



**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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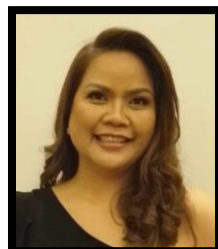
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## *7<sup>th</sup> Regular Luncheon Meeting*

October 23, 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  
 Introduction of Guest of Honor & Speaker.....Sp. Marselle Lozano  
 S P E E C H..... Allyne M. Aguelo, MD, FPPS, FPIDSP  
 President's Time.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai

#### **III. Closing**

Announcements / Adjournment

*Master of Ceremonies*

## **Invocation...**

Today, dear Father, we beseech You, grant us the gift of understanding of the faith required of us, and the guidance to practice this faith through deeds, thereby honoring Rotary and above all, honoring You, the Supreme Head of all service organizations.

You taught us that Christians is not merely an emotion or a purely intellectual conviction or an adherence to a moral and religious code, nor is a belief in a man-made God.

Grant us the privilege of encountering and recognizing Your divine person in the Rotary, among its members, in fellowship with them, and in the service of our fellowmen. May this human encounter with our fellow Rotarians and the people we serve straighten our love and trust in You. And finally, give us the courage to fulfill our commitment to "serve others above self," which is the Rotary's way of expressing Your mission to save all men. Given this kind of faith, with Your divine assistance, we will surely honor Rotary. We will surely honor You. 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.

## **Rotary commits funds to polio outbreak response in Gaza**

*By Rotary International*

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

### **Learn more and donate to End Polio Now**

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.

A humanitarian pause allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign to begin in Gaza. The first round was successfully implemented from 1-12 September 2024 and vaccinated 559,161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at the governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.

The second round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign in Gaza began on 14 October. The campaign started in Central Gaza, vaccinating children under ten years old with nOPV2, where children aged between 2-9 years old were also offered Vitamin A. Rotary committed US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally.

Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

### **Follow the latest on the polio vaccination campaign in Gaza.**

— October 2024



# Secretary's Report

**Bryan John Q. Antioquia**

Club Secretary

## *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05
PRESENT	12	10
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	11	13
MADE UP	03	04
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23	23
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>65.21%</b>	<b>61.00%</b>

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

PDDG/PP Arthur Uy  
PP Rudy Abellana

IPP Ester Gahol  
PP Virgie Albaera

PS Harold Abellana  
Rtn. Mackie Tac-an

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

Oct. 10 – Sp. Merelyne Chellathurai  
19 – Sp. Ana Abellana  
20 – Sp. Bing Chua  
24 – PP Jacob Chua

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

Oct. 09 – PP Arthur & Sp. Kathy Uy  
17 – Rtn. Mackie & Sp. Tess Tac-an  
20 – PP Max & Sp. Marselle Lozano  
23 – PP Ony & Sp. Nelia Partoza  
25 – Dir. Annie Faye & Sp. Jocris  
Singson

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Oct. 30, 2024 – Costume Party  
Theme: United Nations  
6PM, Hotel Tropika  
Nov. 9, 2024 – Free Cataract initial screening  
8AM, Davao Chong Hua High School  
Nov. 10, 2024 – Free Cataract final screening  
8AM, EyeMDs  
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2024 – Free Cataract  
Operation  
8AM, EyeMDs  
Dec. 6, 2024 – Christmas Party  
Salome's Garden (tentative)  
Dec. 11, 2024 – RCSD Election of Officers &  
last regular meeting of the year

*Our Guest of Honor  
& Speaker...*



**Allyne M. Aguelo, MD, FPPS, FPIDSP**

- *Doctor of Medicine: Davao Medical School Foundation*
- *Residency in Pediatrics: Davao Doctors Hospital*
- *Training Officer: Infectious Disease Section, Southern Philippines Medical Center*
- *Immediate Past Training Officer: Davao Doctors Hospital*
- *Fellow: Philippine Pediatric Society*
- *Fellow: Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines*



**END POLIO NOW** **WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER**

**One Day. One Focus:  
Ending Polio**

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.





# President's Message

## Michael Gerard Chellathurai

Club President

### The health workers fighting polio in Pakistan, one house at a time

More than 350,000 officials are part of Pakistan's fight against polio. Most are field workers who go from door to door in testing conditions to administer oral vaccines.

Ayesha Raza is a 35-year-old polio survivor and health worker in the government-run polio eradication programme in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore.

Her condition is deteriorating with age, she says. She experiences random numbness in her arms and legs, and she cannot recall how many times she has fallen on the road.

Despite her health issues, Ayesha, who has an eight-month-old daughter, works in the field, going from door to door administering oral polio vaccines to children aged six and below at up to 80 houses in her area every month.

**But some people have not been receptive.**

She has been shouted at, had gates slammed shut in her face and been ridiculed. Work is tiring and her employers have refused to provide any assistance, given her condition. But Ayesha feels that in addition to being able to provide for her family financially, she has a moral responsibility.

"Initially, I used to curse myself for taking up this job," she told Al Jazeera. "People would just slam the door in my face without even talking to me. I used to get angry. Later I realized that, for me, it's more than a job. I tell parents they will never realize how I'm feeling every day [because of polio]. And the two drops [of polio vaccine] I give to their kids will help them in the end.

"I have polio. I feel weak. I have to walk for kilometers on end every day during the campaign. That's my job. But I need to make sure these kids do not go through what I have gone through."



The issues do not stop at threats. At least 102 polio field workers and security officials accompanying the teams have been killed by the Pakistan Taliban and other armed groups during the campaigns.

Some spend long hours on the streets, often toiling in the heat or the cold as they deliver the vaccines. For others, it's a mission to help eradicate polio in Pakistan.

# Official visit of DG Caroline “Caycay” Andrade to RCSD...

Oct. 9, 2024, Pinnacle Hotel



# Pink October Breast Cancer Awareness...

Oct. 11, 2024, Abreeza Mall



# Governor's Night...

Oct. 12, 2024, D' Leonor Hotel



# Inter-Club Bowling Tournament...

Oct. 6 & 13, 2024, SM Lanang Bowling Center



**July-Sept.  
Birthday  
Fellowship  
2.0...**

Oct. 13, 2024,  
Mixed  
Temptation,  
Langang



**Lunch Fellowship...**

Oct. 16, 2024, Ahfat Restaurant



# Bloodletting Activity...

in partnership with RC Davao, RC Davao 2000, RC North Davao,  
RC Buhangin Davao & Stella Maris Academy PTA  
Oct. 20, 2024, Stella Maris Academy



## Distribution of Snacks...

in partnership with RC Davao, RC Davao 2000, RC North Davao &  
RC Buhangin Davao  
Oct. 20, 2024, House of Hope





# *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> GERARD "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"