



Rotary
Club of South Davao



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

EVERY ROTARIAN



EVERY YEAR



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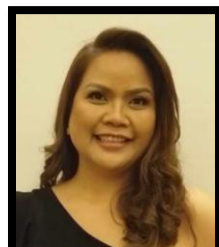
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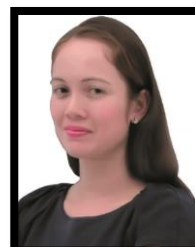
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Director



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12th Regular Luncheon Meeting

March 05, 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 Guest of Honor & Speaker.....IPP Ester Gahol
- S P E E C H.....Sheryl Ann Ramirez, RSW, MSSW
- President’s Time..... Pres. Michael Chellathurai

III. Closing : Announcements / Adjournment

Dir. Litho Mojares
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation...

Dear Lord and Father, thank You that You promise us that where two or three gathered You are there in the midst.

Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that You have lavished upon each of us.

We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love.

We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus.

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.

Rotary Information...

RI President Stephanie A. Urchick hosts members, scholars, and other peacebuilders to outline strategies

By Etelka Lehoczky

Building peace requires thoughtful, sustained efforts and meaningful partnerships, Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick told attendees at a peace conference in Istanbul. The presidential conference, held 20-22 February, focused on "Healing in a Divided World."

In her opening address, Urchick described the dedication required for true healing to take place.

"Our time together here is a testament to our shared belief in the power of peacebuilding," she said. "But let's acknowledge something essential: The act of 'Healing in a Divided World' is not something we can achieve quickly or easily. It takes an intentional commitment over time."

Participants from various backgrounds outlined how that commitment could take shape.

At a session focused on technology and media, speakers discussed how technology can reinforce both peace and conflict. They highlighted the impact of artificial intelligence, the ways technology can bolster peacebuilding efforts, and the expansive threat of misinformation.

Sheldon Himelfarb, an award-winning filmmaker and the founder of PeaceTech Lab, called for peacebuilders to forge a global response to misinformation. The danger it poses, he argued, is comparable to that of war, pandemics, and climate change.

"Misinformation [is] a problem so serious, and so far-reaching, that I believe it is rapidly becoming (if it's not there already) an existential threat to the planet," he said. "Fortunately, each day there are more and more people working on this new existential threat, developing tools for fact checking, content labeling, media literacy, AI for peacebuilding, and more."

Healing the environment and humanity

Other sessions focused on environmental issues in peacebuilding. Nada El Agizy, president of the Rotary E-Club of Egy-International and director of sustainable development and international cooperation at the League of Arab States, emphasized a particular threat in the Middle East.

"Climate change poses one of the most significant challenges the Arab States region has ever faced," she said. "The region is considered one of the world's foremost climate-change hotspots, and it is highly vulnerable to the negative impacts of global warming."

Yana Abu Taleb, the Jordan director for EcoPeace Middle East, said it will be impossible to forge a sustainable peace in the region without doing more to fight climate change. Taleb's organization brings together environmentalists from Jordan, Palestine, and Israel to promote sustainable development and advance peace efforts in the region.

"Peace will come, but we have to work for it," Taleb said. "We have to understand that there will be no lasting peace between countries throughout the Middle East if the protection of our shared environment is not put at the center of conflict resolution."

In the final session, attendees heard from a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Freddy Mutanguha was 18 when his parents, four sisters, and nearly 80 members of his extended family were murdered. After this unimaginable loss, he dedicated his life to preventing such atrocities and building a more peaceful world. Mutanguha, a member of the Rotary Club of Kigali-Mont Jali, Kigali, Rwanda, is now director of the Kigali Genocide Memorial and CEO of the Aegis Trust. He said the Kigali Genocide Memorial represents a decision to heal.

"We made a choice that in Rwanda, remembering should also mean healing," he said. "Our generation needs to break the cycle of hate and build foundations for peace and prosperity. Peace is not a theory for us. It is real, urgent, and requires resolve."

A new Rotary Peace Center welcomes scholars

Attendees at the conference included the first 13 Rotary Peace Fellows at the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. The newest of Rotary's seven global peace centers, it offers peacebuilders based in the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to earn professional development certificates in peace and development studies.

