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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A new Rotary Year is not simply a new beginning, but a renewed commitment to serve, lead, and create lasting impact."

ABOUT THE COVER

The maiden issue of The Professionals opens with the 34th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao. The celebration marked the passing of leadership and the beginning of another year of service, as Rotarians came together to honor the past, welcome new leadership, and continue creating lasting impact in the community.



Editorial Note:



IMPACT THROUGH GENERATIONS

I am a second-generation Rotarian. My mother is a Rotarian, and someday, I hope my children will be too.

At the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, this story is shared by many of us. We are a club where Rotary runs not only through generations, but through families. The genes are strong, but the heart to serve is even stronger.

Our Create Lasting Impact President, Maria Rea Lane L. Horfilla, is herself a second-generation Rotarian and a former Rotakid. From being a child growing up around the spirit of service, she now leads our club in creating impact for others.

And perhaps that is one of Rotary's greatest legacies: service that is passed down, not simply as a tradition, but as a way of life. A Rotakid becomes a Rotarian. A Rotarian inspires a child. And that child may one day lead, serve, and inspire another generation.

This is how Rotary creates lasting impact, not only in communities, but in families, across generations. The legacy of service continues, one heart at a time.

The Mission of Rotary International

We provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professionals and community leaders.

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity,
Service, Integrity and Leadership

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 of 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is with a humble heart and deep gratitude that I accept the responsibility of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao.

Many people have asked me, "Are you ready for your presidency?" Honestly, there were moments when I felt nervous and even a little afraid. Leading a Rotary club is a great honor, but it also comes with great responsibility.

But whenever I am asked if I am ready, my answer is:

"My RCDD family is always ready."

And because my RCDD family is ready, I am ready—to serve, to lead, and to face this Rotary year with courage and confidence.

I know that I will not walk this journey alone.

To my officers and directors, thank you for accepting the responsibility to serve with me. Your positions are more than titles. Each of you brings valuable ideas, talents, experience, and a genuine heart for service.

We will work hand in hand through every project, challenge, and important decision. We will listen to one another, respect different ideas, and help each other whenever the work becomes difficult.

There may be times when our plans do not go as expected, but we will face them together. No one will carry the burden alone, and no success will belong to only one person. Every achievement will be the result of our teamwork, dedication, and shared commitment to serve.

To all Downtowners, thank you for your trust and confidence in me. I am honored to lead a club known not only for its accomplishments, but also for its warmth, friendship, energy, and genuine love for service.

We are more than members of an organization. We are a family united by one purpose—to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

To District Governor Arlene Adlawan, thank you for your leadership, guidance, and dedication to Rotary District 3860. We look forward to working closely with you and supporting your vision as we strive to Create Lasting Impact in our communities.

My Rotary journey began through my parents, who taught me the true meaning of Service Above Self. They showed me that service is not only about what we give. It is also about how we care, how we treat people, and how we use our blessings to help others.

Today, I am grateful to continue that journey with all of you.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Past President Ethel Caceres for inviting me to join this wonderful club. Your invitation opened the door for me to a Rotary family that welcomed, encouraged, and inspired me.

I would also like to thank my former boss at the City Mayor's Office, former Chief of Staff of Mayor PRRD and the Mutya ng Dabaw in executive order, and our Club Vice President, Patmei Ruivivar.

Thank you for your generous introduction and for your continued support of our club's service projects. Your guidance, encouragement, and dedication to public service have been a meaningful part of my Rotary journey.

To our gorgeous, generous, and energetic past presidents, thank you for your leadership and for building the strong foundation that our club enjoys today.

Your service, wisdom, and achievements have helped make the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao the respected organization it is today. I am grateful for your guidance, encouragement, and the many helpful tips you continue to share with me.

I would also like to give special recognition to our Past President and our Treasurer, Archie Gamboa, for diligently—and very patiently—reminding our members to pay their dues.

