising, minor sponsorships, and partnerships, they have successfully implemented over **30 projects**, benefiting more than **550 individuals**, including **200+ students, 30+ farmers, 20 cancer patients, 70+ persons with disabilities, and 3 public schools**. Focused on contributing to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, they also support international causes through donations to The Rotary Foundation, including \$150 for **polio eradication**. Recognized as the **Top 2** in membership growth in District 3860 at the June 2024 **District Conference**, their commitment to service and volunteerism shines brightly.

These **impressive numbers** reflect that, despite being a **student-led organization**, their unwavering commitment is evident in the tangible outcomes of their efforts. The Rotaract Club of Metro Cebu CIT Chapter stands as a testament to the power of passion, collaboration, and relentless effort in driving positive societal transformation.





In alignment with Brigada Eskwela, **empowered 19 students** who doesn't have access to basic school supplies at Hagdan Elementary School on Kinatarkan Island, Cebu - farthest north island of Cebu on August 12, 2023 in partnership with JMR Foundation and Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, they provided essential **school supplies**, aiming to nurture future leaders and drive **positive change** within the community.



**Rotacart: Bridging Gaps in Education**, exemplifies the power of perseverance and dedication. This project aims to donate a **mini library** to Cadulawan Integrated School, ensuring students in mountainous areas have **easy access to reading materials**. Despite challenges, our Rotaract team successfully reached the school, bringing essential donations that brought joy to the pupils' faces. Additionally, a **Book Donation Drive** was conducted to gather reading materials for implementation.



**Soap Up for Success** (July 2024). This project focused on teaching students from Pardo National High School **eco-friendly dishwashing liquid production skills** at Barangay Kinasang-an, Cebu in partnership with Junior Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers - CIT University Chapter and Kinasang-an Sangguniang Kabataan.

Aligned with SDG 4 and SDG 12, the workshop aimed to promote **sustainable livelihoods** by enhancing participants' understanding of chemical processes and encouraging the adoption of sustainable practices.



**Project DEPENSA** (April 2024) a Basic Self-Defense Orientation Seminar and training aimed at empowering 30 high school student leaders with essential **self-defense techniques and strategies**. Led by a dedicated coach - Stayze Agujar who is also an officer of our club, the seminar emphasized the **importance of preparedness and personal safety**. Through engaging workshops and hands-on demonstrations, participants gained confidence, resilience, and a sense of empowerment.





# UNITING FOR IMPACT:



## A RECAP OF THE 12TH PILIPINAS ROTARACT CONVENTION

In the bustling streets of Cebu, Philippines, a remarkable event unfolded—the 12th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention. From February 16th to 18th, Rotaractors from across the archipelago converged in the Queen City of the South for a celebration of unity, inspiration, and service.



The convention commenced with an explosion of colors and energy during the Suroy-Suroy sa Distrito 2024. Representing their respective districts, Rotaractors showcased their creativity through vibrant booth designs and shared the flavors of their local delicacies. The beats of drums and infectious rhythms of dance filled the air, setting the stage for an exhilarating journey ahead. Notably, RI District 3810 emerged triumphant, earning the title of Grand Winner of the Best Festival Booth Contest.



As evening fell, the ambiance shifted to one of elegance and intrigue during the Moonlit Masquerade Theme welcome dinner. The esteemed presence of Cebu City Mayor, Honorable Michael "Mike" Rama, added to the allure of the night. The highlight of the evening was the eagerly anticipated Mister and Miss Rotaract Philippines pageant. Amidst a backdrop of advocacy and grace, President Elect Cedrick Dalvin S. Alolor from RID3820 and Rtr Marifel Chavez of RID 3850 were crowned as the inaugural Mister and Miss Rotaract Philippines, embodying the spirit of leadership and service.





# UNITING FOR IMPACT...



Day two dawned with a poignant gesture—the Walk to End Polio, led by District Governor Twinkle Gamboa and Spouse DLF Archie Gamboa. It marked the commencement of the 119th World Rotaract Week, symbolizing our collective commitment to eradicating polio globally. The subsequent plenary sessions were a source of enlightenment, featuring speakers who shared insights on various aspects of community service and collaboration. From WASH initiatives to disaster response, each speaker imparted invaluable knowledge and inspiration.



The afternoon unfolded with exploration and discovery as delegates embarked on an Educational Cebu City Tour, immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of the city's history. The evening was a jubilant celebration of Rotaract leaders and their impactful projects, highlighted by the captivating Drag Me to PROCON contest and insightful District Reports. It was a night of connection and camaraderie, where the Pilipinas Rotaract Family forged bonds that would endure beyond the convention.



Day three marked the World International Service Day, symbolizing the commencement of enduring partnerships and fellowships through service. It served as a poignant reminder of Rotary's commitment to making a lasting impact in communities around the world.





# UNITING FOR IMPACT...



Behind the scenes, the success of PROCON 2024 was a testament to the collaborative efforts of dedicated individuals. District Rotaract Representative Remuel Coles, District Governor Twinkle Gamboa PROCON Chairman Elcasmer Acedo, Co-Chairmen HCP Glenda Miro-Antonio, HCP Jan Dale Catalonia, and HCP Lordhan Labora, alongside, and all committee heads and members, worked tirelessly to orchestrate a memorable event.



As the curtains closed on the 12th Pilipinas Rotaract Convention, it left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to participate. It was more than just a gathering—it was a celebration of unity, inspiration, and service. It underscored the boundless potential of the Rotaract community to effect positive change in the world.



In the end, PROCON 2024 served as a beacon of hope—a reminder that together, we can make create hope in the world as one Rotary and Rotaract family.







# WHERE HOPE IS PLANTED

Lyrics by Cathy Azanza-Dy  
Music by Joed Balsamo

Look and you'll find how you can serve our land  
If truth is left behind, will you make a stand?  
Days will be bright when the walls between us fall  
We will brave the darkest night, hear us sound the call.

## Refrain

Turn the page, turn the tide  
Turn the world to face the light  
Through Rotary our hopes fly high  
to where dreams touch the sky.

Turn the page, turn the tide  
Turn the world to face the light  
Through Rotary we all will show  
Where hope is planted, love is sure to grow.

Battles may rage hiding the voices of the small  
We, Rotarians rise as one giving strength and peace to all  
Hearts are ablaze, spreading joy when all seems lost  
Drawing courage from each other for what matters is the cause.

## Repeat refrain



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