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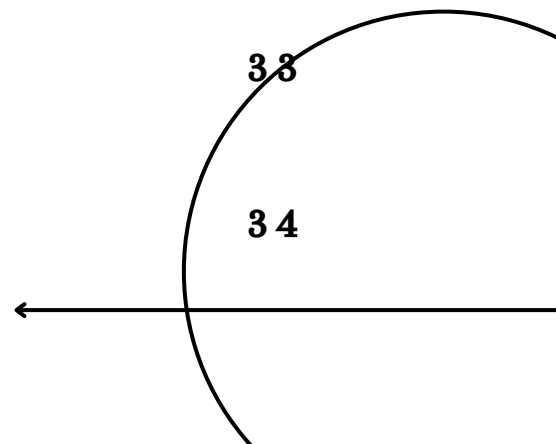




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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy New Year, Rotarians, family, and friends!

This Bloomscoop issue features our usual writers, but, of course, with updated content. From DEI's diverse content about different Rotary Clubs in different countries doing Service Above Self, to International Service's updates on RICON 2025 in Calgary, we keep you updated with the latest trends.

The 2024 season has come to an end - a new beginning ushers in new perspectives and insights. What have been your newly-found perspectives and insights for 2024?

Happy Reading!



Alessandra Könst
*GML Area 2B Editor •
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PROGRAMME

JANUARY 9, 2024 • 15TH REGULAR MEETING
• VENUE: Sarung Banggi, F. Torres Street, Davao City
• ATTIRE: red jockshirt / red blazer

Call to Order

Pres Maria Vida Könst

**Turnover of Proceedings to
Program Moderator**

Dir Luna Gaviola

Invocation

PP Lorna Llamas

Pambansang Awit

AVP

Rotary Hymn

AVP

**Acknowledgement of Visiting
Rotarians, Zoom Attendees,
Guests, & Sponsors**

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*Treas Maribel Chua, DMC/Sec
Armi Geralyn Espiritu, and
Pres Maria Vida Könst*

Mid-year Reports

Other Announcements

RCWWD

Adjournment

Pres Maria Vida Könst

Fellowship



Dear Almighty Father, we implore you as we greet this new year to come before you with a humble heart and to always adopt a reconciliatory heart in all our relationships with other people.

Increase our capacity to love and to always be useful in every way possible to be your instrument in serving humankind. Bless our club plans for the year as well as all our personal plans. May we always be a blessing to others.

AMEN

Shared by PP Lorna Llamas

MARIA VIDA KÖNST

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DIANE SCHOBERG

Wrote an article for rotary.org

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This newsletter is published bi-monthly by the Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao (RCWWD) and may be distributed in its entirety to any and all Rotary Clubs.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board of Directors and Officers officially inform the Club that there will be TWO HYBRID MEETINGS on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAY of the month, otherwise stated. VENUE of regular meetings will be at SARUNG BANGGI, DAVAO CITY, unless otherwise stated.

ROTARY MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

JULY - Maternal & Child Health Month

AUGUST - Membership & New Club Development Month

SEPTEMBER - Basic Education & Literacy month

OCTOBER - Community Economic & Development Month

NOVEMBER - The Rotary Foundation Month

DECEMBER - Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

JANUARY - Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY - Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month

MARCH - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene Month

APRIL - Environmental Month

MAY - Youth Service Month

JUNE - Rotary Fellowship Month



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Urchick**
Rotary
International
President



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Andrade**
District Governor
for RID 3860



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Valderosa**
Assistant Governor
for Area 2B

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Aquino**



**Antonio VA
Llamas**



**PP Yoshinori
Ishii**
RC Narashino,
District 2790 -
Chiba, Japan



**Mario Luis
Jacinto**



**Francisco
Vilela, Jr.**



CLUB PROFILE

CHARTER DATE: January 20, 1992

CLUB NUMBER: 28480

SPONSOR: Rotary Club of East Davao

CHARTER PRESIDENT: Sylvia V.

