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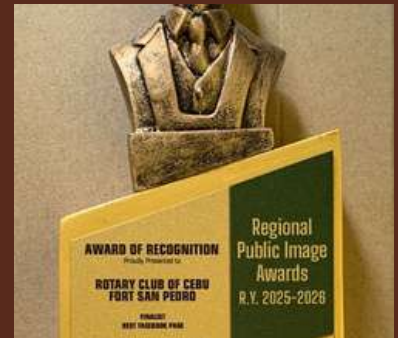
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There is something fitting about starting a new Rotary year with a month about membership. A club, in the end, is really just the people who choose to keep showing up for it – the ones who have been coming for years, and the ones who have not walked through the door yet.

We enjoyed watching this year take shape so far, and putting together this issue reminded us how much of what we do is really about people finding their place in something bigger than themselves. That is the thread running through these pages, even when it is not said outright.

Thank you for being part of this club, and for reading along as we tell its story, one issue at a time.

Warmly,

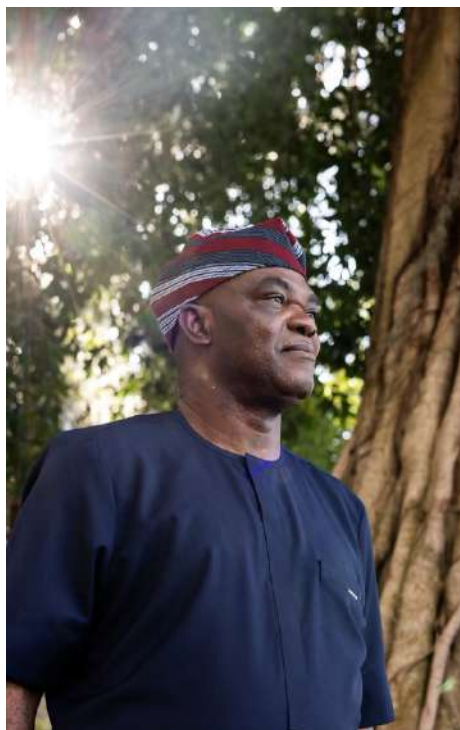
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Global Perspective: RI President's Challenge

Peace does not happen by accident. It must be pursued deliberately, built strategically, and woven intentionally into everything we do. That is the challenge I am placing before the Rotary world this year.

Rotary recognises peacebuilding as one of our areas of focus. But I believe peace must be more than a category of work we set aside for certain projects. It must become a lens, one we choose to look through every time we plan, every time we serve, every time we ask what kind of impact we truly want to leave behind.

The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: well-functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbours, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for Rotary. Not because our work automatically advances peace but because it can when we are deliberate about it.

That is the key word: deliberate.

My challenge to you

A water project does not build peace on its own. But a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind, one that asks how equitable access to resources strengthens community trust, can begin to lay that foundation. A vocational training programme does not guarantee reconciliation.

But one that intentionally brings divided communities together around shared economic opportunity can start to build it. The project does not change. The intention does.

In Colombia, Rotary's Pathways to Peace and Prosperity programme shows us what this looks like in practice. Working in communities shaped by decades of armed conflict and displacement, the programme combines economic empowerment with conflict resolution training and community-led reconciliation. Peace was not a hoped-for side effect. It was central to the design. That is the standard I am calling all of us to follow.

As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: How does this create the conditions for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. Share what you discover with your club, your district, and your community. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do.

This is not about doing different work. It is about doing our work differently, with greater awareness, greater purpose, and a clearer vision of the world we are trying to build. Every Rotary project carries potential. Our task is to unlock it, not by chance but by choice.

Olayinka Babalola
President, Rotary International

Source: https://magazine.rotary.org/rotary/august_2026



District's Vision

For Membership and New Club Development Month, **District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan** is asking every club in District 3860 to treat growth as more than a numbers game.

Her message is direct: adding members isn't about adding a roster, it's about expanding the district's actual capacity to serve. Every Rotarian who joins brings a different set of skills and a different network — and the more varied that mix becomes, the more a club can actually do. But recruitment is only half the job. Governor Adlawan is just as focused on retention, on building clubs where members feel genuinely valued and engaged enough to stay, because a club people want to remain in is also the kind of club that naturally attracts others.

