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A NEW GLORIA MARIS CHAPTER BEGINS

New Leadership. Renewed Purpose.
One Shared Commitment to Service Above Self.







Message from our President

September marked an exciting beginning for the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris as it welcomed a new leadership with renewed energy, shared purpose, and a commitment to service.

This month gave us two meaningful moments to celebrate as a club — the Vibrant Club Seminar Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg, which we had the privilege of hosting, and our symbolic, memorable 34th Handover & Induction Ceremonies.

During the Vibrant Club Seminar, we brought Rotarians together for learning, collaboration, and purposeful conversations on building Rotary's public image for greater impact.

We also celebrated our club's leadership handover and induction, honoring the dedication of those who served before us and recognizing the leaders who will carry the work forward.

As one chapter closes and another begins, we are reminded that leadership in Rotary is not about simply taking a position—it is about continuing a shared commitment to serve.

Together, let us create lasting impact!

With gratitude & warm regards,

Rheswi C.

Atty. Rheswi Grace C. Colina
President
RY 2026-2027



Passing the Torch: A New Chapter of Leadership Begins



A symbolic passing of the leadership torch from Immediate Past President Roxene R. Rosario (left) to President Atty. Rheswi Grace C. Colina (right), held on September 18, 2026, at Bai Hotel in Mandaue City, Cebu.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris welcomed a new chapter of leadership as Atty. Rheswi Grace C. Colina accepted the responsibility of serving as Club President for Rotary Year 2026–2027.

The 34th Handover and Induction Ceremonies became more than a formal leadership transition. It was an evening of reflection, friendship, and renewed commitment to the club and to one another.

In her acceptance speech, Colina expressed her gratitude for the trust placed in her and reflected on the challenges the club had faced in the months leading to the transition. Despite moments of uncertainty and hurt, she emphasized how members chose to stand together and preserve the fellowship, friendship, and spirit of service that brought them together.

It was through this journey that she came to a deeper realization: "This club (Cebu Gloria Maris) is worth protecting, worth healing, and most of all, worth serving," added Colina.

For her, leadership is not simply about holding a position. It is an opportunity to listen, bring people together, and help the club move forward. As she shared, "Leadership is not about the position we hold, but about what we choose to do with the opportunity to serve."

Gloria Maris members then featured a special presentation centered on the theme of light leading the way—a meaningful reflection of hope, guidance, and the path forward for the club. They came together to express their belief that even through challenging moments, there is always light when people choose to stand together. It ended on an especially heartfelt note, with members singing a short verse of "That's What Friends Are For," bringing the evening back to one of the strongest bonds within Gloria Maris: friendship.

Other meaningful highlights of the evening included the Renewal of Commitment of Returning Members and the Induction of Incoming Officers and Committee Directors.

District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan graced the club's Handover and Induction Ceremonies, together with Past District Governors Raymond "Ray" Patuasi, Joseph Michael "Yumi" Espina, Teodoro "Ted" Locson, and Lilo Aliño.

Several district officers also showed their support for the club. Among those present during the celebration were District Executive Secretary Maria Lina Baura; Chief of Staff – Visayas Marifi Sismar-Gerona; District Membership Chair Armi Geralyn Espiritu; District Deputy Membership and New Club Development Chair Maria Vida Konst; District Community Service Overall Chair Nestor Navarro; District Conference Chair Rae Kara Malbog; District Learning Facilitator Jose Fortunato Uy; and Deputy District Learning Facilitator Araceli Dela Cruz. And we were joined too by our special guests, Municipality Mayor of Tudela, Camotes Hon. German "Jojo" Solante and his wif Georgia.

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In her message, District Governor Adlawan congratulated Outgoing President Roxene R. Rosario for a job well done during the past Rotary Year. "You (Roxene) united the club for good," she told Rosario, recognizing her leadership in bringing the club together. Then turning to Colina, she said: "My dear Impact-Building President Rheswi, continue to unite for good so that we can create a lasting impact."

A Heart of Gratitude

Looking back on her year of service, Rosario spoke with gratitude about her journey. "My heart is filled with gratitude. It was not an easy journey, there were challenges, unexpected situations, deadlines and moments when we had to make difficult decisions but through all these, I was reminded that leadership is never a one person job," she shared. "Whatever we accomplished as a club was made possible because of the commitment, cooperation, generosity and support of our members and our partners."