Marfori

NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO DATE: 45

MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

29

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: 2

TRF SUSTAINING MEMBERS: 4

MAJOR DONORS:

- *Active Members:* 2
- *Honorary Members:* 2

FOUNDATION: The Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao Foundation, Inc.

EXTENSION CLUB: Rotary Club of Davao 2000

SISTER CLUBS:

- RC Pikesville-Owings, USA, D-7620; 2018 – present
- RC Adelaide, Australia, D-9500; 2015 – present

- RC Prospect, Australia, D-9500; 2007 – present
- RC Tagum North; 2006-2022
- RC Hundred Islands, D-3790; 2006-2009
- RC Galena Park, Jacinto City, Texas, USA; 2003-2004
- RC Escondido Sunrise, D-5340; 2003-2004
- RC Mabalacat, Pampanga, PH, D-3790; 2000-2001
- RC Poway, California, USA, D-5340; 1999-2009
- RC Cebu Fuente, D-3860; 1999-2022
- RC Commonwealth; 1998-1999
- RC J.P. Rizal, D-3830; 1995-1996

PARTNERS-IN-SERVICE:

- RC Narashino, Japan, D-2790
- Rotaract Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- Interact Club of Waling-Waling Davao
- RCC Tibungco Resettlement Area, Davao City
- RCC Matina Pangil, Davao City



CLUB PROFILE

- RCC Association of Differently Abled Persons Village, Davao City
- RCC Duha, Ma-a, Davao City

CLUB BULLETIN: BLOOMSCOOP

NUMBER OF ROTEX HOSTED: 2

NUMBER OF ROTEX SPONSORED: 1

NUMBER OF GSE HOSTED: 7

NUMBER OF GSE SPONSORED: 9

ROTARY CONFERENCES:

- *As Host Club*
 - MEMBERSHIP/TRF SEMINAR: 2022-2023; 2010-2011
 - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SEMINAR: September 2015
 - TRI-DISTRICT SEMINAR: August 2014
 - DISTRICT BLOODLETTING ACTIVITY: 2003-present
 - PETS/SETS & DISTAS: May 10-11, 2002
 - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: August 16, 2001

- INTERCITY FORUM: 1998-1999; 1997-1998; 1993-1994

- *As Co-Host Club*

- Fellowship Night, DisCon 2024
- Voice of the Youth Impromptu Speaking Competition, 2008
- Governor's Night, DisCon 2003
- DisCon 1996

FUNDED PROJECTS:

- Rotary Foundation Matching Grants: 10
- Global Grants
 - 2 as proponent
 - 1 co-proponent with RC East Davao, RC Prospect (Australia) and RC Adelaide (Australia)
 - District Grants
 - D-3860: 8
 - D-7620: 1 (with Pikesville-Owings)
 - World Community Service: Chiba, Japan; RC Narashino



CLUB PROFILE

NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCY

PARTNERS:

- Pag-asa ng Batang May Kapansanan Foundation, Inc.
- Kakayahan ng may Kapansanan Foundation, Inc. (KKFI)
- Member, Davao City Council for the Welfare of Persons with Disability
- Philippine Pediatric Society
- Davao Medical Society
- Brokenshire Memorial Hospital
- Davao City Children Cancer Fund, Inc.
- San Pedro College
- San Pedro Hospital
- Philippine Veterinary Medical Association - Southern Mindanao Chapter

GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS:

- Davao City Social Services & Development Office
- Department of Social Welfare & Development
- Department of Labor & Employment
- Department of Education
- Department of Environment & Natural Resources
- Davao Blood Center
- Davao City Planning & Development Office
- Davao City Health Office
- Davao City Nutrition Office
- Davao City Water District
- Department of Agriculture
- Technical Education Skills Development Authority
- Philippine National Red Cross
- Southern Philippines Medical Center

PRESIDENT'S PASSPORT



Maria Vida Könst

President

New Year greetings to you & yours!