We know that every reminder is given with love, commitment, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Because of his dedication, our club remains organized, financially prepared, and ready to carry out meaningful projects.

I also recognize Past District Governor Twinkle Gamboa, our club's Rotary Foundation Chair.

Through her leadership, she reminds us that supporting The Rotary Foundation is not simply about making a contribution. It is about becoming part of something greater than ourselves.

Every contribution, no matter the amount, can help provide better health care, education, clean water, peace, and hope to communities around the world.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would also like to recognize the people who give me strength, encouragement, and unconditional support—my family, whom I lovingly call Team Horfilla.

To Ryan, thank you for always standing beside me.

As I begin this demanding responsibility, I ask for a little more patience and understanding, especially on the days when my Rotary schedule becomes very busy.

Your love, encouragement, and support will give me the strength to fulfill my duties with confidence and dedication.

To my dear aunt, who traveled halfway around the world to be with me during this important moment, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your presence tonight means more to me than words can express.

To my entire family, thank you for believing in me, supporting my dreams, and allowing me to share my time and talents in service to others.

This journey would not be possible without Team Horfilla behind me.

As your President, I promise to listen, to learn, and to serve with sincerity.

I may not always have all the answers, but I will always be willing to listen, understand, and work with you.

Leadership is not about one person standing in front. It is about bringing people together, recognizing each person's strengths, and moving forward with one shared purpose.

This presidency is not mine alone. It belongs to all of us.

It is our shared opportunity to serve, to grow, and to create something meaningful for our community.

Together, let us continue to be People of Action.

Let us strengthen our fellowship, care for one another, and welcome new ideas with open minds.

Let us also continue to strengthen the signature projects that reflect the heart of our club.

Through Pink October, our breast cancer awareness project, let us continue to educate, inspire, and remind everyone of the importance of early detection, proper care, and community support. May this project give courage to those facing breast cancer and honor the strength of every survivor.

Through our Christmas Fiesta for Children with Special Needs in Davao City, let us continue to bring joy, friendship, and a sense of belonging to children and their families. More than a celebration, it is our way of reminding them that they are seen, valued, loved, and included in our community.

These projects are more than annual activities. They represent who we are as Rotarians—compassionate, responsive, and committed to serving people whose lives we can touch in meaningful ways.

Let us continue to improve these projects, reach more beneficiaries, build stronger partnerships, and ensure that their positive impact lasts beyond a single event.

May we measure our success not only by the number of projects we complete, but by the lives we touch, the relationships we build, and the hope we leave behind.

To my officers and the entire RCDD family:

Together, we are ready.

Ready to serve.

Ready to lead.

Ready to give.

Ready to work hand in hand.

And ready to Create Lasting Impact through the enduring spirit of Service Above Self.

May God bless Rotary District 3860, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, and all our families who support us in our service.

Daghang Salamat!

ROTARY INFORMATION

PRESIDENT YINKA ANSWERS THE CALL

Adapted from "President Yinka answers the call," by Diana Schoberg, published in the July 2026 issue of Rotary magazine.

From Rotaract to Rotary International President, Olayinka H. Babalola carries with him a lifetime of service, courage, mentorship, and an unwavering belief in the power of Rotary.

When Olayinka H. Babalola—known to many simply as Yinka—stood before the Rotary world, he carried more than the flag of Nigeria. He carried the story of a young Rotaractor who found purpose in service, the courage of a leader who stepped forward when others hesitated, and the conviction that one person's decision to answer the call can change the lives of many.

Now serving as the 2026–2027 Rotary International President, Yinka is only the second president from Nigeria and the second from Africa. But his journey to Rotary's highest leadership position did not begin in a boardroom. It began in Rotaract.

As a university student, Yinka was invited to help organize a Rotaract club at the Federal University of Technology in Bauchi. He became its charter president. Years later, during his national service in Port Harcourt, he continued to gather young people into fellowship and service. Eventually, he joined Rotary, where mentors helped shape not only his professional life but also the leader he would become.