"Through its Peace Fellowship program, the center will equip a new generation of leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to address the root causes of conflict and to build sustainable peace in their communities and beyond," Urchick said.

The Rotary Peace Fellows come from countries including Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen. During their fellowships, they will pursue projects such as aiding migrant single mothers, creating peacebuilding content for social media, strengthening grassroots organizations, and educating youth through sports programs.

Several of the fellows' projects aim to empower refugees. "Climate change and unsustainable agricultural policies contribute to the number of people involuntarily displaced," said fellow Havva Şeyda Bodur in her biographical statement. "Humanity must find comprehensive solutions immediately. Otherwise, one day, everyone from all walks of life has the risk of being a refugee."

In concluding the conference, Urchick called on the participants to forge partnerships to work for peace and said the new peace center reflected the essence of Rotary.

It "is more than just a physical space. It is a symbol of what we can achieve when we work together," Urchick said. "Rotary's success has always been rooted in partnerships, whether it's between clubs, with local communities, or with global institutions. The challenges we face today demand nothing less than the combined efforts of governments, nongovernmental organizations, academia, and grassroots organizations. By fostering collaboration and sharing resources, we can amplify our impact and drive real progress."

[Learn more about Rotary's commitment to promoting peace.](#)

*Our Guest of Honor
& Speaker...*



SHERYL ANN RAMIREZ, RSW, MSSW

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PERSONAL PROFILE STATEMENT :

Humility and perseverance are her weapons to continue serving others could it be her rowing or steering role. She believes that *“Being facilitators of behavioural change is not only a job, it is a vocation that demands COMMITMENT and a sincere belief in what we can offer them. She emphasized that, if we find such people possessing these characteristics let us give them proper remuneration, incentives, and support.”*

PERSONAL PROFILE :

Nickname : Amay / Sheng
Sex / Status : Female
Age / Date of Birth : 49 years old / February 25, 1976
Place of Birth : Kapatagan, Digos City
Citizenship : Filipino
Name of Children : Lois Nicole R. Dumalogdog
Annika Lois R. Dumalogdog
Lois Clarice R. Dumalogdog

EDUCATION :

June 1999 up to present **MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK**
Ateneo de davao university

Nov. 1992 - **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK**
MAR. 1996 University of Mindanao, Davao City

Mar. 1992 - **SECONDARY (HIGH) SCHOOL**
Holy Cross Academy, Digos City

Mar. 1989 - **PRIMARY (ELEMENTARY) SCHOOL**
Don Mariano Marcos Elem. School, Digos City

Mar. 1985 - **PRIMARY (GRADE 2) SCHOOL**
Rizal Central Elem. School, Kapatagan, Digos

Mar. 1984 - **PRIMARY (GRADE 1) SCHOOL**
Seventh Day Adventist School (SDA)
Kapatagan, Digos City

Mar. 1983 - **KINDERGARTEN**
Rizal Central Elem. School, Kapatagan, Digos

EXPERIENCE:

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER V / DIVISION CHIEF
DSWD FO XI - Promotive Services Division
14 June 2024 up to present

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IV /SECTION HEAD
DSWD XI -Capability Building Section Head and
Community Based Services Section
02 November 2021 to 13 June 2024

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IV / CENTER HEAD and
CENTER COORDINATOR
DSWD FO XI, Home for Girls and Women (HGW)
15 February 2018 – 1 November 2021

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER III/ SECTION HEAD
DSWD FO XI, Adoption Resource and Referral
Section (ARRS) - 01 January 2009 – 14 February 2018

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER II
DSWD FO XI, Community Based Services Section
(CBSS) - April 2007 – January 2009

SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER II/SWADO
DSWD FO XI, Compostela Valley Province
January 2005 – April 2007

Social Welfare Aide
DSWD Field Office XI, Substitute Home Care for
Women - November 2003 – December 2004

Social Welfare Aide
DSWD FOXI, Rehabilitation Center for Drug
Dependents (RCDD) - January 2001- October 2003

Houseparent II
DSWD FO XI, Group Home for Girls (GHG)
February 1998 –December 2000

Administrative Staff / Contract of Service
Davao City Disaster Coordinating Council Office, City
Government of Davao - April 1, 1996 –December 1998

Student Training Assistant
University of Mindanao, Davao City
November 1992 – October 1995



Secretary's Report

Bryan John Q. Antioquia

Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	23	23
HONORARY MEMBER	05	05
PRESENT	08	15
ON LEAVE	00	00
ABSENT	15	08
MADE UP	05	01
ATTENDANCE % BASE	23	23
WEEK AVERAGE	57.00%	70.00%

Thank you for making-up:

PDDG Arthur Uy
PP Maeng Tabije

PS Apple Adora
Sec. BJ Antioquia

Happy Birthday!