"Twas a whirlwind and equally fulfilling 6 months of activities, projects, and events for the Red Ladies. We "hibernated" during the Christmas season and now are turtle-pacing back to work-mode level.

The 1st Semester of RY 2024 - 2025 (01July to 31December 2024) is done and dusted.

As I prepare my Mid-Year Reports, I reminisced on the "work" we have accomplished and it warmed my heart to remember each activity, each project, each event. All were done collectively... as a team, as appreciative RCWWD members, and as friends. My genuine thanks!

On 18Jan 2025/Sat, please join us in celebrating another milestone achievement, which is RCWWD's Charter Anniversary with the theme, "Celebrating 33 Years of Service ✨ The Magic of Rotary Lives On."

After, we do fun and easy to complete our 2nd Sem till 30June 2025, enjoying more fellowships but with a sprinkling of "work" here and there.

Cheers ❤️

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria Vida Könst'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SECRETARY'S

IMPRESSION



**Armi GERALYN
Espiritu**
Secretary

NOVEMBER	3	17	DECEMBER	7	13
Members Present	32	14		26	35
Members Absent	9	10		4	6
Members w/ makeup	6	16		16	6
Average	80%	85%		81%	87%
Adjusted Average	81%	85%		89%	

SECRETARY'S

IMPRESSION



100% Attendance

NOVEMBER

DIR MA LUISA APORTADERA
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PP MELOT BAARDE
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TREAS MARIBEL CHUA
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AG JANETTE VALDEROSA
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PP TERESITA YNIGUEZ
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RTN TERESITA FITZBACK
IPP MAEM ZHANG

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RTN JEEJEE AVENA
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TRES BEL CHUA
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DIR MYRIAM TAN
PP BABY VILELA
PP TESS YNIGUEZ
PP MAEM ZHANG

15TH REGULAR MEETING/3RD CLUB ASSEMBLY

- DATE: 09 January, 2025/Thursday
- VENUE: Sarung Banggi, Davao City
- TIME: 12-2pm
- ATTIRE: Red jockshirt/red blazer

33RD RCWWD CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

- DATE: 18 January, 2025
- VENUE: PP Lorna Llamas' Home, Davao City
- TIME: 5pm - 10pm
- ATTIRE: TBA

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! KEEP YOURSELF UP TO DATE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND PROJECTS BY REFERRING TO RCWWD'S GCALENDAR OF EVENTS. THANK YOU!



Ma. Alessandra Elisabeth Könst

GML Area 2B Editor • Vice-President • Programs for Young Leaders Contact • Editor-in-Chief

DCWD, RCSD, and RCWWD turn over WaSH facilities to Damilag Integrated School



DCWD, RCSD, and RCWWD pose for posterity with Damilag Integrated School Head Jane Z. Salem (9th from R, 3rd row) and students.

Davao City Water District in partnership with the Rotary Club of South Davao (RCSD) and Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao (RCWWD) turned over Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) facilities to Damilag Integrated School in Barangay Mapula, Paquibato District on September 26, 2024.

The Damilag Integrated School received a hand washing facility with concrete flooring and a rainwater harvesting facility with two 2,000-liter capacity water tank with concrete pedestal and gutter. Around 500 beneficiaries, comprising of students, faculty, and staff, will have sufficient water supply for their water needs at school and will help improve their water access and sanitation practices.

This turnover is part of DCWD's Patubig sa Eskwela project that aims to improve water access of the recipient school while RCSD and RCWWD identified the recipient school. As their counterpart, Damilag IS will be responsible for the maintenance of the donated facilities.

Present during the turnover ceremony were Damilag IS faculty headed by School Head Jane Z. Salem, DCWD team headed by Vice Chairperson Maria Luisa L. Jacinto and Dir. Ismael D. Tabije with General Manager Mildred G. Aviles, RCSD led by Club President Michael Gerard Chellathurai, and RCWWD headed by Club President Maria Vida S. Konst.

