



**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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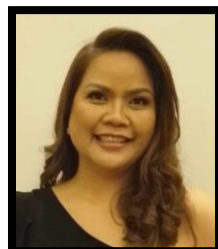
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*5<sup>th</sup> Regular Luncheon Meeting*

September 11, 2024 \* The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites \* 12:00NN

*Program*

**I. Opening:**

- Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai
- Invocation
- Singing of National Anthem & Rotary Hymn &  
Recitation of the 4-Way Test & Object of Rotary
- Introduction of Guests &  
Visiting Rotarians
- 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

**PP Noel Villa-Abrille**  
*Master of Ceremonies*

**Invocation...**

*LORD, give us wisdom from your truths, fill us with a desire to faithfully follow after you, more than any other thing. Thank you that you are far greater than whatever we may face in the day. Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength. We ask for your peace to lead us and for your grace and goodness to cover our lives this day. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us and through us again, fresh and new.*

*And even though we woke up with the same troubles we had yesterday, we know there is great power in our choices. So today, dear God, once again, we choose to listen for your voice above everything else. Forgive us for not trusting you enough. Forgive us for spinning our wheels and trying to work everything out all on our own. Help us to truly let go of what you have asked us to release to you and to believe that you're at work in ways we can't fully see. Help us in our unbelief. Amen.*

## FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY  
OR DO

- 1<sup>st</sup> Is it the **TRUTH**?  
2<sup>nd</sup> Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Muslim and Christian women work together to prevent dengue fever in Indonesia**

*By Rotary International*

In a world where intolerance and violence fueled by religious differences are seemingly increasing, one Rotary club in Indonesia is showing how diversity can help prevent a pandemic threat.

When the Rotary Club of Solo Kartini in Surakarta, Indonesia, formed 25 years ago, its members drew criticism from the predominantly Muslim community. The club's members were mostly Christians, atypical for a country where more than 80 percent of the population is Muslim. Religious leaders were skeptical of Rotary's secular mission and wary of intrusion.

Undeterred, the club started recruiting more members. Today, the 72-member, all-female club includes both Muslims and Christians.

And the effort they have put into breaking down barriers and fostering respect and understanding among club members has reinforced the club's capacity to address dengue fever, one of the biggest public health threats in tropical cities like Surakarta.

Dengue fever is a virus transmitted by mosquitos that flourish in tropical urban **environments** like Surakarta. There is no effective treatment; once infected, victims experience sudden high fevers, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, nausea, and vomiting.

Launching an effective public health initiative to prevent the disease requires volunteers with deep knowledge and connections to the community who can craft specific and sustainable solutions. And that means being able to build relationships across religious, cultural and socio-economic lines.

Rotary member Mariam Kartonagoro says her club's diverse makeup – particularly its abundance of mothers and professionals of varied ages and backgrounds – enhances their effort to fight dengue fever. "The fact that we are different does not create trouble, but it strengthens our relationship," she says.

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Westport, Connecticut, USA, and the local ministry of health in Surakarta, the Muslim and Christian club members have been able to help reduce the risk for dengue fever by interrupting the breeding cycles of carrier mosquitos.

The first step was to implement a startlingly simple, low-cost strategy: line the dark cement bathtubs, common in Indonesian households, with white tiles so mosquito larvae is easier to see – and remove. In five years, the club project modified more than 3,500 tubs in two neighborhoods.

But tiles weren't enough. The club needed to change habits and behaviors that contribute to infections, which required building trust to educate the community.

"Our main focus is to educate and invite people to be aware of health issues, hygiene, and the importance of a clean environment," says Rotarian Indrijani Sutapa, one of the dengue project leads. "This takes a very long time to teach."

Community social workers teach homeowners how to empty and scrub infested tubs twice a week, close the lid on water containers, and bury waste that can collect water.

Siti Wahyuningsih, Surakarta's director of public health, hopes to extend Rotary's white-tile project to other parts of the city.

"Health is a shared responsibility between government, society, and the private sector," she says. "The government can't do it alone. We as a community must embrace all of our strengths, and Rotary is a big one."

The club hopes to see more people crossing cultural lines to help each other.

"Rotary has a very diverse membership, and we can be examples to others in the way we work. After all, when we give help, we do not ask about the religion of the person whose tub we replace. We think in a much more global way," says Rotarian Febri Dipokusumo. "And we try to foster relationships with people who may have different beliefs or thoughts. We can become friends here in Rotary. Maybe this way, we can inspire Indonesia and the world."