His commitment to service was tested most profoundly through the fight against polio. In 2012, when Rotary leaders in Nigeria asked district governors to take responsibility for the country's 36 states, few wanted to take on the northeast, where insecurity made the work especially dangerous. Yinka raised his hand.

He went where others were reluctant to go.

On one occasion, despite a security lockdown, he traveled to a remote community to support an immunization campaign. His willingness to be present on the ground reflected the kind of leadership he continues to champion: not leadership from a distance, but leadership that listens, participates, and acts.

In 2020, Nigeria—and the entire African region—was certified free of wild poliovirus. The achievement was the result of years of work by governments, health workers, partners, and countless Rotary volunteers. Yinka's experience in that effort now gives particular meaning to his continued call for Rotarians to finish the fight against polio.

Yet his story is not only about polio. It is also about people.

Yinka credits Rotary mentors for helping him grow. He believes that every Rotarian has a story—something that made them stay. For him, Rotary became a place where he could learn, build relationships, serve others, and aspire to become more. His journey also reminds us that membership is not simply about numbers; it is about creating an environment where people find belonging, purpose, and opportunities to make a difference.

His leadership has contributed to significant membership growth across Africa, from about 29,000 Rotarians when he began his work with former RI President Sam Owori to approximately 48,000 today.

And now, as he begins his year as Rotary International President, Yinka asks Rotarians around the world to embrace a simple but powerful challenge: Create Lasting Impact.

The message is more than a presidential theme. It is a reflection of Yinka's own life. His impact was created through people who believed in him, mentors who opened doors, Rotaractors who served beside him, communities that welcomed him, and difficult moments when he chose to step forward.

His story reminds us that lasting impact rarely begins with grand gestures. Sometimes, it begins with simply raising your hand.

Saying yes.
Showing up.
And answering the call.

As Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, we are reminded that our own opportunity is no different. Every project we undertake, every young person we mentor, every partnership we build, and every community we serve is an opportunity to leave something behind that continues long after the activity is over.

Yinka answered the call. Now, it is our turn.

DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

ROTARY NEW YEAR

JULY 1, 2026 | CENTER FOR HOPE AGDAO

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao officially kicked off Rotary Year 2026–2027 by sharing an afternoon filled with laughter, learning, and hope with the children of the Center for Hope Agdao Daycare Center. Guided by the theme, "Our Children Today, Our Hope for Tomorrow," this meaningful activity reminded us that every smile we inspire and every child we encourage is an investment in a brighter future. Moments like these reflect the true spirit of Rotary—serving communities through compassion, kindness, and lasting impact.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, the Rotary Community Corps – Barangay Council for Women of Barangay Centro, Agdao, Davao City and the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion, for helping make this celebration possible.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

RCDD IS A PROUD GREEN TAYO PARTNER
JULY 1, 2026 | CENTER FOR HOPE AGDAO

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) kicked off the new Rotary year with its first board meeting on July 8, 2026, bringing together its Board of Directors and Committee Chairs to align plans, programs, activities, and resources for a year of lasting impact. Led by President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla, the club is combining its signature service projects with innovative initiatives that engage young leaders and respond to emerging community needs. With strong financial support, continued commitment to The Rotary Foundation, active fundraising, and the guidance of experienced past presidents and charter members, RCDD is well-positioned to sustain its tradition of excellence while empowering the next generation of Rotarians. The team is united in strengthening membership, community service, youth engagement, vocational service, partnerships, and public image—making RCDD's impact not only bigger, but more sustainable and meaningful. As President Rea puts it, "Let's go, Downtowners!"