After the turnover ceremony, all participants joined in the tree planting activity to celebrate the donation and to serve as a community-building event to reinforce the importance of water conservation and environmental care.

Patubig sa Eskwela is part of DCWD's Corporate Social Responsibility Program under Sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Infrastructure. *(Kianna Marie A. Mendoza)*



DCWD, RCSD, and RCWWD donate handwashing and rainwater harvesting facilities to Damilag Integrated School.



(From R) DCWD Vice Chairperson Maria Luisa L. Jacinto, General Manager Mildred G. Aviles, and Dir. Ismael Tabije join the tree planting activity to celebrate the WaSH donation with partners.



RCSD members led by Club President Michael Gerard Chellathurai (front, L pic) and RCWWD members led by Club President Maria Vida S. Konst (extreme L, R pic) participate in the ceremonial tree planting.

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



Louis Palma Gil
Public Image Director



RCWWD Christmas Party

PP Lorna Llamas' Home, Davao City

December 13, 2024

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



16th Make One Child Smile
Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte
December 14, 2024

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



*RCWWD DCCs 1 and 2 Year-End Giving
Tibungco, Davao City
December 17, 2024*

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



***RCWWD DCCs 1 and 2 Installation of Water Line
Connections in Partnership with DCWD***

Tibungco, Davao City

December 17, 2024

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



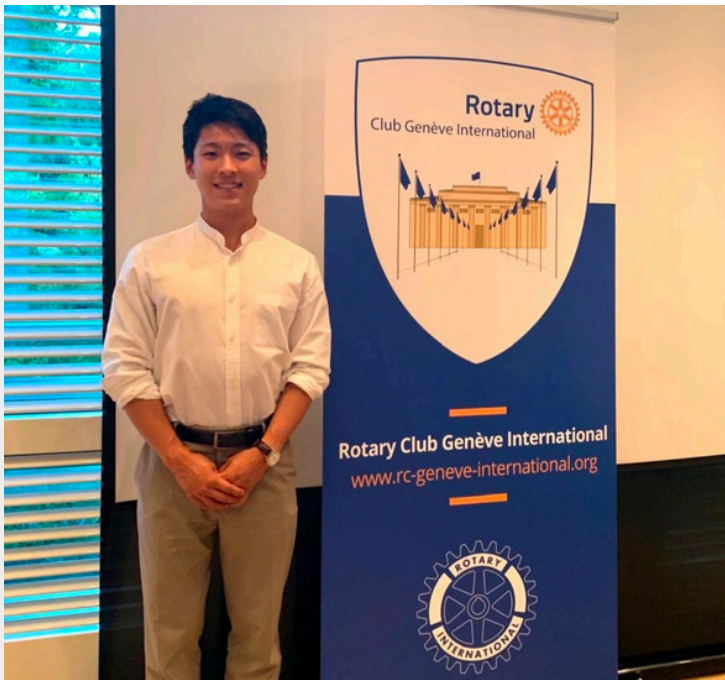
Duha DCC and RCC Year-End Giving
Duha Village, Davao City
December 17, 2024

PUBLIC IMAGE'S Exhibit



Plant for Hope 5
SM Ecoland, Davao City
December 28, 2024

The Magic of **DEI** pt. 14



Meet Jonghyeong Park 🙌 a Rotary Global Grant Scholar 🤔 dedicated to fighting climate change in the Solomon Islands.

As a Project Officer with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Jonghyeong helps communities adapt to rising sea levels and natural disasters.

He earned his Master's at the Geneva Graduate Institute with Rotary's support, serving as a stepping stone that turned his passion for global peace into action. He's using his expertise to amplify local voices and empower communities to face one of humanity's greatest challenges. How are you taking local action to make a global impact? 🌍💭

Taken from *Rotary International's Instagram account*

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Leamie Retales
Assistant Treasurer •
DEI Officer •
Managing Editor





MEMBERSHIP

Check

Connect with Prospective Members

Each January, a larger number of prospective members contact Rotary, seeking to be connected with a club. If your club wants to connect with new members, start by confirming that your club information is updated in My Rotary and on your club's website and social media accounts. Make sure prospective members know how to engage with your club, whether that's by attending an upcoming meeting or participating in your next service project.



