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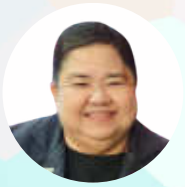
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live."

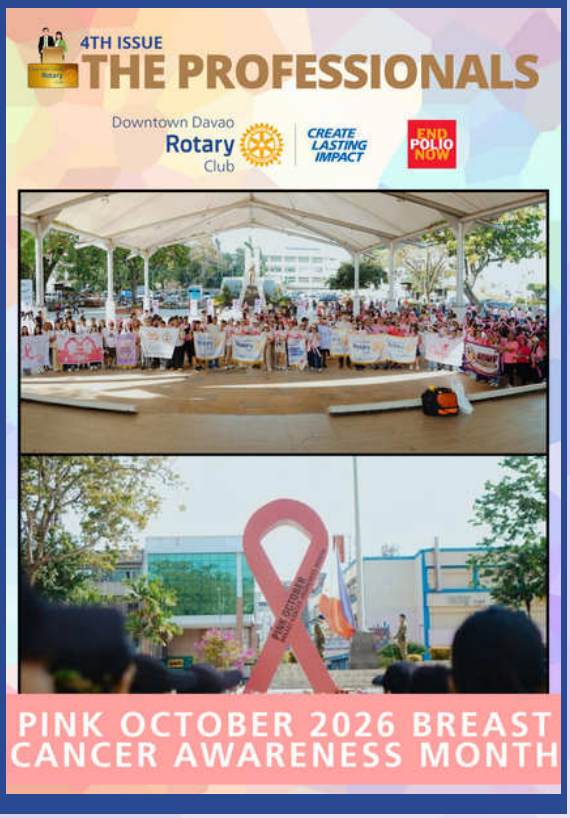
- Stuart Scott,
ESPN Sportscaster,
2014 Jimmy V Perseverance Award Speech

ABOUT THE COVER

LET US ALL SHOW WE CARE, LET US ALL BE AWARE

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) turned October into a month of awareness, compassion, and action through its annual Pink October celebration. With the theme "Let Us All Show We Care, Let Us All Be Aware," the club brought together partners, survivors, advocates, and the community through the Pink Walk, Pink Forum, Pink Runway, and Pink Zumba.

More than a celebration, Pink October is a reminder that breast cancer awareness goes beyond wearing pink. It means promoting early detection, supporting those affected, and making sure that no woman has to face the journey alone. Together, we stand for awareness, hope, and the importance of **showing we care.**



Editorial Note:



LET US ALL SHOW WE CARE

October reminds us that some of the most meaningful things we can do begin with a simple act of caring. As we observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are called not only to raise awareness but also to encourage early detection, support survivors, and stand with families whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

This year's Pink October theme, "Let Us All Show We Care, Let Us All Be Aware," came to life through the Pink Walk, Pink Forum, Pink Runway, and Pink Zumba. Each activity offered a different way to bring people together, share important information, celebrate courage, and remind women that they are never alone in their journey. Behind the pink shirts, ribbons, and celebrations are real stories, real struggles, and people who deserve our understanding and support.

Our commitment to protecting lives also continued through End Polio Now: Patak Polio, reinforcing Rotary's global mission to protect children through vaccination and help build a polio-free world. While the advocacies are different, both remind us that prevention, awareness, and collective action can make a lasting difference.

This month, we are grateful to our partners, sponsors, volunteers, survivors, and fellow Rotarians who gave their time and support. Their involvement shows what can happen when people come together for a cause bigger than themselves.

As we move beyond October, may we remember that awareness should not be limited to one month, and caring should never be seasonal. Let us continue to look after one another, encourage meaningful conversations, and turn concern into action.

Because showing we care is not just a message. It is a commitment we make every day.

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



October is always a special month for the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao. As we observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we once again turn our attention to an advocacy that reminds us of the importance of awareness, early detection, compassion, and support for those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

This year's Pink October theme, "Let Us All Show We Care, Let Us All Be Aware," carries a message that goes beyond the color pink. It challenges us to be more mindful, more supportive, and more willing to take part in an advocacy that can save lives.

