



Rotary
Club of South Davao



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Southern Kris

Meets every Wednesday * 12:00 NN
The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites, Sta. Ana Avenue
Davao City

EVERY ROTARIAN



EVERY YEAR



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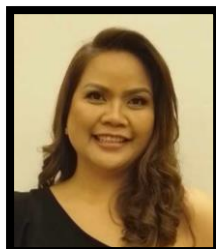
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3rd Regular Luncheon Meeting

August 7, 2024 * The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites * 12:00NN

Program

I. Opening:

- Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai
- Invocation.....Spouse Merelyne Chellathurai
- Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &
Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary
- Introduction of Guests &
Visiting Rotarians.....Sec. Bryan John Antioquia
- Community Singing

II. Program Proper

- Rotary Information &
Secretary’s Report.....Sec. Bryan Joh Antioquia
- President’s Time.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai

III. Club Assembly

IV. Closing

- Announcements / Adjournment

Spouse Kathy Uy
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation...

We pray to You our Father above, that You influence all decisions we, our family, and our friends make today. You're our pillar of support and we want You to support us throughout the day by giving us the capacity. God, we need You to back all actions and decisions that surround us today. Let positivity follow us, oh Lord. And allow us the wisdom to avoid any negative occurrence in our time of need. We thank You, Lord, for gracing us with Your presence. Amen.

FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY
OR DO

- 1st Is it the **TRUTH**?
2nd Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3rd Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4th Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST:

The development to acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business of profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of community.
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
6. Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

Health workers trained through a Rotary project resuscitate infants struggling for air

By: Etelka Lehoczky

As a midwife who works at health facilities all over the Western Rural District of Sierra Leone, Banneh Daramy sometimes has to assert herself. Her confidence and skill can make the difference between life and death.

"I went to one facility and the people on duty did not even recognize that I was a midwife," she recalls. "They'd just done a delivery, and the baby was not crying. So they concentrated on the mom, and the baby was left alone. Immediately, I entered. I knew how to resuscitate the baby."

"I used it to ventilate the baby. And within one minute, the baby started crying," she says. "The mom had been crying and shouting, 'Oh God, please save my baby! Please save my baby!' And then she was so happy. That's why, whenever I see a delivery, I stay until the end to see that the baby is safe."

It didn't take expensive equipment to save that baby's life. A self-inflating resuscitator sells for about US\$11. Daramy's knowledge of neonatal resuscitation — and her quick thinking — made all the difference. She learned many of her skills through Helping Babies Breathe, a training program created by the American Academy of Pediatrics that she took part in through a Rotary global grant project.

Birth asphyxia, or the failure to breathe at birth, kills an estimated 900,000 infants globally each year. Although it accounts for less than 0.1% of newborn deaths in industrialized countries, it's the leading cause of neonatal mortality in low- and middle-income countries, like Sierra Leone.

Since 2022, Rotary members in Sierra Leone and North America have collaborated to offer the Helping Babies Breathe protocol to more than 650 nurses, midwives, and other health workers from all over Sierra Leone. The program was funded through a global grant co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone. Sybil Bailor, the club's 2023-24 president, was committed to the program in part because of her own experience. She once had a difficult delivery, during which her baby struggled to get oxygen.

"When my second child was being born, it was quite a long process, and she got distressed in my birth canal," Bailor says. "Her oxygen level was below 90%, so they gave me [a medication] to make the contractions come quicker. This is one of the reasons why this particular project is very special to me."

Bailor collaborated on the grant application with Charlotte Israel, 2023-24 president of the Rotary Club of Palm Harbor, Florida, USA. Israel was drawn to the training project partly because of a personal tragedy.

"In 2020, my daughter passed away," she says. "I went in to wake her up to go to work, and she was lying on her bed. I called [emergency services] and they told me to try giving her CPR. But I had never done CPR. That has always been on my mind: Maybe, if I had the training, I could have helped my daughter."

Like CPR programs, Helping Babies Breathe teaches non-doctors how to provide lifesaving care. Rotary's association with the program goes back several years. The American Academy of Pediatrics relied on help from Rotary members when it created training materials for the program in 2010.

"Rotarians have been champions of the program from the very start, [including] serving as editors on the various curricula," says Beena Kamath-Rayne, a neonatologist and the vice president of global newborn and child health for the American Academy of Pediatrics. "We have a very much valued partnership with them as we continue to spread Helping Babies Breathe around the world." One of the great things about Helping Babies Breathe, Israel notes, is that its training materials can be downloaded for free.

"We provided wall charts. We provided brochures. And if I gave you a brochure, you could actually learn that entire course yourself to be able to do that technique," she says.

But Israel wanted the trainees in Sierra Leone to be able to practice on dolls that are specially designed for the program. The NeoNatalie newborn simulator's chest rises only when the trainee uses the correct resuscitation technique. The trainee can also check for a pulse in the doll's attached umbilical cord, and a trainer can use squeeze bulbs to make the doll breathe spontaneously or cry.

Israel and Bailor's clubs used The Rotary Foundation grant to purchase 160 NeoNatalies and other supplies. The trainees practiced with self-inflating resuscitation devices and used plastic bottles (known as "penguins" because of their shape) to learn to suction fluid from infants' noses and mouths.

The project's sponsors overcame some unexpected costs, including higher shipping fees and the need to provide transportation and lodging for nurses and midwives from rural areas.

