



**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**



## OFFICERS



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Chellathurai**  
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Club Service



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Vocational  
Service



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New Gen.



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Adora**  
Membership



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Service Projects



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Club Admin



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Public Image



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TRF

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**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
RI President



**Caroline L. Andrade**  
District Governor



**Aldwin R. Intong**  
Asst. Governor Area 2A

## SPOUSES' CIRCLE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



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Chellathurai**  
President



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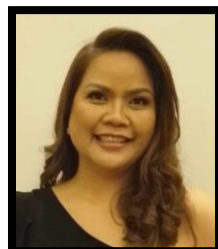
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Imm. Past President



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Director



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Director



**Christine Solivio**  
Director



**Shiela Tomines**  
Director

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

November 20, 2024 \* The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites \* 12:00NN

### *Program*

#### **I. Opening:**

Call to Order.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai  
 Invocation.....PP JL Solivio  
 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  
 Classification Talk.....Myrtle Mae Onggao  
 President's Time.....Pres. Michael Chellathurai

#### **III. Closing**

Announcements / Adjournment

*Master of Ceremonies*

## **Invocation...**

*LORD of Infinite Wisdom, we come to You today full of praise and admiration for simple but effective ways of preparing and inspiring ordinary people to be leaders of great movements and organizations.*

*You started Your kingdom here on earth with farmers, fishermen, traders, even a tax collector. First of all, You led by example, then at the end of the day's work, You gathered Your disciples to pray, to listen to the teachings of the Father, and to share with each other the day's experiences of failure and success in helping the poor, the needy, and the sick.*

*We thank You for the wonderful result of these humble beginnings and simple gatherings. The mustard seed is now a full-blown oak tree. Your kingdom has spread all over, covering the four corners of the earth with the good news of salvation.*

*Today, therefore, dear Lord, we implore You to bless our Club when we gather to listen to one of our own during the Classification Talk. May the example of the life, the successes and struggles of our fellow member inspire and strengthen us to spread the glad tidings of good deeds. This we ask in Your Mighty Name. 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.

### **‘When,’ not ‘if’: Progress continues toward ending polio**

#### **On World Polio Day, Rotary International leaders and public health experts reiterate their commitment to global eradication**

By Etelka Lehoczky and Arnold R. Grahl

Eradicating polio around the world is still an attainable goal, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick and public health experts said as they commemorated World Polio Day in the city where the vaccine was developed.

“I know it is a question of *when* polio will be eradicated, not *if*,” Urchick told the audience at [a livestream event on 24 October](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

“Our Action Plan talks about improving our impact. That’s really where our polio eradication program shines,” Urchick added. “Millions of children won’t get this crippling disease. Billions of U.S. dollars won’t be spent on ancillary health care costs as a result of this disease. We have made so much progress.”

World Polio Day raises awareness and funds for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s work to eliminate the disease. Since Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, the number of wild polio cases has decreased by 99.9%. The event highlighted Rotary’s continuing efforts toward complete eradication.

Polio remains endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2024, increased case counts of wild poliovirus and the first case of paralytic polio in Gaza in 25 years served as a reminder that until the disease is fully eliminated everywhere, it remains a threat to children everywhere.

Despite the challenges, Michael K. McGovern, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, said he remains confident as ever that global eradication is within reach. “We’re in a bumpy period, but we’re going to get this done by continuing to focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan and doing the things that were done so successfully by Rotarians,” he said.

The event included videos featuring polio vaccination workers in the field. Urchick said she was inspired by them during a visit to Karachi, Pakistan, earlier this year.

“Men work diligently to immunize thousands of children every day at traffic checkpoints, while women go house to house to reach families directly,” Urchick said. “Some workers literally climb mountains to vaccinate children in remote locations, and their determination never wavers.”

The livestream event was part of a two-day Rotary zone institute. RI Director Patrick Eakes, who convened the institute, said Pittsburgh was a perfect location because it’s where Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine. “We realized we were in a unique position,” said Eakes, a member of the Rotary Club of Crescent (Greensboro), North Carolina, USA.

Dr. Peter L. Salk, president of the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation in La Jolla, California, and a part-time professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, talked about what drove his father to develop the first inactive polio vaccine.

“He just never let go,” Salk recalled. “It was his personality to have a dream and get things done.”

Salk said his father wanted to make a difference in the world from a young age and became interested in science. After working in the U.S. state of Michigan on an influenza vaccine, he came to Pittsburgh in 1947 to work at the virus research lab and received a grant for polio research from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. That led to his work developing the inactive polio vaccine.

Other presenters at the livestream event included 2016-17 RI President John Germ. Several members of Rotary’s eradication effort also sent video messages.