Shared by:
Maria Luisa
Aportadera

Membership Director

In the near future, Rotary will launch a new system for managing membership leads, using technology from Salesforce. This system will make it easier and faster for clubs to connect with the more than 30,000 prospective members who indicate their interest through the Join a Club page each year. And those prospective members will be able to review club information, such as location and meeting time, and then specify the club they're most interested in. When prospective members indicate interest in clubs, the clubs will receive email notifications and reminders from Rotary to help them track these leads.

More details are coming soon about the timeline for the launch and what to expect from the new system for managing membership leads.

TRF BLUEPRINT

We leaders in Rotary share a responsibility to shore up the resources that transform our members' ideas into meaningful, sustainable projects. In our global organization, individual giving preferences and the culture of philanthropy vary widely, so how we ask for donations does, too. Mentioning our own gifts to The Rotary Foundation is one way to inspire others to give.

Earlier this Rotary year, we sent you [a video about supporting our Foundation's Annual Fund](#). In addition to giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus Fund, we encourage you to [highlight the importance of gifts to our Endowment](#). These contributions protect the long-term sustainability of Rotary's programs, building a lasting legacy. Your leadership is essential to helping us achieve our goal of having US\$2.025 billion in our Endowment by 2025.

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Many people around the world celebrate holidays around the end of the calendar year, and it's also a popular time to make charitable contributions.



Shared by:
Luna Gaviola
TRF Director

TRF BLUEPRINT

Please consider enhancing your next Foundation speech or presentation by mentioning your own gift to the Endowment. Remind members that giving is easy and that they can donate online or give by mail.

Together, we can inspire members to engage with our Foundation during Rotary Foundation Month. We can lead by example and emphasize the impact their support makes, spurring meaningful contributions to the Endowment that will allow Rotary to continue its vital work.

Thank you for your leadership, service, and dedication to Doing Good in the World.



Rotary



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Unforgettable evenings in Calgary

Get your cowboy hat. Your Rotary pals in friendly Canada are excited to welcome you to signature convention events, including dinner in their homes, a country music jamboree, and boot-stompin' celebrations of the Western culture in Calgary.

"We're a big small-town city, and so the hospitality we have, the ticketed events, the experiences — they will be fantastic," says Mark Starratt, co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the Rotary International Convention 21-25 June. Buy tickets at rotarycalgary2025.org.

Grandstand Spectacular, 21 June

This night of showmanship includes Indigenous hoop dancing, toe-tapping music, and horseback relay races.

Rockin' the Big Tent, 22 June

Country music fans and people who want to sample Calgary's Western charm will enjoy the honky-tonk beats and twangy guitars. The concert is billed as the night "Rotary rocks the roadhouse" in the Nashville North tent.

New Blood with the Calgary Civic Symphony, 22 June

The dance show features Peter Gabriel's music and explores Blackfoot traditions through the story of a man who survived a government residential school for Indigenous children.



Shared by:
Lolita Leticia Tai
*International
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE STATION

Host hospitality evening, 23 June

For this convention favorite, members invite Rotary visitors to their dinner tables, restaurants, or other venues to “break bread and share in fellowship,” Starratt says.

Western Ranch Showcase, 24 June

You may notice you’re holding your breath from excitement when you watch bronc riding of the “wildest, orneriest, out-of-line” horses. The organizers advise, “Pull down that hat brim and hold on tight.”

This story originally appeared in the January 2025 issue of Rotary magazine.

JIMMY CARTER'S VISION FOR PEACE

BY DIANE SCHOBERG

It's a crisp, sunny day in late October, and school groups are touring the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta.