Because of this, the clubs were able to make another significant investment in the health of babies in Sierra Leone. The grant also provided five oxygen concentrators and a solar power system to the King Harman Maternity and Child Hospital in Freetown.

To ensure sustainability, the project trained people who could then teach other health workers and lead courses for them to refresh their skills. The clubs partnered with Sierra Leone's health ministry and the nongovernmental organization Health Care Sierra Leone USA to make sure training would continue. "We train the participants with the goal that when they go back to their various localities, they will be able to train others," says Sulaiman Sannoh, a neonatologist and member of Health Care Sierra Leone USA. "Over the years, people who've attended our training sessions have sent us pictures of themselves training their colleagues."



Secretary's Report

Bryan John Q. Antioquia

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	July 6	July 18	July 24
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23	23	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05	05
PRESENT	19	08	13
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	04	15	10
MADE UP	00	03	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23	23	23
WEEK AVERAGE	83.00%	48.00%	57.00%

Happy Birthday!

Aug. 03 – PP Noel Villa-Abrille
15 – PP Don Torno
20 – Dir. Litho Mojares
23 – Sp. Nelia Partoza
25 – PP Nonoy Aquino
26 – PVP Bhing Shimizutani

Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 19 – Pres. Michael &
Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai
25 – Dir. Apple & Sp. Sandro
Adora





President's Message

Michael Gerard Chellathurai

Club President

Sangkoo Yun is selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International president

By **Etelka Lehoczky**

Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

To learn more about Yun, read his [interview and vision statement](#), which outline his goals for Rotary.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2026-27 President of Rotary International are:

Jessie H. Harman (chair), Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, Victoria, Australia; Francesco Arezzo (secretary), Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Jeremy Hurst, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Jan Lucas Ket, Rotary Club of Purmerend, Netherlands; Urs Klemm, Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; Bharat S. Pandya, Rotary Club of Borivli, Maharashtra, India; Julia D. Phelps, Rotary Club of Amesbury, Massachusetts, USA; José Alfredo Pretoni, Rotary Club of São Paulo-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil; Dean Rohrs, Rotary Club of Langley Central, British Columbia, Canada; Kenneth Schuppert, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA; Johrita Solari, Rotary Club of Anaheim, California, USA; Katsuhiko Tatsuno, Rotary Club of Tokyo-West, Tokyo, Japan; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Kamal Sanghvi, Rotary Club of Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India; Chang-Gon Yim, Rotary Club of Daegu West, Daegu, Korea



RCSD 57th Induction of Officers & Handover Ceremonies...

July 6, 2024, Hotel Tropika, Lanang







Rotary New Year activity...

July 1, 2024 at Balay Dangupan, Buhangin



Area 2 Bloodletting activity...

In partnership with Philippine Red Cross & 7Eleven
July 17, 2024, Ayala Malls Abreeza





RC South Davao sponsored the Girl's Mixed Riders Club charity event last July 7, 2024.



Turnover of relief goods & medicines to the fire victims of Brgy. 20A in partnership with RC Davao, RC Davao 2000, RC Matina Davao and RC West Davao. July 19, 2024, Magallanes Elem. School.





Area 2A Joint Luncheon Meeting with Rtn. Bianca Saikale of Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak Australia as guest speaker. July 18, 2024 at the Pinnacle Hotel.



Lunch meeting fellowship at Ahfat Restaurant, July 24, 2024

Roster of Members

ROTARIAN	CLASSIFICATION	SPOUSE
ABALLE, DENNIS ROY "Dennis"	Bakeshop & Pastries	Jezel
ABELLANA, HAROLD "Harold"	IT System Integration	Loreine
ABELLANA, RODOLFO "Rudy"	Truck & Equipment Parts Rtng.	Ana
ADORA, AILLEEN JOY "Apple"	Petroleum Products Distribution	Sandro
ALBAERA, VIRGIE "Virgie"	Logistics Service Provider	
ANTIOQUIA, BRYAN JOHN "BJ"	Hospital Representative	Kristine
BUELIS, FELY GRACE "Grace"	RTW Retailing	Sam
CHELLATHURAI, MICHAEL GERARD "Michael"	Agriculture	Merelyne
CHUA, JACOB "Jake"	Wholesale Management	Bing
GAHOL, ESTER "Ester"	Architect	
GARCIA, SONJA "Sonja"	Real Estate	
LOZANO, MAXIMO "Max"	Proprietary Leasing	Marselle
MOJARES, LITHO "Tolitz"	Paints Distribution	Robigen
ONGGAO, MARTLE MAE "Mic-Mic"		
SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL	Apartment Leasing	
SINGSON, ANNIE FAYE "Annie"	Event Planner	Jocris
SOLIVIO, JACKIE LOUIE "JL"	Motorcycle Dealership	Christine
TABIJE, ISMAEL "Maeng"	Int'l. Dev't. Consulting	Lynda
TAC-AN, JOE MARC "Mackie"		
TAN, RIENA "Reina"		
TOMINES, EXEQUIEL JR "Jay-R"	Technical Engineer	Shiela
TORNO, DON ELECCI "Don"	Financial Consultant	Ely
UY, ARTHUR "Arthur"	Construction Hardware	Kathy
VILLA-ABRILLE, Emmanuel "Noel"	Proprietary Management	

HONORARY MEMBERS:

AQUINO, ABDULAH "Nonoy"
LIM, BRAULIO "Braul"
PARILLA, PABLITO "Billy"
PARTOZA, ANTONIO "Ony"
VILLA-ABRILLE, LEONCIO "Nonoy"