Throughout the month, we brought this message to our community through activities that combined awareness, participation, and celebration. Our Pink Walk brought together partners and advocates in a shared call for breast cancer awareness. The Pink Forum provided an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and better understand the importance of early detection and proper care. Through the Pink Runway, we celebrated courage, confidence, and the stories of women who continue to inspire us. And with Pink Zumba, we brought people together through movement, fitness, and a shared commitment to health and wellness.

What makes this year's celebration even more meaningful is the people behind it, our survivors, advocates, volunteers, sponsors, and partner organizations. Their presence reminds us that awareness is not just about sharing information; it is also about making people feel supported, heard, and never alone. I am especially grateful to everyone who continues to give their time, resources, and hearts to make this advocacy possible.

October also reminds us of another important responsibility as Rotarians: our commitment to ending polio. Through End Polio Now: Patak Polio, we continue to support the global fight against a disease that is preventable through vaccination. While our Pink October activities focus on breast cancer awareness, our polio advocacy reminds us that protecting lives through prevention remains at the heart of Rotary's work.

These two advocacies may address different health concerns, but they share one purpose: protecting lives and building healthier communities. Whether through education, early detection, vaccination, or simply standing beside someone who needs support, every effort matters.

To our fellow Rotarians, partners, and everyone who joined us this October, thank you for showing that service is not just about organizing activities. It is about creating awareness, encouraging action, and making people feel that someone cares.

May we carry these lessons beyond October. Let us continue to show up, speak up, and take action, not only when there is a campaign, but whenever there is a need.

Let us all show we care. Let us all be aware. And together, let us continue to #CreateLastingImpact.

DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

PINK WALK | EVERY STEP SHOWS WE CARE

OCTOBER 5, 2026

The #RotaryClubOfDowntownDavao led the annual celebration of #PinkOctober in #DavaoCity today, October 5, starting with the #PinkWalk from Freedom Park to Rizal Park. Then Pink October is officially launched during the Monday flag raising ceremony at Davao City Hall.

Pink October is a signature advocacy project of RCDD started in 2012 promoting Breast Cancer Awareness. It is officially adopted by the City Government of Davao through a City Council Resolution and an Executive Order issued by Mayor Sebastian Z. Duterte.













DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

PINK OCTOBER AT THE DAVAO CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 6, 2026

Thank you, Councilor Trisha Ann Villafuerte, Chair of the Committee on Health, for inviting the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao (RCDD) to speak about #PinkOctober2026 during the 40th Session of the 21st City Council of Davao yesterday, October 6, 2026.

RCDD President Maria Rea Lane Horfilla thanked the City Council for passing the resolution officially supporting and institutionalizing the annual hosting of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, known as "Pink October," starting in 2023 and continuing every October thereafter. It was sponsored by then Councilor Pilar C. Braga during the 20th City Council.

That council resolution inspired Davao City Mayor Sebastian “Baste” Duterte to issue Proclamation No. 3 series of 2023, which was signed on October 6, 2023. So RCDD’s visit to the City Council yesterday coincided with the third anniversary of the city’s official adoption of Pink October as a city-wide celebration.









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PINK FORUM 2026 | AWARENESS, HOPE & SOLIDARITY

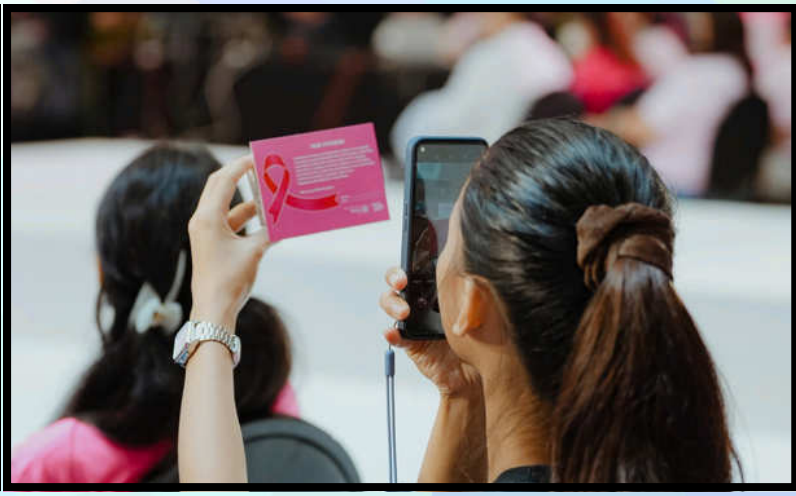
OCTOBER 10, 2026

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao opened Pink October 2026 with meaningful preliminaries, highlighted by the unveiling of the Big Pink Ribbon and the Pink Promise—powerful expressions of solidarity, hope, and commitment to breast cancer awareness.