# Secretary's Report

Bryan John Q. Antioquia

Club Secretary

## *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

|                   | <b>Aug. 7</b> | <b>Aug. 21</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| CLUB MEMBERSHIP   | 23            | 23             |
| HONORARY MEMBER   | 05            | 05             |
| PRESENT           | 07            | 08             |
| ON LEAVE          | 00            | 00             |
| ABSENT            | 16            | 15             |
| MADE UP           | 00            | 03             |
| ATTENDANCE % BASE | 23            | 23             |
| WEEK AVERAGE      | <b>30.43%</b> | <b>48.00%</b>  |

### ***Thank you for making-up:***

Pres. Michael Chellathurai  
PDDG/PP Arthur Uy

PP Virgie Albaera  
Rtn. Reina Tan

### ***Happy Birthday!***

Sept. 20 – Sp. Jocris Singson  
24 – VP Jay-R Tomines

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

Sept. 19 – PP Jacob & Sp, Bing  
Chua

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- Sept. 13, 2024 – Arrival of RC Choshi, Japan members
- Sept. 14, 2024 – Activities with RC Choshi
- Sept. 15, 2024 – Free feeding to Davao School for the Blind with RC Choshi 11:30AM
- Sept. 26, 2024 – Inauguration-Turnover of the DCWD-RCSD-RCWWD water supply project at Damilag Elem School in Paquibato
- Oct. 8, 2024 – RCSD Governor's Visit
- Oct. 11, 2024 – Pink October Abreeza Mall
- Oct. 12, 2024 – Governor's Night



# President's Message

**Michael Gerard Chellathurai**

Club President

Fellow ROTARIANS & Spouses: Join the Annual Interclub Bowling Tournament 2024!

Are you ready for a fun and exciting competition with your fellow Rotarians and spouses? The annual interclub bowling tournament is just around the corner, scheduled for October 6th and October 13th. Bowler PP Rudy gather our team members, and get ready to strike those pins!

## **Forming Up a Winning Team**

Led by the skilled bowler PP Rudy, we have the opportunity to form a strong team that will show off our bowling prowess and camaraderie. Putting together a team for the tournament is a great way to bond with your fellow Rotarians and spouses, as well as showcase your competitive spirit.

## **Who Can Join?**

Rotarians and their spouses are welcome to participate in the tournament, regardless of their bowling experience. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, the interclub bowling tournament is a fantastic opportunity to have a good time, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly competition.

## **Why Should You Join?**

Participating in the annual interclub bowling tournament is not only a great way to have fun but also a chance to showcase the spirit of Rotary. By coming together as a team, we can strengthen our bonds, support each other, and demonstrate our commitment to service and friendship.

## **How to Get Involved?**

If you're interested in joining the team led by Bowler PP Rudy, simply reach out and express your interest. We are looking for enthusiastic team members who are ready to give their best on the lanes and have a great time with our fellow Rotarians and spouses.

## **The Benefits of Bowling**

Bowling is more than just a fun pastime – it also offers numerous health benefits for both the body and mind. From improving hand-eye coordination to promoting social interaction, bowling is a great way to stay active and engaged.

### **Physical Benefits**

Bowling can help improve your balance, flexibility, and muscle strength. As you aim for that perfect strike, you'll also be burning calories and honing your coordination skills. Additionally, bowling can be a low-impact exercise, making it suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

### **Mental Benefits**

Engaging in a game of bowling can help reduce stress, improve concentration, and boost your mood. The social aspect of bowling can also enhance your mental well-being by fostering connections with others and providing a sense of community.

### **Team Building**

Joining a team for the interclub bowling tournament is a fantastic way to strengthen relationships with our fellow Rotarians and spouses. Working together towards a common goal, supporting each other through challenges, and celebrating victories as a team can create lasting memories and friendships.

### **Conclusion**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the annual interclub bowling tournament and form a winning team led by Bowler PP Rudy. It's a chance to have fun, showcase your bowling skills, and strengthen your bonds with your fellow Rotarians and spouses. So lace up your bowling shoes, grab your ball, and get ready to roll those strikes!



**RCSD Lunch Fellowship & advance Birthday celebration  
of PP Nonoy Aquino...**  
August 21, 2024, Ahfat Restaurant



# Quarterly Birthday Fellowship...

August 30, 2024, Rtn. Grace Place in Tambobong, Calinan





Meeting with EyeMDs Pres. Dr. Maricel Luzano and her staff for the RCSD Free Cataract project this coming December 2024.



**Vibrant Club Seminar...**  
Sept. 7, 2024, Acacia Hotel



# *Roster of Members*

## ROTARIAN

## CLASSIFICATION

## SPOUSE

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

### HONORARY MEMBERS:

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