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

RCDD'S IMPACT-CREATING TEAM MEETING JULY 9, 2026 | CAFE DEMITASSE

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) proudly supports Project Green Tayo, a signature initiative of Mothers for Peace that advances environmental sustainability, economic and community development, and peace through a community-based refill economy. Through RCDD's Rotary Community Corps—the Barangay Council for Women of Barangay Centro, Agdao—grassroots women leaders are mobilizing sari-sari stores and households to establish Green Corners, making affordable refilling of home and personal care products more accessible while reducing single-use plastic waste. The project also empowers women micro-entrepreneurs through training and livelihood opportunities, promoting locally sourced, natural, non-toxic, and eco-friendly products and encouraging a circular economy that starts at the barangay level. With RCDD members Marina Bello-Ruivivar and Twinkle Gamboa serving on the Board of Trustees of Mothers for Peace Social Enterprise, Inc., the club is helping turn sustainability into meaningful community action. Supported by Circulab, Green Tayo reflects RCDD's commitment to creating lasting impact—because sustainability begins where we are.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR JULY 12, 2026 | AMERICAN BACKYARD AIRPORT VIEW

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) welcomed the new Rotary Year with a joyful fellowship and an exciting discussion of the club's plans, programs, and activities. President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla introduced pocket calendars as handy reminders for meetings and service activities, while Club Administrator Litlit Maranan Ang launched a membership engagement rewards program and themed meetings to make club life more meaningful and enjoyable. Members also prepared for RCDD's 34th Induction and Handover Ceremony, reviewed the club's strong financial position, and renewed their commitment to raising more funds for greater service. The gathering was made even more special with a quadruple birthday celebration for Litlit Ang, Vice-President Patmei Bello Ruivivar, returning member Rosanna Teruel, and Rotaractor Kenneth Nomar Apostol Melliza, along with fun raffles, a denim outfit contest, and great food and fellowship. With high spirits, strong camaraderie, and a clear commitment to service, RCDD is off to a vibrant start for a year of creating lasting impact.



DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

34TH INDUCTION AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES JULY 23, 2026 | CAMP MERECIDO, DAVAO CITY

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao successfully concluded its 34th Induction and Handover Ceremony, bringing together Rotarians, family, friends, and distinguished guests for an evening of fellowship and celebration. As we honor the dedication and accomplishments of the past Rotary year, we also warmly welcome a new chapter of service and leadership. The ceremony marked the formal turnover of responsibilities and the induction of the club's officers and members, reaffirming our commitment to creating meaningful and sustainable change in our communities.

Guided by this Rotary year's theme, "Create Lasting Impact," we look forward to building on our legacy of service through stronger partnerships, innovative projects, and unwavering fellowship.

To everyone who joined us and contributed to making this event a memorable success, thank you for celebrating this milestone with us. Here's to another year of Service Above Self and creating lasting impact - together.



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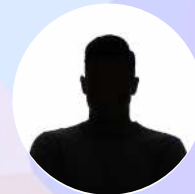
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RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2025-2026

by PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar, RCDD Club Historian

Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club by then Rotary International President Robert R. Batch, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) articulated the theme, "Believe in What You Do, Do What You Believe." It was one great celebration, as the whole Rotary world was celebrating the 88th Foundation Anniversary of the Rotary International, and RCDD became the 29,258th Rotary club all over the world. RCDD is the 79th club organized in District 3960 and the second all-women club in Area 2 in the region.

RCDD started with twenty-six (26) charter members who are leaders and executives of various professions and business organizations. Each represent one field of specialization which became their classification. RCDD's founder and Charter President is Evelyn Abellera Magno whose classification is "Private Education", being a president of an educational institution. Her leadership was marked with a strong foundation of hard-working members and achievers, sharing with each other their professional skills and talents.

A Club bulletin was named, "The Professionals", with Club Service Chairperson Marina B. Ruivivar as its first Editor-In-Chief. The first Bulletin was a collective effort of members contributing articles, write-ups, and photos of members in action. A Souvenir Program was done to highlight its first Charter Anniversary on February 23, 1994. An excerpt of our then City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte's Message, stated, "Your achievements during the one-year existence of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao prove beyond doubt that you have the capacity for leadership and initiative in accomplishing various undertakings for the good of our city."