Growing Rotary, Creating Lasting Impact

She ties this directly to RI President Yinka Babalola's "Create Lasting Impact" theme: impact, in her framing, isn't only measured in completed projects but in the members those projects inspire to keep going — every new Rotarian is another family reached, another community changed, another future leader brought into the habit of service.

New club development gets equal weight in her message. As communities shift, she's pushing District 3860 clubs to think beyond the traditional model — satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, corporate clubs, and stronger pipelines from Rotaract — framing new clubs not as competition but as partners extending Rotary's reach into places it hasn't gone yet.

The message comes with an actual challenge, not just an idea: in the next 30 days, she's asking every club to audit its membership for gaps and inactive members, name someone responsible for recruitment, personally invite at least three prospective members, run a guest or Rotary information session, look into whether a satellite or new club makes sense locally, treat Rotaract as a direct membership pipeline, and submit at least one growth idea to the District Membership Committee.

Her closing point is the one worth sitting with: growing Rotary isn't something that happens on its own timeline. "When we grow Rotary, we multiply hope" — and for District 3860, that starts with what each club does this month, not eventually.



Within Our Walls: Club President's Message

Every Rotarian who joins our club brings more than a name to our roster. They bring fresh ideas, valuable skills, meaningful connections, and a willingness to serve. When the right people come together with a shared purpose, our capacity to create lasting impact grows. As we observe Membership and New Club Development Month, I invite every member of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro to reflect on what makes TeamFort worth joining and, more importantly, worth staying in.

Membership growth begins with an invitation, but it continues through genuine connection. We must build a club where every member feels welcomed, heard, valued, and involved. Retaining members means giving them opportunities to contribute, develop friendships, take on responsibilities, and experience the joy of serving together.

Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Different professions, generations, experiences, and perspectives allow us to understand our communities better and respond with more meaningful solutions. We should also continue strengthening our partnership with the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, whose young leaders bring energy, creativity, and a promising future for Rotary.

This month, let us each take a simple but purposeful step. Invite someone who shares our values. Reconnect with a member we have not seen recently. Welcome our guests warmly. Share why Rotary matters to you, not only through words, but through the way we serve and support one another.

Growth is not simply about becoming a bigger club. It is about becoming a stronger, more engaged, and more inclusive TeamFort. The more committed hands we have, the more lives we can touch and the farther our service can reach.

Together, let us open our doors, strengthen the bonds within our club, and welcome more people into a life of service.

Because when TeamFort grows, our fellowship grows, our service grows, and our lasting impact multiplies.

Haide Cañete

Club President, RY 2026–2027

Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

**Growing
Together,
Serving
Further**

The Blueprint



This Month's Blueprint: Membership & New Club Development Month

August is observed across Rotary as Membership & New Club Development Month, a time set aside to look honestly at who's in the room and who isn't yet. It's a fitting opening chapter for a Rotary year built around "Create Lasting Impact," since impact of any kind starts with having enough hands to build it.

At its core, this month is about two connected ideas. The first is retention and engagement: making sure the members already in a club feel genuinely part of it, not just present at it. The second is growth: bringing in new members and, where the opportunity exists, helping new clubs – like Rotaract clubs – get off the ground. RCCFSP has a head start here. The chartering of the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro last Rotary year wasn't just a milestone, it was new club development in action, and this month is a good moment to recognize that work for what it was.



Why Membership Matters

A club's capacity for service is, in the end, a function of its people. More members mean more hands for projects, more professions represented in the room, and more perspectives shaping what the club chooses to do. But membership isn't just about headcount; a club that grows without also strengthening its sense of belonging risks gaining names on a roster without gaining engagement. Both have to grow together.





