



**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



**Michael Gerard  
Chellathurai**  
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Adora**  
Membership



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Public Image



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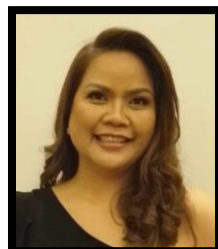
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**Jezel Aballe**  
Director



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Director



**Christine Solivio**  
Director



**Shiela Tomines**  
Director

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

January 08, 2025 \* The Pinnacle Hotel & Suites \* 12:00NN

*Program*

**I. Opening:**

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

**II. Program Proper**

- Rotary Information &  
Secretary’s Report.....Sec. BJ Antioquia
- Introduction of Resource Speaker.....IPP Ester Gahol
- S P E E C H.....PP Ismael D. Tabije
- President’s Time..... Pres. Michael Chellathurai

**III. Closing : Announcements / Adjournment**

**VP Jay-R Tomines**  
*Master of Ceremonies*

**Invocation...**

Let us bow our heads: Lord of the Universe, you have given most of mankind a strong desire to do good, to be honest, to serve others, and to faithfully fulfill their obligations to their neighbors. Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to do good. Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to be honest and ethical in all our dealings. Help us, as Rotarians and humans, to serve others. And help us, as Rotarians and humans, to faithfully fulfill our obligations as neighbors to our community, our nation, and the world.

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 Information...

### Rotary's Give Every Child a Future program vaccinates 100,000 young people

By *Etelka Lehoczky*

The island countries of the South Pacific are tropically warm, economically diverse, and really, really far apart. In this region, which spans millions of square miles, even individual countries' islands are scattered across vast distances. Public health workers face unique challenges in vaccinating the islands' children.

"It's hard to transport vaccines to the outer islands because of the distance and transport availability. Sometimes they have to wait one to three months to get a boat across," says Rufina Tutai, who oversees immunizations for the Cook Islands. The 15 islands in her jurisdiction are spread over nearly 2 million square kilometers (770,000 square miles).

"Flights are expensive to charter, and we're lucky if a flight can go to the outer islands in less than two weeks," she adds.

Such obstacles didn't deter the Rotarians of Australia, New Zealand, and several Pacific Island countries from organizing a major vaccination program in the islands. Called Give Every Child a Future, the effort – which celebrates 100 years of Rotary in the region – is providing three new vaccines to 100,000 children in nine Pacific Island groups: the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

"Public health programs in the developing world are some of the most effective forms of assistance we can provide. The payback is just enormous," says James Allen, a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and the project's director. "We agreed that the Pacific was the area we wanted to focus on because it was in both New Zealand's and Australia's backyards."

Give Every Child a Future took about eight years to develop. At first, the Rotary members knew only that they wanted to raise enough money to have a major impact on childhood health – more than US\$1 million. Their goal didn't crystallize until they found a partner capable of helping them carry out the kind of effort they dreamed of. UNICEF, which has frequently worked with Rotary, was the ideal partner. At first, though, UNICEF officials weren't certain the Rotary members could fund a comprehensive intervention.

"It took several emails before they realized I was serious," Allen says. "But then they came back and said, 'This sounds like a really good idea.'"

UNICEF's representatives suggested that the effort focus on immunizing children using new vaccines for rotavirus,

pneumococcal bacteria, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Rotavirus, which causes diarrheal disease in very young children, and pneumonia are among the top three causes of mortality in Pacific Islander children under five, says Libby Hodgson, chief marketing officer for UNICEF Australia. And HPV vaccination for adolescent girls can prevent them from developing cervical cancer later in life.

"We looked for gaps in the routine immunization schedule in those countries, and at the impact those diseases were having on children," Hodgson says. "There's also a high burden of cervical cancer cases across the Pacific, and most of that is attributable to HPV."

The scope of the program meant that Rotary clubs in the region needed to raise around US\$3.9 million – almost twice what they'd initially imagined. "We thought, 'Well, that's ambitious.' But after all, we wanted to do something significant," Allen says.

Ultimately, the members applied for 23 global grants, securing more than US\$980,000 in funds from The Rotary Foundation. The program was also funded by about US\$807,000 in District Designated Funds, US\$990,000 from clubs and individual members, US\$264,000 from other foundations, and US\$860,000 from the Australian government.

That funding paid for much more than vaccines. It was used to purchase special refrigerators, insulated containers, and other equipment to keep vaccines cool and transport them to the most distant islands. The health ministries in the nine island groups will be able to use this equipment for many years. That fulfills the project's other goal of helping the targeted areas add the three vaccines to their regular immunization schedules.

"This program is not just about vaccinating 100,000 children," says Michelle Tanner, 2016-17 president of the Rotary Club of Matamata, Waikato, New Zealand, and the marketing chair for Give Every Child a Future. "This program is about strengthening primary health care systems and vaccine delivery systems. It's about expanding staff capacity and updating equipment. And it's about updating policies and procedures, such as record-keeping."