The first service projects were the Shoe-Shine Boxes for the street boys, the "Tiil Para sa Kimpang" (crutches) for disabled patients and the "Puno, Puso, Pasko" projects (tree-planting). We also honored the waiters in Davao City, with a Search for a "Most Outstanding Waiter of the Year" project awarding the winner with a cash prize and grocery items.

The first Sisterhood Memorandum of Agreement was signed between RCDD and Rotary Club of Green Meadows, RI District 3780, Australia, stating therein a sister-club relation and a partnership in service. Other partners in service in the local and international communities followed.

On its first year, RCDD was already blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in District 3860. During its first year, RCDD was the lone club awarded by Rotary International with a "Balanced Club Achievement Award." The club was also a district awardee for the "Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary and club bulletin" for category III (new clubs). Year after year, we received district major and special awards for the club's achievements and humanitarian services. In RY 1998-1999, RCDD was a district grand slam Awardee, besting all clubs in District 3860 in all the four major awards, as the "Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary and Club Bulletin".

RCDD's banner club project is the construction of a multi-purpose building, named "Center for Hope". It houses the Day Care Center, a Health Center and a venue for livelihood skills trainings for the Rotary Community Corps (RCC). The building was a dream to serve the Agdao district community. It came to its realization during RY 1999-2000. Together with the Center was the establishment of an RCDD Foundation, funded by yearly club savings, serving as the club's financial arm. The Center was first funded by the WCS Funds of the Rotary clubs in Chiba, Japan.

RY 2011 - 2012, was a year when RCDD was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. RCDD is one of the top 5 donors to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). In RY 2018-2019, PDG/PP Rozanne C. Gamboa and Spouse, Past President Archie Francisco F. Gamboa were recognized as the lone district awardees for the "Rotarian Couple Polio Plus Achiever", and RCDD, as the "Polio Fund Club Achiever" RCDD has six (6) Major Donors and all members contributed to the Rotary Endowment Fund, earning the title, "Promise Club", the second club among all District Rotary clubs in the Philippines.

RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2025-2026

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RY 2016 - 2017 was marked with two Rotary International Awards, the "Rotary International Significant Achievement Award" and the "Rotarian Spouse Service Award" presented to Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, spouse of then President Rozanne C. Gamboa.

Another significant accomplishment of RCDD, was in RY 2018-2019 when it decided to change as a mixed club from an all-women club. Two (2) outstanding gentlemen were inducted, former PNP Chief Archie Francisco F. Gambia, a 4-star General and spouse of Past District Governor and Past President Rozanne C. Gamboa, and Paulino B. Ko, a successful businessman and spouse of Past President Edna C. Ko.

RCDD has nurtured and developed two (2) district governors: Charter President Evelyn A. Magno, as the first woman district governor of RI District 3860 in RY 2005-2006, and Past President Rozanne C. Gamboa for RY 2023 - 2024.

There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on performing humanitarian services, getting better and better each year. The happy smiles and grateful responses from the people it serves, are the greatest inspirations the club could ever receive. The annual district awards are just our bonus in articulating the Rotary motto: SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RCDD has been a consistent recipient of a Rotary International Presidential Citation or is recognized as one of the Rotary International Club Excellence Awardees every end of each Rotary year.

This Rotary year 2026 - 2027, RCDD starts with a membership of 35 female and 8 male members or a total of 43 members. The Satellite Club at the Garden City of Samal has more or less 10 members. We have five (5) prospective new members who will be inducted soon as they have completed the requirements.

The club is led by President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla, the youngest president the club has ever had. She is a former Rotaractor and a Rotakid, with three (3) years experience as a Rotarian.

With a young and new leadership, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao is expected to attract more young members making the club more vibrant and successful, equaling its previous performance or better than its best as it **CREATES LASTING IMPACT** in the communities it serves.



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