They see the Bible that the 39th U.S. president took his oath on, a campaign ledger, and a mockup of the Oval Office – as well as his diploma in square dancing, a “Peanuts to President” game board, and a Marvel comic with the Carter family joining Captain America in saving energy.

At the end of the exhibit is Carter's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 2002 in recognition of his decades of work advancing peace and human rights.

“This is the biggest award in the world,” one of the field trip leaders explains to the elementary school students. Then she puts it into terms they will understand: “This is bigger than the Super Bowl MVP, believe it or not.”

Perhaps she should have mentioned his two Grammys.

Carter has spent his life fighting for peace: brokering the 1978 peace talks between Egypt and Israel that led to the Camp David Accords, paving the way for a nuclear pact between the United States and North Korea in 1994, and monitoring elections in Panama, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other places where the ballot box became an alternative to civil war. During his time in office, from 1977 to 1981, the United States was not involved in any wars.



For the past 37 years, Carter has been redefining what it means to be a retired president – and the country’s longest-lived one at that, having surpassed Herbert Hoover (who lived 31 years after leaving the White House). During his presidency, Carter made a commitment to human rights the cornerstone of his foreign policy; he and his wife, Rosalynn, continued that emphasis when they founded the Carter Center in 1982. The center’s programs revolve around two main themes: peace and health.

“We feel that there’s a human right of people to live in peace,” he told *The Rotarian*. “We feel it’s a human right to have a modicum of health care, to have a decent place in which to live, to have a chance to have an education, to have freedom of speech and freedom of religion and the right to elect your own leaders.”

The center has observed 105 elections, including recent contests in Liberia, Kenya, the Philippines, Zambia, and Guyana, and it has worked with the United Nations and other groups to develop standards for democratic elections.

When democratic avenues fail, the center mediates armed conflicts. It is currently involved in efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan, Syria, and Liberia; it's also working to combat the rise in violent religious extremism and Islamophobia in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States.

On other fronts, the Carter Center has formed a task force on disease eradication. The only one of its kind in the world, it analyzes data to ascertain which diseases could be eradicated from the entire world. The center is focusing on eradicating Guinea worm disease and regionally eliminating five other diseases: river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and malaria.

“I might say if Rotary wasn't leading that fight to eradicate polio now, the Carter Center would – it's the kind of thing that would be very exciting for us,” Carter says. “We're very proud to see the progress that Rotary has had with that.”

Carter knows the power of service organizations well – he's a member of the Lions club in his hometown of Plains, Georgia, and a past district governor. And for more than 30 years the Carters have dedicated a week each year to volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Carter spoke with senior staff writer Diana Schoberg by phone from his home in Plains on Halloween. Still very involved in the community where his family has lived since 1833, he planned to go downtown that night to join other local leaders in greeting trick-or-treaters.

Q: The Carter Center describes itself as waging peace. If peace isn't merely the absence of war, describe the battle for peace.

A: We take peace not as a dormant situation, but as one to be fought for – like winning an armed conflict. We try to be aggressive in order to bring about that goal. We are not constrained at the Carter Center by policies of the United States government, although we have to comply with the law. We deal with people who are outcasts, or unsavory. I've been to North Korea three times, and I've probably spent more than 20 hours with their top leaders talking about the prospects of peace. We've also continued to deal with both Palestinians and Israelis. We have a relationship with the president of Sudan, Omar al-Bashir, who the United States refuses to deal with. We try to probe aggressively to find ways to bring about a peaceful understanding between adversaries, but I always make a point to get permission from the White House before I embark on such an adventure.

Q: How do you work with people who are arguing with each other?

A: I wrote a book, *Talking Peace*, about that. People who are at war, or a couple with a marital difference that leads to divorce, or parents who are alienated from children, or students divided on a campus – all have a difference of opinion that they can resolve.

**Read more of this article by clicking the Rotary logo in the upper right corner.*

RCSD donates WaSH facilities to Damilag Integrated School with RCWWD and DCWD



RCSD, RCWWD, and DCWD donate handwashing and rainwater harvesting facilities to Damilag Integrated School.