District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan (second from left) led the Induction Ceremony of President Atty. Rheswi Grace C. Colina (second from right).

Following the formal handover of leadership, Colina was inducted into office as President of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris for Rotary Year 2026–2027. The induction was led by District Governor Adlawan, while Past District Governor Patuasi conducted the Charging of the incoming President. Colina's sister, Christine, was also present to witness her induction into office.

"Tonight, I accept the responsibility of serving as your President with a heart full of gratitude and, honestly, with a heart that has been deeply moved by everything we have gone through together," said Colina in her acceptance speech.

Colina then called on all the members not to look backward, but "to look forward with me". She said: "Let us make the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris stronger, more vibrant, and more united than before.

The moments behind the milestone ...













... and still more snaps







> *We refused to allow the challenges before us to take away the fellowship, friendship, and spirit of service that brought us together in the first place.*
>
> *– President Atty. Rheswi C. Colina*





















Relive the moment & watch video here

PEOPLE OF GLORIA MARIS

Meet the Leaders for RY 2026–2027

Behind every meaningful Rotary year are people who step forward to lead, serve, and make a difference. Introducing the new Club Officers and Committee Directors of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris. As they take on their respective roles, they join hands in shaping a Rotary year filled with fellowship, purposeful action, and lasting impact.



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VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR

Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris Hosts a Day of Learning & Connection

With high energy and a strong spirit of fellowship, the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris successfully hosted the Rotary District 3860 Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg on September 19, 2026, at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu.

The full-day seminar brought together Rotary leaders and members for meaningful discussions on leadership, membership, service, public image, innovation, and strengthening the impact of Rotary clubs in their communities.

The event kicked off on a lively and distinctly Cebuano note, with a Sinulog dance presentation welcoming participants and setting the tone for a day celebrating Rotary, community, and Cebuano culture. The vibrant performance added color and excitement to the opening ceremonies and reflected the warm hospitality of the host club.

As District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan officially declared the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg open, she emphasized the importance of translating insights into meaningful action.

She said: “Our 153 delegates, one rotary spirit, one shared commitment to service... the real work begins when we turn our learnings into action, our ideas into projects and our dream into lasting impact.”

Key Challenges and Opportunities

The seminar featured a series of learning sessions addressing some of the key challenges and opportunities facing Rotary clubs today. Discussions included strengthening the Rotary Foundation and maximizing its impact, rebuilding belonging and engagement within clubs, and developing leadership through succession planning and coaching.



District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan (center) together with Sinulog dancers during the opening of the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg.



Members of the host club, Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, at the registration area, ready to welcome delegates to the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg.



A glimpse of one of the learning sessions at the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg.

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The afternoon sessions shifted the focus toward Rotary's wider mission and public presence. Past District Governor Lilo Aliño, who is also a member of the host club, led the session on "Building Club's Public Image for Global Impact," highlighting the importance of communicating Rotary's story effectively and building a public image that reflects the organization's values and community impact.

Other sessions explored Rotary's personal impact on members, practical service projects, artificial intelligence and innovation, and digital reporting and communication through the District website, My Rotary, and service project platforms. These discussions encouraged participants to look at how traditional Rotary values can be strengthened through new approaches, technology, and more effective storytelling.

Beyond the formal sessions, the seminar provided opportunities for open dialogue, fellowship, and recognition, with plaques and tokens presented to speakers and participants who contributed to the success of the gathering.

The event concluded with the charging and induction of new members, a fitting finale to a day centered on strengthening Rotary from within. The ceremony welcomed new Rotarians into a continuing tradition of service while inspiring clubs to nurture the next generation of leaders.

For the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, hosting Vibrant Club Seminar 2026 was both an honor and an opportunity to bring Rotarians together in the spirit of connection, collaboration, and service. From the vibrant Sinulog-inspired opening to the day's insightful discussions and the welcoming of new members, the seminar reflected what it means to build a truly vibrant Rotary community.



a few more glimpses of the Vibrant Club Seminar ...





feel the vibe once again & watch video here

































FROM SEMINAR MODE TO ZUMBA MODE

ACOM Fellowship Opens with Energy and Camaraderie

Following the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026: Cebu-Bohol-Dumaguete-Siquijor-Bais Leg, Rotarians gathered for the ACOM Fellowship, extending the day's spirit of learning and collaboration into an evening of fun, friendship, and camaraderie.