March 15 – Sp. Ely Torno
25 – PP Rudy Abellana
26 – PP Braul Lim



SAVE THE DATES

Apr. 3-5, 2025 – PELS/SELS,DTLS, DLA 2025
Bai Hotel Cebu

May 30-31, 2025 – Magic DISCON
Palo Convention Center

June 21-25, 2025 – Calgary RI Convention

Rotary
District 3860



**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

PELS | SELS | DTLs | DLA 2025

President-Elect Learning Seminar,
Secretary-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS | SELS) 2025
District Learning Assembly (DLA) 2025
District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS) 2025

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April 3 - 5, 2025
Bai Hotel Cebu,
Mandaue City, Cebu

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STRICTLY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

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Registration Category	Early Bird Feb. 22 – March 7, 2025	Special Rate March 8 – April 6, 2025	Regular Rate April 7 – May 6, 2025	Last Call May 7 – 20, 2025
ROTARIAN Inclusions: DISCON ID, DISCON Kit, Day 1 PM Snacks and Fellowship Dinner; Day 2 AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snack and Governor's Night Dinner	PHP 6,000.00	PHP 6,500.00	PHP 7,000.00	PHP 7,500.00
SPOUSE / PARTNER & FRIENDS Inclusions: DISCON ID, DISCON Kit, Day 1 Fellowship Dinner; Day 2 Tour AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, and Governor's Night Dinner	PHP 5,000.00	PHP 5,500.00	PHP 6,000.00	PHP 7,500.00
ROTARACTOR Inclusions: DISCON ID, DISCON Kit, Day 1 PM Snacks and Fellowship Dinner; Day 2 AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks and Governor's Night Dinner	PHP 5,000.00	PHP 5,500.00	PHP 6,000.00	PHP 7,500.00

Go this website to register:
<https://bit.ly/discon2025>

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President's Message

Michael Gerard Chellathurai

Club President

The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in our community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Fellow Rotarians, I urge you to consider donating to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to help safeguard our future generations from the scourge of polio. By supporting TRF, we can ensure that our children's children's children inherit a world free from this debilitating disease. Furthermore, your contributions will aid in providing clean water, a vital resource that combats waterborne illnesses and promotes health in underserved communities. Additionally, TRF enables us to educate impoverished children, empowering them with knowledge that can break the cycle of poverty. Each donation, no matter the size, contributes to a ripple effect of positive change across the globe.

Thank you Fellow Rotarians for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

Wishing you all a wonderful day ahead.

RCSD 57th Charter Anniversary...

February 12, 2025, Hotel Tropika



ROTARY WEEK 2025...



Feb. 16 - Thanksgiving Mass at Abreeza Mall



Feb. 16 – Opening and ribbon cutting of Area 2 photo exhibit



Feb. 18 - Courtesy Call at Sangguniang Panlungsod headed by RC Davao 2000



Feb. 19 – Sportsfest 2025 at Homecourt Sports Center



Feb. 19 - Empowering Women with SLP-Regional Training Officer of DSWD Field Office XI, Jenny Mae B. Bandola as guest speaker to HOPE Kababaihan Group in Brgy. Talomo Proper.



Feb. 21 - Peace Forum with Dr. Esper Ann Casteneda as guest speaker at Abreeza Mall



Feb. 22 - Culmination Fellowship & countdown to greet the 120th Anniversary of Rotary International at RC North Clubhouse

RUN with your PET...

Feb. 23, 2025 at Crocodile Park hosted by RC North Davao



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"	Finance Advisor	
SHIMIZUTANI, MIRACEL	Apartment Leasing	Edward
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"	Car Distribution	Marites
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"