RCWWD members led by Club President Maria Vida S. Konst (extreme L, L pic) and (from R, R pic) DCWD Vice Chairperson Maria Luisa L. Jacinto, General Manager Mildred G. Aviles, and Dir. Ismael Tabije participate in the ceremonial tree planting.



RCSD members led by Club President Michael Gerard Chellathurai (front) join the tree planting activity to celebrate the WaSH donation with partners.

Rotary Club of South Davao (RCSD) in partnership with Rotary Club of Walling-Waling Davao (RCWWD) and Davao City Water District (DCWD) turned over Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) facilities to Damilag Integrated School in Barangay Mapula, Paquibato District on September 26, 2024.

The Damilag Integrated School received a hand washing facility with concrete flooring and a rainwater harvesting facility with two 2,000-liter capacity water tank with concrete pedestal and gutter. Around 500 beneficiaries, comprising of students, faculty, and staff, will have sufficient water supply for their water needs at school and will help improve their water access and sanitation practices.

This turnover is part of RCSD's shared commitment with RCWWD and DCWD to improve water access in recipient communities to promote public health and hygiene. In this partnership, RCSD and RCWWD identified the recipient school while DCWD provided the infrastructure as part of its *Patubig sa Eskwela* project. As their counterpart, Damilag IS will be responsible for the maintenance of the donated facilities.

On the same occasion, RCSD and RCWWD also donated numerous books, school supplies, and hygiene kits to the school.

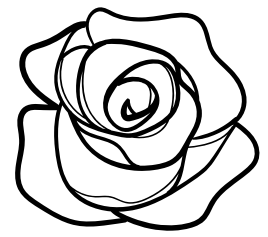
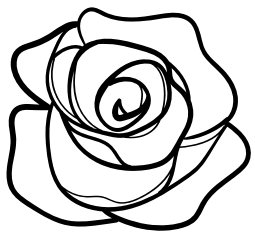
Present during the turnover ceremony were Damilag IS faculty headed by School Head Jane Z. Salem, RCSD team led by Club President Michael Gerard Chellathurai, RCWWD headed by Club President Maria Vida S. Konst, and DCWD headed by Vice Chairperson Maria Luisa L. Jacinto and Dir. Ismael D. Tabije with General Manager Mildred G. Aviles.

After the turnover ceremony, all participants joined in the tree planting activity to celebrate the donation and to serve as a community-building event to reinforce the importance of water conservation and environmental care.

RCSD, RCWWD, and DCWD continue to be involved in projects that address the critical needs in the community, fulfilling its mission to serve the community through meaningful and sustainable projects. **(Kianna Marie A. Mendoza)**



RCSD, RCWWD, and DCWD pose for posterity with Damilag Integrated School Head Jane Z. Salem (9th from R, 3rd row) and students.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



PP Nen Santos

January 15



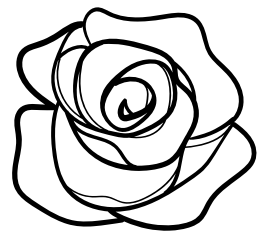
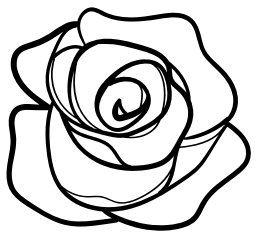
**Rtn Elsa
Villagomez**

January 27



Dir Letty Tai

January 26

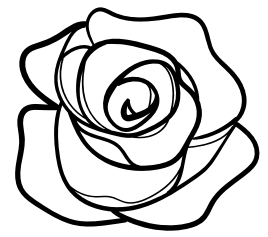
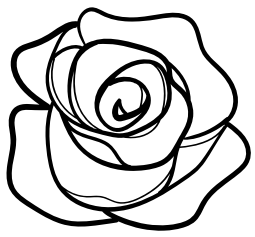


JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries



**PP Vangi
Schwendener &
Spouse Jürg**
January 17



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Membership Milestones



Dir Luchi

Aportadera

*Charter Member -
January 20, 1992*



PP Remie Calaguas

*Charter Member -
January 20, 1992*



PP Lorna Llamas

*Charter Member -
January 20, 1992*



PP Zony Reyes

*Charter Member -
January 20, 1992*



Dir Myriam Tan

January 23, 2003

HERMES

(July, October,
January, April)

1. **TEAM LEADER:**
POLINTAN, Mynne
2. **APORTADERA,**
Luchi
3. **BOISER, Fe**
4. **CHUA, Bel**
5. **GAVIOLA, Luna**
6. **GUIDING, Pao**
7. **KÖNST, Vida**
8. **LIAMZON, Jo**
9. **LLAMAS, Lorna**
10. **PALMA GIL, Loi**
11. **ROSALES, Happy**
12. **SANTOS, Nen**
13. **SCHWENDENER,**
Vangi
14. **YÑIGUEZ, Tess**

DIOR

(August, November,
February, May)

1. **TEAM LEADER:**
EVANGELISTA, Bec
2. **AUSTRIA, Sylvia**
3. **AVENA, Jeejee**
4. **CALAGUAS, Remie**
5. **DE LOS SANTOS,**
Lara
6. **ESPEJO, Gina**
7. **GOMEZ, Che**
8. **JIMENEZ, Vicky**
9. **LAMPARAS, Chona**
10. **LIBRON, Elsie**
11. **MADAYAG, Vanessa**
12. **LAO-OLIVA, Janice**
13. **REYES, Zony**
14. **TAN, Irish**
15. **VALDEROSA, Jaja**
16. **ZHANG, Ma-em**

CHANEL

(September, December,
March, June)

1. **TEAM LEADER: DE**
LOS SANTOS,
Jenah
2. **BAARDE, Melot**
3. **DIAZ, Ces**
4. **DOLENDO, Mae**
5. **ESPIRITU, Gigi**
6. **FITZBACK, Teri**
7. **JACINTO, Malou**
8. **KÖNST, Alex**
9. **LIM, Cha**
10. **RETALES, Mimi**
11. **TAI, Letti**
12. **TAN, Myriam**
13. **TE, Creng**
14. **VILELA, Baby**
15. **VILLAGOMEZA,**
Elsa

MONTHLY HOST TEAMS



RCWWD CLUB RECOGNITION SUMMARY (CRS)

AS OF JANUARY 2025

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Myriam Tan

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

Name	USD	+8	FRP
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Divina Fe Boiser	USD 9,000.00	+8	2000
Hermie Polintan	USD 9,000.00	+8	3300
Remie Calaguas	USD 8,476.88		1000
Mae Dolendo	USD 7,650.93		4400
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Luchi Aportadera	USD 4,913.38		1000
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Vida Könst	USD 3,419.91		1400
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Sylvia Austria	USD 3,354.29		400
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Teresita Fitzback	USD 2,513.38		1200
Josephine Liamzon	USD 2,281.38		500
Alessandra Könst	USD 2,177.91		700
Leamie Retales	USD 1,005.00		500
Niptalez Avena	USD 1,000.00		500

Paul Harris Fellows

Name	USD	FRP
Cheryl Gomez	USD 1,490.42	400
Elsie Libron	USD 1,385.38	100

Sustaining Members

Name	USD	FRP
Chona Lamparas	USD 653.38	-
Carina Abellera-Te	USD 329.00	-
Jenah De los Santos	USD 229.00	-
Caryl Lim	USD 229.00	-
Irish Tan	USD 129.00	-
Faustell Guiding	USD 100.00	-

Other Contributors

Name	USD	FRP
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Loi Palma Gil	USD 35.00	-

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Mario Luis Jacinto	Major Donor		-
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THIRD, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal and community life;

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