How Clubs Can Celebrate This Month

- Reach out personally to newer members and ask what would make them feel more at home in the club
- Revisit the classification list (see TeamFort Roster) for gaps, or professions or sectors the club doesn't yet have
- Invite a prospective member to a meeting or project, rather than waiting for them to ask
- Check in on the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro and look for ways to mentor or collaborate this year
- Share why you joined Rotary with a member, a colleague, or on the club's own channels
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Impact Tracker

Rotary's seven Areas of Focus are the causes The Rotary Foundation funds worldwide, and our goal this year is simple: touch all seven before RY 2026-27 closes. Watch this space grow, issue by issue.

AREA OF FOCUS	STATUS	PROJECT
 PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION		
 DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT		
 WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE		
 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH		
 BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY		
 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
 ENVIRONMENT		
LEGEND:  COMPLETED  IN PROGRESS  TO START		

A black and white photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white polo shirt and dark pants, holding a baby. She is standing in a large warehouse-like space with a high, arched metal roof. In the background, there are stacks of boxes on a table, and other people are visible. A sign on the table reads "STEP 5 PHARMA".

Impact in Motion

STEP 5
PHARMA



The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro proudly stands alongside the active Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, who adds young energy and vibrance to the group.



August 6 – General Membership Meeting

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro held a General Membership Meeting on August 6, and true to form, it turned into more than a routine sit-down. Members came together to work through the year's upcoming activities, community projects, and membership initiatives – the kind of meeting where the agenda was full, but so was the room's energy.

Much of the discussion centered on turning ideas into something actionable: how to move a project from a suggestion in a meeting to something the club can actually carry out, how to keep members engaged beyond attendance, and how to strengthen the partnerships that make the club's work possible. No single voice carried the meeting, it was built out of the contributions of everyone in the room.

It's the kind of session that doesn't always make for dramatic photos, but does the quieter work every club depends on: surfacing challenges early, working through them together, and leaving with plans that are a little more solid than they were walking in.

The throughline for the day was simple enough to fit in one sentence – serve with purpose, create lasting impact – but the meeting itself was a reminder of what that actually takes. Every project the club runs starts as exactly this: an idea raised in a room. What turns it into impact is what exactly happened – people showing up, working through it together, and deciding to make it real.

August 8 – Mother-Child Activity Day: Healthy Mothers, Thriving Children



Atty. Mario "Jun" Rizon Jr. giving seminar on Anti-VAWC



Rtn. Dr. Marlo Maamo giving prescriptions to mother and children

Mothers, children, volunteers, medical professionals, and community partners filled the same room for one purpose this month, as the Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro hosted its Mother & Child Activity Day – a day built around health, safety, learning, and empowerment for the families who took part.

The activity was spearheaded by Frederick Rizon, the club's Assistant Governor for Area 1D and its Membership Chair, whose organizing brought together an unusually full slate of partners and volunteers for a single-day event. Cecile Tennis Club and Rizon Property Holdings Corp. provided key support, alongside Cecilia Rizon, Rhina Avenido-Revet, Mary Grace Catarata, and Myrna Bancale, whose contributions made the day possible.

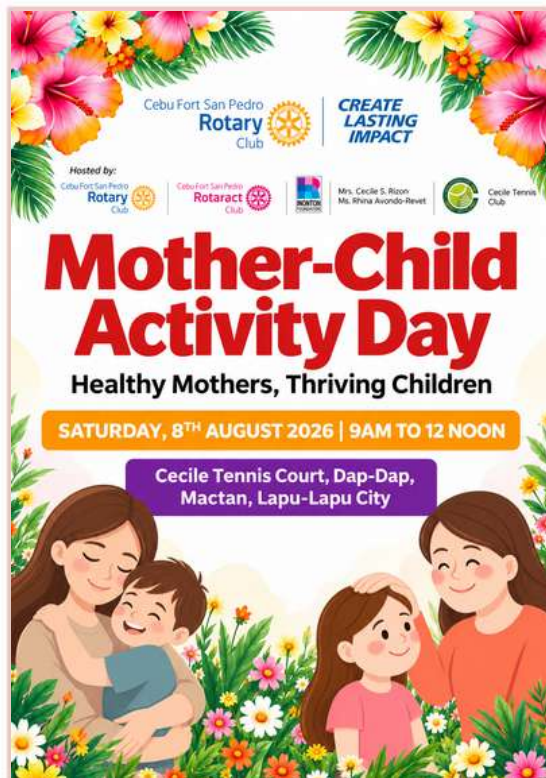
At the center of the day was a seminar on Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC), led by Atty. Mario Rizon Jr. The session walked participants through what constitutes abuse, how to recognize its warning signs, and the concrete steps available to women and families who experience or witness it – knowing their rights, documenting incidents safely, and reaching out to trusted authorities and support organizations. The message was direct: informed mothers make for stronger families and safer communities.

