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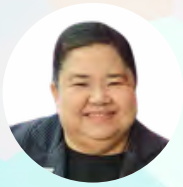
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

-Peter Drucker

ABOUT THE COVER

GROWING YOUNG MINDS, GROWING FUTURES

For Basic Education and Literacy Month, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) continues to invest in the next generation through its project at Tanglad Elementary School, helping create better opportunities and a more supportive learning environment for young learners.

The month also marked the induction of the Interact Club of Downtown Davao – Davao City National High School, welcoming young students into the Rotary family of service and leadership. Together, these initiatives reflect RCDD's commitment to educating, empowering, and inspiring young people to become leaders and changemakers in their communities.



Editorial Note:



GROWING FUTURES, GROWING COMMUNITIES

September gave us another opportunity to reflect on what it means to invest in the future. As we celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month, we are reminded that education is more than books, classrooms, and lessons—it is about giving every child the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a better future.

This month, RCDD brought this commitment to life through our project at Tanglad Elementary School, where we worked alongside the school community to respond to the needs of its learners. Every improvement we make in a school, every resource we provide, and every child we support is an investment in a future that reaches far beyond the classroom.

Our commitment to the future also extends beyond education. Through the District-Wide Tree Planting, Rotarians and partners came together to care for the environment and create greener spaces for the communities we serve. Planting a tree is an act of hope—it may take years to see its full impact, but it creates something that future generations can benefit from.

Education and environmental stewardship may seem like different areas of service, but both are ultimately about the same thing: the future we leave behind. We teach children to grow, while we plant trees that will grow alongside them.

As we continue our Rotary journey, may we keep choosing projects that address real needs today while creating opportunities for tomorrow. Because when we invest in our children, our schools, and our environment, we are not simply serving the present—we are building a better future, one that can #CreateLastingImpact.

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?

Core Values

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



September is a meaningful month for us at the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao as we celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month—a time to reflect on one of the most important investments we can make: investing in our children and in the young people who will shape the communities of tomorrow.

Education is more than providing a child with the ability to read and write. It is about giving them the confidence to ask questions, the opportunity to discover their potential, and the foundation to pursue a better future. This month, RCDD had the privilege of bringing this commitment closer to the community through our project at Tanglad Elementary School. By responding to the needs of the school and its learners, we hope to contribute in our own small way to an environment where children can learn, participate, and dream without limits.

But our responsibility does not end with supporting young learners. We must also give young people opportunities to discover the meaning of leadership and service.

This September, we were proud to welcome a new generation of young leaders through the induction of the Interact Club of Downtown Davao – Davao City National High School. Seeing students make a commitment to serve is a reminder that the spirit of Rotary has a future beyond our own generation. Through Interact, we hope to provide these young people with experiences that will help them develop not only as leaders, but also as compassionate individuals who understand the importance of giving back to their communities.

These two initiatives may look different, but they are connected by one purpose: to invest in people. We support children by creating better opportunities to learn, and we empower young people by giving them opportunities to lead. In both, we are planting seeds whose full impact may only be seen years from now.

This is the kind of service that I hope we continue to pursue as a club—service that looks beyond the activity itself and asks what happens next. Will a child have a better opportunity because we were there? Will a young person discover a passion for service because we gave them a chance? Will the community become stronger because we chose to act?

These are the questions that make our work meaningful.

I am grateful to our fellow Rotarians, our partner schools, teachers, volunteers, and community partners who continue to believe that lasting change is possible when we work together. Our projects become more meaningful because they are built not only on resources, but on relationships, trust, and a shared commitment to serve.

As we move forward, may we continue to be a Rotary club that listens to the needs of our communities, responds with purpose, and creates opportunities for others to thrive.

Let us continue to educate, empower, and inspire - because when we invest in young minds and nurture young leaders, we are not only changing lives today. We are helping shape the kind of community we want to see tomorrow.

Together, let us continue to serve with purpose, build meaningful partnerships, and #CreateLastingImpact.

DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

MOA SIGNED FOR HEARING IMPAIRED LEARNERS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

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DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

CYBER HYGIENE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 | HOLY CROSS OF DAVAO COLLEGE (HCDC)

We all need basic education and digital literacy in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) so the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) partnered with the Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) for Cyber Hygiene Training for MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) last Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at the Sedes Sapientiae Auditorium at HCDC.

We invited our social enterprise partner, Greentayo, and our #MothersForPeace community to join us. The women leaders and entrepreneurs of our Rotary Community Corps (RCC) from Barangay Centro, Agdao found the training useful as they navigate e-commerce and learn how to protect their personal and business data in digital spaces.

RCDD President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla received a special prize from The Asia Foundation's resource person for giving the right answer during the workshop while RCDD member Rossanna Cosco shared her online experience to keep her safe from scams.









DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 | AULSONS CAFE

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) is proud of its Interact Club of Downtown Davao - Davao City National High School, which has been recognized as one of the best Interact clubs in #RIDistrict3860.

The Davao City National High School (DCNHS) is the premier public high school in Davao Region and the pioneering school for DepEd's Special Program in the Arts. RCDD's partnership with DCNHS has created a pipeline of new generation of leaders who embody Rotary's core values.

Interact clubs help shape young people by building practical leadership skills, fostering civic responsibility, and expanding global awareness through community service. Interact, whose members are teenagers ages 12 to 18, are student-led groups that provide a structured environment for personal and social growth.









DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH!