The program also trained almost 900 health workers, meeting a critical need.

"What we face is mainly a shortage of staff," Tutai says. "That's because it's our policy to have at least two registered nurses double-check a vaccine before giving it to the child."

Jennifer Jones, Rotary's president in 2022-23, visited the Pacific Islands in March 2023 to review and promote the program.

"I had a chance to talk with one couple [whose] son had been immunized but still contracted rotavirus. Because of [the immunization], he was able to survive," Jones said during her visit. "The fact that we can be here, that we can give every child a future – this is what we do. We deliver on the promises we make."



# Secretary's Report

**Bryan John Q. Antioquia**

Club Secretary

## *Comparative Weekly Attendance*

	<b>Dec. 11</b>
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	10
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	13
MADE UP	01
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23
WEEK AVERAGE	<b>48.00%</b>

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

Pres. Michael Chellathurai

***Guest:***

Sp. Lynda Tabije

***Happy Birthday!***

Jan. 26 – PE Sonja Garcia

***Happy Anniversary!***

Jan. 06 – PP Maeng & Sp. Lynda  
Tabije



## **SAVE THE DATES**

Jan. 15, 2025 – RCSD Meeting

Feb. 12, 2025 – 57<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

Feb. 16-22, 2025 – Rotary Week

Apr. 3-5, 2025 – PETS/SETS,DTTS, DTA  
Cebu City

May 30-31, 2025 – Magic DISCON

June 21-25, 2025 – Calgary RI Convention

## Our Guest of Honor & Speaker...



**Ismael "Maeng" Tabije**

### **A. Education**

- **Master in Business Management**  
Asian Institute of Management  
Makati City, Philippines  
(Philippine Government Scholar)
- **Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**  
University of Mindanao  
Davao City, Philippines
- **Advanced Studies in Hydrology & Water Resources Engineering**  
University of Freiburg, University of Bonn & University of Goettingen, Germany  
(German Government Scholar)

### **B. Professional Experiences**

Former **International Consultant** to the United Nations, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency, European Commission, Philippine Government, Government of Timor-Leste & Government of Vietnam.

Former **Head of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA)** in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley

Former **Department Director of the SZOPAD Social Fund** of the Office of the President of the Philippines

Former **Graduate School (MBA) Lecturer** – Ateneo de Davao University

Former **Associate Dean and Program Head** of the Engineering Department, St. Mary's College of Tagum, Davao del Norte.

Former **Member of the Board of Directors** of the National Irrigation Administration

Currently **Member of the Board of Directors** and Chair of the Board Special Projects Committee of the Davao City Water District

**Lecturer and Resource Person** in numerous Engineering, Executive and Management Seminars (local, national and international)

Former **Newspaper Columnist**, Sunstar Davao

Former **Publisher, Author & Editor**, Citibooks International Publishing.

Former **Computer Programmer**, University of Mindanao Electronic Data Processing Center

**Countries worked in:** Philippines, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Pakistan

### **Membership in Civic and Other Organizations:**

- **Rotary Club of South Davao**  
Past Club President  
(Outstanding Club President Awardee)
- **Kiwanis Club of Tagum**  
Past Club President  
(Outstanding Club President Awardee)
- **National Association of Provincial Irrigation Engineers**  
Past National President
- **German Association for Water Resources and Land Development**  
International Member
- **American Society of Civil Engineers**  
International Member
- **Association of Filipinos in East Timor**  
Organizer and Charter President
- **Woodridge Park Homeowners' Association**  
Past President

Recipient of numerous awards from different local, national and international organizations, government agencies and NGOs.





## **President's Message**

**Michael Gerard Chellathurai**

Club President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we embark on this new year, let us, as Rotarians of RCSD, renew our commitment to service above self by supporting those in need, providing access to clean water, empowering underprivileged children to chase their dreams, actively working towards eradicating polio, and taking meaningful actions to protect our planet. Together, we can make a significant impact in our communities and beyond.

Thank you Fellow Rotarians.

# RCSD Annual Election of Officers...

Dec. 11, 2025, Pinnacle Hotel



## ***Congratulations!***

### **New Set of Officers & Directors RY 2025-2026**

President	: Sonja Garcia
President-Elect	: Harold Abellana
Vice-President	: Litho Mojares
Secretary	: Jay-R Tomines
Treasurer	: Don Torno
Auditor	: Dennis Aballe
Directors	: Mackie Tac-an Arthur Uy Grace Buelis Myrtle Onggao Noel Villa-abrille

# Gift Giving & Sharing the Blessings to the School for the Blind

In partnership with Share Me a Dream Foundation, Dec. 13, 2024



# *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"