Mrs. Nora Castillo followed with a demonstration-training on reflexology, giving participants hands-on techniques for relaxation and wellness, with the option to register for a full training afterward.

Medical care rounded out the day, with Dr. Licille S. Kilantang, Dr. Lynne Amistad, Dr. Patrick Alcantara, Dr. Debrah Anne Custodio, and the club's own Dr. Marlo Maamo volunteering their time and expertise to serve the community. Their presence was a reminder that service isn't only about resources — it's also time, knowledge, and compassion given directly.

None of it would have run smoothly without the volunteers who worked the day itself: the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, Charito P. Galano, RN, Crystal Heart E. Casio, and Princess Shandi E. Casio.

From legal education to hands-on wellness training to direct medical care, Mother & Child Activity Day brought several kinds of service under one roof for one shared aim – the wellbeing of the mothers and children who came through the door. It's Service Above Self, put into practice.



The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro marked its General Membership Meeting last August 20 in the spirit of Membership Month, and a reminder that Rotary's strength has always come down to its people.

The club welcomed a special guest for the occasion: PDG Lilu Alino, who joined the meeting to share her insights on membership and what it takes to build a Rotary club that is stronger, more engaged, and more dynamic. Her message gave members more than encouragement, it gave them a way of thinking about growth that goes beyond numbers on a roster, and toward the kind of club culture that makes people want to stay, contribute, and bring others in.

Grow membership. Strengthen fellowship. Expand service. The three ideas ran through the meeting as more than a slogan – they were a reminder that each depends on the others. A club doesn't grow simply by recruiting; it grows when fellowship is strong enough that new members feel it immediately, and when service is visible enough that people outside the club want to be part of it.

That was the real thread of the day: membership isn't a separate project running alongside a club's other work, but it's the outcome of everything else a club does well. Every Rotarian who leaves a meeting inspired is a little more likely to bring a colleague, a friend, or a neighbor into the fold. Every member who feels genuinely welcomed is a little more likely to stay and do the same for someone else.

PDG Lilu's presence was a chance for the club to learn from someone who has seen that cycle play out across District 3860 and to walk away with a clearer sense of what each Rotarian can personally do to move it forward.

One member can make a difference. Together, the club can make a greater one. The meeting was a chance to be reminded of that, and to start putting it into practice.

August 20 - General Membership Meeting with PDG Lilu Aliño as Guest Speaker



August 29 - 2nd Joint ACOM for Areas 1C and 1D Memories that last.

Rotarians from Areas 1C and 1D came together for their second Joint ACOM Meeting, hosted by the Rotary Club of Cebu West at City Sports Club – an evening of fellowship, collaboration, and meaningful discussion among clubs.

Clubs took turns sharing updates on completed projects, putting the impact of their collective service on full display, and presented upcoming activities to keep plans aligned with Rotary's commitment to meaningful, sustainable service.

More than a progress check, it was a chance to celebrate what's been accomplished, exchange ideas, and strengthen collaboration across the two areas. It was a reminder that the strongest projects are rarely built alone.

The gathering closed with thanks to Assistant Governors Lloyd Aliviado and Frederick Rizon for their support, and to Past Assistant Governor Nestor Toledo for updating the group on contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Areas 1C and 1D – creating lasting impact, together.



Rotaract at Work

WHERE SERVICE BECOMES CONNECTION



Rotaract comes alive when young people step forward, roll up their sleeves, and serve.

For the Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro, service is more than completing an activity. It is about being present, meeting people where they are, and discovering how even simple acts can create meaningful connections.