The fellowship, which the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris helped host, opened with a lively Zumba session that got participants moving and energized, setting a vibrant tone for the gathering.

The upbeat activity brought everyone together, encouraging Rotarians to let loose, enjoy the moment, and share in the excitement beyond the seminar's formal program.

Beyond the physical activity, the fellowship provided an opportunity for Rotarians to connect with fellow members, exchange stories, and strengthen relationships across clubs and communities. It was a welcome break from the day's learning sessions, allowing everyone to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere.

The gathering also reflected the importance of fellowship in Rotary, where meaningful connections help build stronger relationships and encourage collaboration. Through shared experiences and genuine camaraderie, Rotarians are reminded that service becomes even more meaningful when people work together with friendship and a common purpose.

As participants enjoyed the fellowship, the spirit of "Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate." continued beyond the seminar sessions. The gathering highlighted how Rotary events create opportunities not only to learn and grow as leaders but also to form lasting friendships that extend beyond the event itself.

The ACOM Fellowship served as a joyful continuation of the Vibrant Club Seminar 2026, celebrating the friendships and shared experiences that bring Rotarians together. With its energetic opening and atmosphere of camaraderie, the gathering reinforced the value of fellowship in keeping Rotary clubs connected, engaged, and united in service.

Scan ME now and watch Rotarians groove ...

Powering the VIBRANT CLUB SEMINAR 2026 CEBU-BOHOL-DUMAGUETE-SIQUIJOR-BAIS LEG *experience!*

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FROM ADVERSITY TO LEADERSHIP:
The Inspiring Journey of Atty. Rheswi Grace Colina

Some stories begin with privilege. Others begin with hardship, determination, and the courage to dream beyond one's circumstances.

For Atty. Rheswi Grace Cempron Colina, incoming President of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris for Rotary Year 2026–2027, her journey began in a modest home where her mother, Restituta, worked tirelessly to support five children. Growing up with limited means taught her early the value of hard work, perseverance, and education.

An honor student, Rheswi pursued scholarships and tutored other children to help pay for her schooling. Along the way, a Japanese scholarship sponsor named Yoshinori, fondly known as Yoshi, became more than someone who supported her education. Their connection grew into friendship and eventually love. Today, they share a daughter, Reiko, adding another meaningful chapter to her remarkable story.

Her determination carried her through college and law school, even as life dealt her a painful loss. During her third year of law school, her father, a humble taxi driver who instilled in her the values of discipline and hard work, passed away. Despite the grief, she persevered, completed her law degree, and passed the Bar examinations on her first attempt.



Rheswi went on to build a career in government service, working in investigations at the Securities and Exchange Commission. She later expanded her professional pursuits into business, consulting, and property, demonstrating a willingness to learn, adapt, and embrace new opportunities.

The values instilled by her parents are reflected in the paths taken by her siblings, siblings, who pursued careers in accountancy, education, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering. Together, their stories reflect a family shaped by the the belief that education, discipline, and hard work can open doors to a better future.

It is perhaps this understanding of perseverance, gratitude, and shared responsibility that makes Rotary feel like family to Rheswi. Her journey to leadership is not defined by professional accomplishments alone, but also by the challenges she has overcome and the people who have helped shape her along the way.

As she takes on the presidency of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, Rheswi brings with her a perspective shaped by hardship and strengthened by resilience. Her experiences remind her of the importance of compassion, the value of extending a helping hand, and the power of moving forward together.

Her story is a testament to the belief that where we begin does not have to determine where we end. Through perseverance, courage, and a commitment to helping others, challenges can become stepping stones toward a greater purpose.

As she leads Rotary Club of Gloria Maris into Rotary Year 2026–2027, her journey offers a fitting inspiration for the year ahead: a reminder that leadership is not simply about reaching the front, but about bringing others along.

From a young girl who learned to persevere against the odds to a lawyer, entrepreneur, mother, and Rotary leader, Atty. Rheswi Grace Cempron Colina embodies the spirit of resilience—and the promise of a future built on service, fellowship, and lasting impact.