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 | TANGLAD INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN STA. MARIA, MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao visited Tanglad Integrated School in Sta. Maria, Malita, Davao Occidental in support of education and literacy.

A total of 60 children from 4Ps beneficiary families received school bags with essential school supplies. The Club also sustained its Library and Multimedia Room project, donated in RY 2024-2025, with additional reading materials and educational toys.

The Rotarians were warmly welcomed by the school's Marching Band, making the visit even more meaningful.

Through sustainable initiatives like these, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao continues to empower young learners and promote a brighter future through education.

Service Above Self.









DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

TREE GROWING ACTIVITY OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF AREA 2 ABCE

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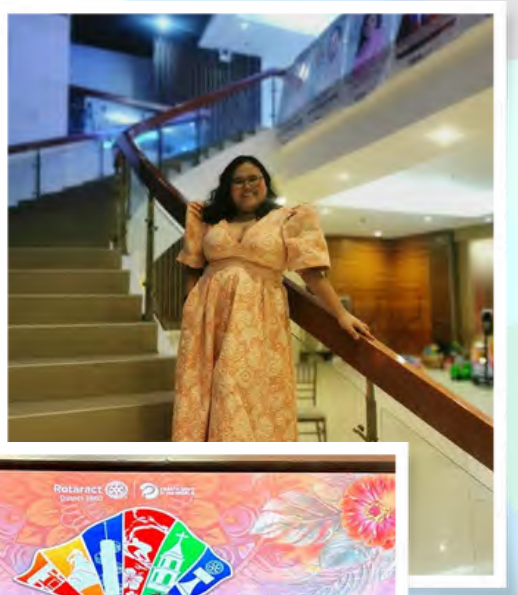


ROTARACT CORNER

by Theona Aton
President, Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion

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BEFORE THE PIN, THERE WAS A PURPOSE: MY JOURNEY IN ROTARACT



Every journey begins somewhere, and mine started in 2023 with a recommendation from a dear friend who was then the president of the Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao Poblacion. What began as an invitation became a journey I never imagined would lead me to where I am today.

In the following Rotary year, I became Club Secretary. Honestly, I lacked the knowledge and experience needed for the role, and I had to learn many things on my own. Now, even as Club President, I continue to learn, grow, and figure things out along the way.



My experience has taught me that leadership is not about knowing all the answers. It is about being willing to learn, taking responsibility, and embracing challenges even when we feel unprepared. Growth does not happen overnight; sometimes, it begins when we step outside our comfort zone and say yes to an opportunity.

But beyond the positions I have held and the responsibilities I have carried, what I treasure most about Rotaract are the friendships I have made and the experiences I have gained. Through this organization, I have visited different cities, encountered different cultures, and met people who have made my journey more meaningful. These experiences have broadened my perspective and reminded me that Rotaract is not only about service and leadership but also about connection, fellowship, and the memories we create together.



From being a new member in 2023 to serving as Club Secretary and now as Club President, I have realized that there is always something new to learn. I may not have everything figured out, but I am grateful for every opportunity that has helped me grow.

To those just starting their Rotaract journey, you do not need to have everything figured out to make a difference. Be willing to learn, build friendships, explore new places, and embrace every opportunity that comes your way.



Sometimes, one invitation can lead to friendships, unforgettable experiences, and a journey of personal growth you never expected.

And that is the beauty of Rotaract.

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RCDD'S PROFILE AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS: RY 2026-2027

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 (26j) 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 l998-1999, 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 2026-2027

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

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.

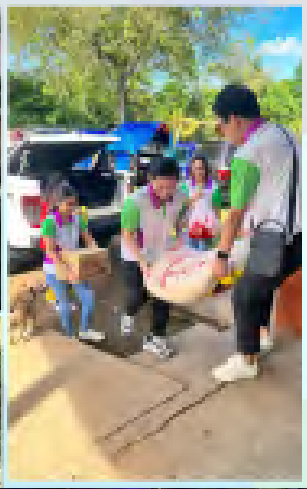
There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on performing humanitarian services, getting better and better each year. The happy smiles and grateful responses from the people it serves, are the greatest inspirations the club could ever receive. The annual district awards are just our bonus in articulating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

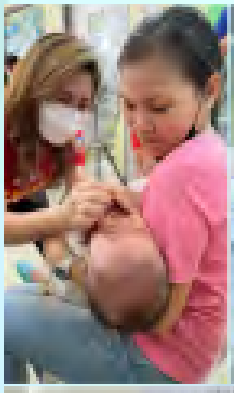
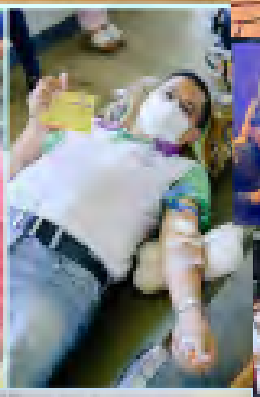
RCDD has been a consistent recipient of a Rotary International Presidential Citation or is recognized as one of the Rotary International Club Excellence Awardees every end of each Rotary year.

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.

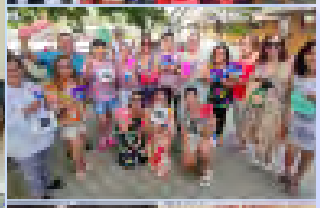
The club is led by President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla, the youngest president the club has ever had. She is a former Rotaractor and a Rotakid, with three (3) years experience as a Rotarian.

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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