From preparing and distributing meals to spending time with children and families, every task becomes an opportunity to serve with purpose.

And somewhere between the preparation, the conversations, the smiles, and the helping hands, something else happens.

A team grows closer. A community feels cared for. And young people discover what it means to belong to something bigger than themselves.



Engage



Service Brings Us Closer

The best Rotaract experiences are not always found in formal meetings.

Sometimes, they happen across a table while handing out meals. Sometimes, in a conversation with a parent. Sometimes, in the smile of a child receiving something simple.

These moments remind our Rotaractors that community service is not only about what we give, but also about who we meet and what we learn from them.

Working side by side also builds friendships among members. Everyone has a role. Everyone contributes. Everyone becomes part of the experience.

Engagement begins when we stop simply attending and start participating.

GROW

From Participation to Belonging

Strong Rotaract clubs grow through experiences people want to be part of.

Every project is an opportunity to invite someone new, give a member a meaningful role, develop leadership, and strengthen friendships.

Membership growth is not simply about adding names to a roster. It is about creating a club where young people feel welcomed, useful, connected, and inspired to return.

When members are given the chance to serve, lead, contribute, and enjoy the journey together, participation becomes engagement, and engagement becomes belonging.

That is how membership grows naturally.

Serve together.

Grow together.

Stay connected.



Be Part of Rotaract

There's a Place for You Here.

You do not need to have everything figured out to become a Rotaractor.

Bring your ideas.

Bring your energy.

Bring your talents.

Bring your willingness to help.

Rotaract gives young people opportunities to serve communities, build friendships, develop leadership skills, expand their network, and turn ideas into action.

Come for the service.

Stay for the friendships.

Grow through the experience.

BE PART OF ROTARACT.

SERVE. CONNECT. LEAD. BELONG.

Rotaract Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

The Next Force of Impact.