In a video shown at the event that was originally recorded for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, Gates Foundation co-founder Bill Gates lauded the commitment toward eradication. “When polio is eradicated, it will be one of the biggest advances in public health in human history,” said Gates. The Gates Foundation, a partner in the GPEI, matches up to US\$50 million that Rotary raises each year at a 2-to-1 ratio, which means up to US\$150 million for the effort each year.

Salk, too, said he was honored to be in a room full of Rotary members who have a passion for solving tough problems. “Every time I get together with Rotarians,” he said, “I am just uplifted by the quality of humanity that you all radiate and the dedication you put in all the different realms helping the world become a better place.”



# Secretary's Report

**Bryan John Q. Antioquia**

Club Secretary

## *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Oct. 23</b>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23	23	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05	05
PRESENT	12	10	06
ON LEAVE	00	00	00
ABSENT	11	13	17
MADE UP	03	04	03
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23	23	23
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>65.21%</b>	<b>61.00%</b>	<b>39.13%</b>

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

Dir. Annie Faye Singson

Dir. Litho Mojares

Rtn. Mackie Tac-an

### ***Guests:***

Dr. Allyne Aguelo

Sp. Lynda Tabije

Kaely Uy

Sp. Marselle Lozano

Sp. Kathy Uy

## ***Happy Birthday!***

Nov. 9 – PS Harold Abellana

17 – Sp. Kristine Antioquia

23 – Sec. BJ Antioquia

## ***Happy Anniversary!***

Nov. 18 – Sec. BJ & Sp. Kristine  
Antioquia

28 – PP Rudy & Sp. Ana Abellana

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2024 – Free Cataract  
Operation  
8AM, EyeMDs

Dec. 6, 2024 – Christmas Party  
6PM, Pinnacle Hotel

Dec. 11, 2024 – RCSD Election of Officers &  
last regular meeting of the year



## Myrtle Mae Onggao

CERTIFIED HEALTH SPECIALIST /  
SENIOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR

### Education

#### Bachelor of Science in Accountancy

ATENEO DE DAVAO  
UNIVERSITY  
1994-1998

#### Bachelor of Commerce in Management Accounting

ATENEO DE DAVAO  
UNIVERSITY  
1994-1998

#### Highschool Diploma

STELLA MARIS ACADEMY  
OF DAVAO  
1990-1994

### Competencies

- DECISION MAKING
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- FLEXIBILITY / ADAPTABILITY
- LEADERSHIP
- PLANNING AND ORGANIZING
- INTEGRITY
- INITIATIVE
- COMMUNICATION
- TEAMWORK
- RESULTS/QUALITY ORIENTATION

### Profile

Professional with twenty-one years experience in pharmaceutical sales, and over twelve years in team management; Twelve years experience in insurance and investment; AXA Certified Health Specialist

### Work Experience

#### Certified Health Specialist / Senior Financial Advisor

AXA PHILIPPINES NOV 2020 - PRESENT

#### District Business Manager

ADP PHARMA CORPORATION  
FORT BONIFACIO, TAGUIG CITY JAN 2015 - JUL 2023

- Mindanao
- OB, Ophtha, ENT, Pedia, and Adult
- District is year on year top grosser for ADP's biggest brand, Diamaxin

#### District Manager

MACROPHARMA CORPORATION  
ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY JAN 2009 - JAN 2015

- VisMin Nephrology, Surgery/Anesthesia, Oncology lines, 2009-2013
- Mindanao Nephrology, Surgery/Anesthesia, Oncology lines, 2014-2015
- Tripled district sales in the first two years of team management and double-digit growth year on year.

#### Medical Representative

MERCK, INC. MAKATI CITY JAN 2002 - JAN 2009





## **President's Message**

**Michael Gerard Chellathurai**

Club President

Dear RCSD Members and Spouses,

As we reflect on the month of October, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and dedication shown by each of you and your spouses. Together, we have accomplished a number of successful projects that have truly made a difference in our community.

Your commitment and teamwork have been the driving force behind our achievements, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. As we move into November and December, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to collaborating with all of you on upcoming projects and initiatives that will continue to strengthen our organization and serve our community.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Let's keep the momentum going!

Warm regards,

## RCSD 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Luncheon Meeting...

with Dr. Allyne Aguelo as guest of honor & speaker  
Oct. 23, 2024, Pinnacle Hotel



# RCSD United Nations Fellowship...

Oct. 30, 2024, Hotel Tropika



# Free Cataract Screening ...

In partnership with RC Benthleigh Moorabbin Central, Share Me a Dream Foundation and Davao Chong Hua High School

Nov. 9 & 10, 2024, Davao Chong Hua High School & EyeMDs Laser and Surgery Center



# *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"