> ***I accept this presidency not simply as a position, but as a privilege—a privilege because I have seen how deeply our members care about Gloria Maris.***
>
> ***– President Atty. Rheswi C. Colina***

A RECOGNITION OF IMPACT

Celebrating Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris' Distinguished Sponsor Club Award



Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris RY 2025–2026 President Roxene R. Rosario (second from left, among award recipients and accompanying representatives) receives the Distinguished Sponsor Club Award during the Joint Regional Membership, Rotary Foundation & Public Image Awards Ceremony held on September 12, 2026, at Casa Ibarra, Mall of Asia Complex, Metro Manila.

The Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris proudly celebrates its recognition as a recipient of the Distinguished Sponsor Club Award during the Joint Regional Membership, Rotary Foundation & Public Image Awards Ceremony for Rotary Year 2025–2026, organized under Rotary Zone 10A and held on September 12, 2026, at Casa Ibarra, Mall of Asia Complex, Metro Manila.

The distinction reflects the club's contribution to strengthening the Rotary network through club sponsorship, extending the opportunities for fellowship, leadership, and community service beyond its own membership.

This achievement holds special significance as it was earned during the term of Immediate Past President Roxene R. Rosario, whose leadership helped guide the club through Rotary Year 2025–2026. The recognition stands as a meaningful milestone for Gloria Maris, celebrating its role in supporting Rotary's continued growth and bringing the spirit of Service Above Self to more people.

Reflecting on the club's accomplishments, Rosario shared in a separate address to fellow members of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris: "Our accomplishments this year were not measured only by awards or recognition. More importantly, they were measured by the lives we touched and the communities we served."

Sponsoring a Rotary club is more than helping establish a new organization. It is an investment in future leaders, new friendships, and expanded opportunities to serve.

Through this commitment, Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris contributes to a growing Rotary community united by a shared purpose: creating positive and lasting change.

The Distinguished Sponsor Club Award is a testament to the value of looking beyond the boundaries of one's own club and embracing the broader mission of Rotary. It celebrates the collective effort, dedication, and vision that allow the organization to reach more communities and inspire more people to become part of meaningful service.

As the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris moves forward, this achievement remains a proud part of its story—a reminder that leadership is not measured only by what a club accomplishes on its own, but also by the opportunities it creates for others to serve.



Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris RY 2025–2026 President Roxene R. Rosario (second from right) together with other attendees during the Joint Regional Membership, Rotary Foundation & Public Image Awards Ceremony.

EXPANDING THE REACH

Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris' Amoma sa Kaugmaon to Be Shared District-Wide

Amoma sa Kaugmaon, the passion project of the Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, is set to reach more communities this Rotary Year following District Governor Arlene J. Adlawan's statement in one of her speeches that the initiative will be shared district-wide.

Adlawan shared this news during the recently held Vibrant Club Seminar: Cebu-Bohol-Dumagute-Siquijor-Bais Leg 2026 and even during the club's 34th Handover & Induction Ceremonies.

The district-wide sharing of the initiative highlights the potential of the club's Amoma Sa Kaugmaon project, which is aimed at fighting the prevalence of undernutrition in the country, to inspire fellow Rotary clubs to adopt similar efforts in their respective communities, extending the program's reach and impact beyond its original beneficiaries.

For Rotary Club of Cebu Gloria Maris, this positive boost from the district affirms the value of creating programs that respond to community needs and encourage meaningful, sustained service.

By sharing the initiative across the district, the club has an opportunity to inspire collaboration and help more communities benefit from Rotary's commitment to service.

The Amoma sa Kaugmaon program reflects the spirit of Rotarians working together to build a better future.

With the initiative set to be shared district-wide, its story may encourage more clubs to turn compassion into practical action and create a lasting impact in the communities they serve.



SAVE LIVES

Adopt a Malnourished Child Today

Malnutrition can decrease the economic growth of a nation by approximately 8% due to a loss in productivity caused by reduced schooling and cognitive impairments.

OCTOBER Activities

OCT. 01, 2026
First General Membership Meeting

6:00 p.m. @ Golden Prince Hotel & Suites

OCT. 17, 2026
District Interact Leadership Training (DILT) Visayas

7:00 a.m. @ Bagong Pilipinas - Visayas Facility

OCT. 17, 2026
Beyond the Pink: A Breast Cancer Awareness Talk

2:00 p.m. @ Casa de Cacao | The Chocolate Chamber

OCT. 24, 2026
Rotary Fest

6:00 p.m. @ Golden Prince Hotel & Suites

OTHERS:

- Ride to End Polio
- Mooncake Festival
- Amoma Sa Kaugmaon

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