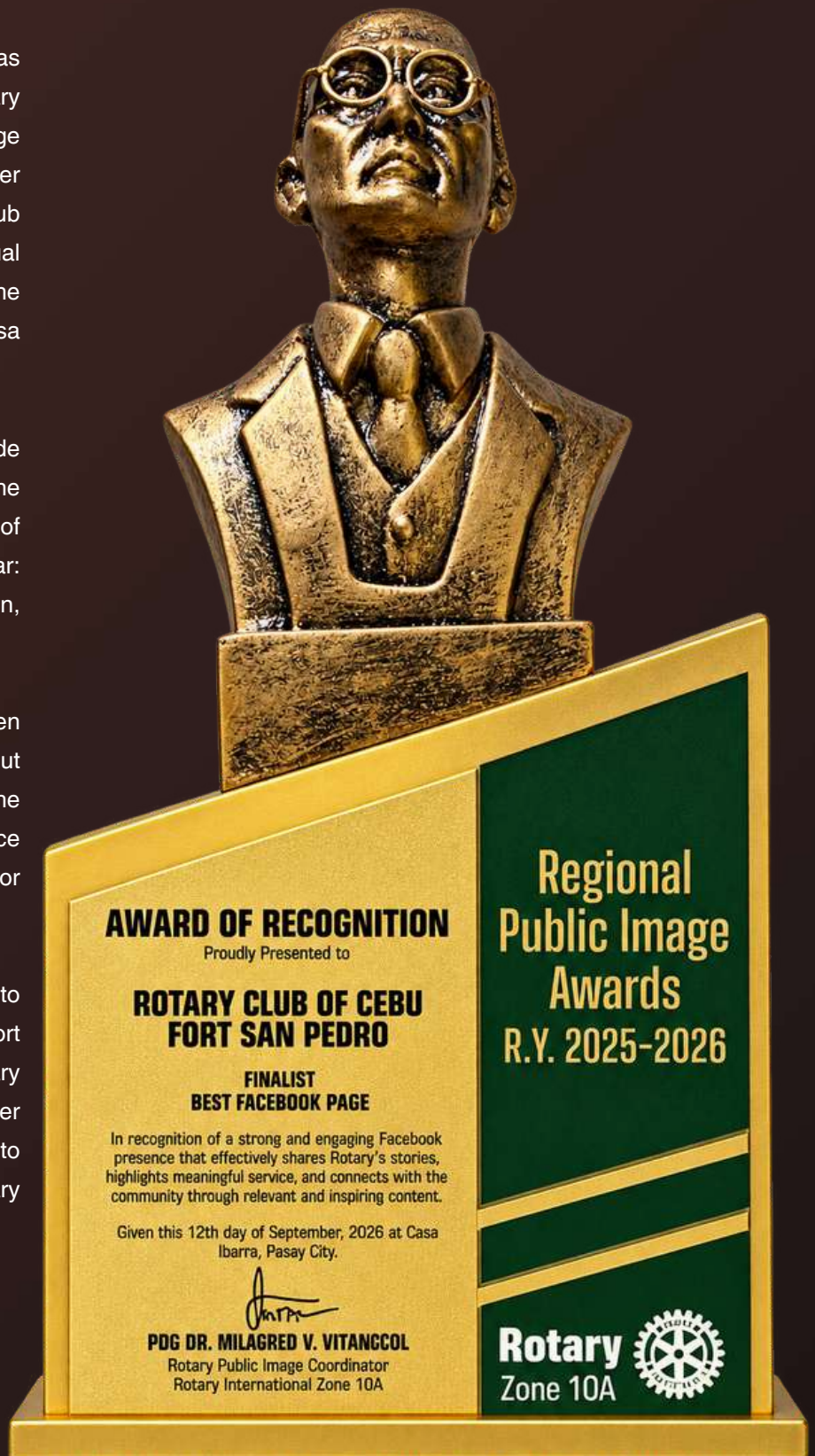
A Proud Moment for TeamFort

The Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro has been named a finalist for the Rotary International Zone 10A Regional Public Image Awards for Rotary Year 2025–2026, under District 3860. It is a recognition the club receives with pride and humility in equal measure. Winners will be announced at the awarding ceremony on September 12 at Casa Ibarra, MOA Complex, Pasay City.

To stand among the finalists alongside distinguished clubs from across the Philippines is already an affirmation of something Team Fort has worked at all year: telling its Rotary story with dedication, creativity, and heart.

For the club, public image has never been about posts and publicity alone. It's about showing the people behind the service, the communities touched by it, and the difference made when a club shows up consistently for both.

That's why this recognition doesn't belong to any one person. It belongs to every Team Fort member, partner, volunteer, and beneficiary who has been part of the journey. Whatever the result will be, the club is already proud to be counted among those making Rotary visible, meaningful, and impactful.



What We're Building

On the Drawing Board

September 11 - Induction and Handover Ceremony

September 19 - Vibrant Club Seminar (Cebu and Dumaguete)

September 19 - Coastal Clean-up

September 19-26 - Art with a Heart 2026: An Art Exhibit by Children with Cancer and their Families

October 24 - World Polio Day

2027

June 26-30 Rotary International Convention (Barcelona, Spain)



Cebu Corner

DID YOU KNOW?



Fort San Pedro sits inside Plaza Independencia, a public square with a longer history than its current name suggests.

It began in the 1600s as the Plaza de Armas, a military training ground for the fort's garrison. As Cebu grew, it became the Plaza Mayor, the town's central square. Under later Spanish rule it was renamed Plaza Maria Cristina, and under American administration, Plaza Libertad. It took its present name, Plaza Independencia, only after Philippine independence.

The plaza today holds markers from each of those eras: an obelisk honoring Miguel López de Legazpi, a monument to victims of the Filipino-Japanese War, a Martial Law-era marker, and statues of Andres Bonifacio and Ramon Magsaysay – all within view of the fort itself.

Source: Plaza Independencia: Take A Stroll Along Philippine History – Cebu Insights

Plaza Independencia



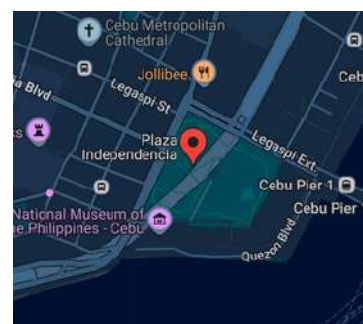
LOCATION

Cross Streets: M.J. Cuenco Avenue and Legazpi

ExtensionNeighborhood:
Barangay San Roque, right in front of Fort San Pedro

VISITING HOURS

Open Daily: 24 Hours
Monday to Sunday



ROTARY CALENDAR STRIP YEAR 2025-2026

Jul 2026	Maternal and Child Health
Aug 2026	Membership & New Club Development
Sep 2026	Basic Education and Literacy
Oct 2026	Community Economic & Development
Nov 2026	Rotary Foundation
Dec 2026	Disease Prevention and Treatment
Jan 2027	Vocational Service
Feb 2027	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
Mar 2027	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
Apr 2027	Environmental
May 2027	Youth Service
Jun 2027	Rotary Fellowships



GROWING OUR IMPACT

Celebrating Our Own –
CLUB BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



TeamFORT Roster

Diverse careers. Shared commitment.

MEMBER'S NAME	CLASSIFICATION	RECOGNITION LEVEL
Myrna Bancale	Shell Importing and Exporting	PHF
Haide Cañete	Customs Brokerage & Health	PHF
Mary Grace Catarata	Construction Engineering Services	PHF+2
Primitivo Deiparine III	Interior Design & Construction	PHF+1
Liwayway Dela Pieza	Brokerage, Health and Wellness	PHF
Marifi Gerona	Real Property Leasing	PHF+8
Josephus Gonzales	Health & Insurance Services	PHF+1
Juanita Gonzales	Land Titling & Liaison Services	
Elizir Lao	Customs Brokerage	PHF
Marlo Maamo	Medical Practice	
Daniel Mercado	Petroleum Products Distribution	PHF+4
Eldein Monares	Real Estate Marketing	PHF
Rey Neri	Transportation and Logistics	PHF
Janel Obnimaga	Legal Services	PHF+2
Khristina Pestaño	Real Estate Development & Management	PHF
Generose Quitorio	Brokerage and Wellness	
Frederick Rizon	Hotel and Property Developer	PHF+3
Cheryl Robles	Restaurant Management	PHF
Jesus Rodinas, Jr.	Real Estate Development	PHF+1
Lilia Rodinas	Land Developer	
Lady Hanna R. Monares	Real Estate Management	PHF
Flordeliz Velayo	Accounting & Public Service	PHF

Our Foundation

Our Partners in Impact



Every project on these pages exists because organizations like these said yes.

From venues and funding to hands-on collaboration, our partners make this club's work possible.



Member-Business Partners



Hospitality Partners



Allied Organizations



Community & Institutional Partners



Become a Partner

Sponsor a project, host an event, lend your organization's expertise, or simply put your name behind work that lasts. However you'd like to show up, there's a place for you here. Reach out to rcfsp@gmail.com to start the conversation.

Club at A Glance



Rotary Club of Cebu Fort San Pedro

Chartered: January 10, 2010

Club ID: 82846

Meeting Schedule: Thursday, 5:30 PM

Venue: Grand Residences, Cebu City

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Facebook Page: [RCCebuFortSanPedro](#)



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President Nominee: Marlo Maamo

Vice President: IPP Josephus Gonzales

Secretary: Generose Qutorio

Treasurer: Mary Grace Catarata

Auditor: Marifi Gerona

Sergeants-at-arms: Rey Neri, Elizer Lao
and Juanita Gonzales

Club Administration: Eldein Monares

Learning Facilitator: Marifi Gerona

Young Leaders Contact: Myrna Bancale

Committee Chairs

Membership and Vocational Service:

Frederick Rizon and Flordeliz Velayo

Public Image: Tina Pestaño

Community Service: Jess Rodinas and
Marlo Maamo

Asst. Community Service: Lilia Rodinas and
Cherryl Robles

International Youth Service: Primitivo
Deiparine III

The Rotary Foundation: Janel Obnimaga





Every Member Adds Strength.

Every Connection Creates Impact

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