The program continued with the Pink Forum, led by doctors from the Mindanao Surgical-Oncology Fellowship Training Program (MSOFTP), who shared valuable insights on breast cancer awareness, breast health, and the importance of early detection.

Throughout the event, participants also benefited from free laboratory tests and breast examinations, bringing essential health services closer to the community and reinforcing the importance of preventive care.













DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

PINK RUNWAY | STRENGTH, COURAGE & HOPE

OCTOBER 10, 2026

An inspiring celebration of courage, resilience, and the beauty of every survivor and warrior.

The Pink Runway opened with a special performance by the Davao Youth Symphony Orchestra, setting the stage for a meaningful showcase featuring our Breast Cancer Warriors and Survivors alongside our advocates.

Special appreciation to Susan Magno-Antipuesto for designing and dressing our warriors and survivors, allowing them to shine with confidence, grace, and strength.

More than a runway, this was a celebration of life, hope, and the courage to keep going.

Every warrior has a story. Every story deserves to be celebrated.













DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

PINK ZUMBA | MOVE FOR A CAUSE

OCTOBER 10, 2026

A sea of pink, a shared rhythm, and a powerful reminder that hope continues to move us forward. Zumba goers of all ages came together dressed in pink, united in support of breast cancer awareness. The activity opened with a special performance by Hara, the P-pop group from Davao City, followed by an energetic Zumba session led by ZIN Tata.

One of the most touching moments was the special number led by ZIN Ice, a breast cancer survivor, together with her daughter, inspiring the Zumba goers to follow their moves. More than a dance, it was a beautiful expression of strength, love, and the precious moments that make every fight worthwhile. Ice's presence was a powerful reminder that behind every survivor is a story of courage, and behind every story is a reason to keep going.













DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

PINK CITY HALL

OCTOBER 20, 2026

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao extends its heartfelt thanks to the City Government of Davao for lighting up our iconic Davao City Hall in PINK in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pink October has always been one of our Club's signature projects, an advocacy close to our hearts. Seeing our City Government embrace this meaningful cause makes it even more special.

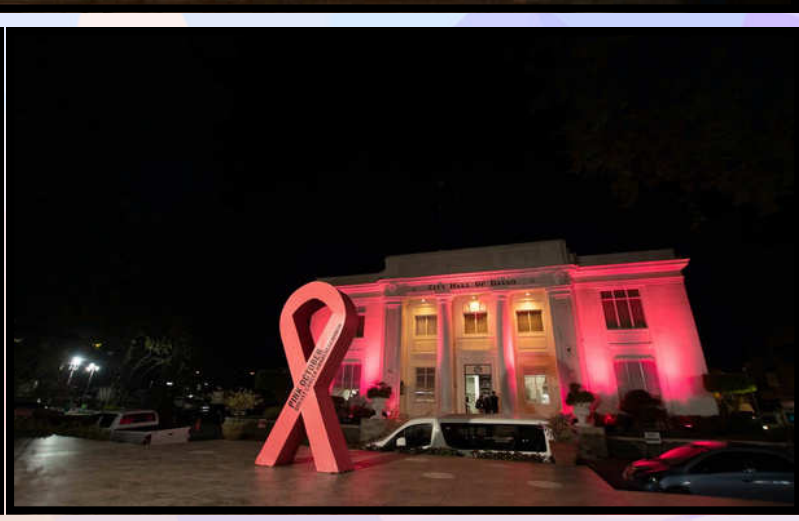
More than just pink lights, this is a message of hope. A reminder to every breast cancer warrior, survivor, and family that they are not alone.

More than awareness, it is a call to action. Early detection saves lives, and together, we can encourage more women to prioritize their health.

More than a partnership, this is Rotary in action. When the City Government and Rotary come together for a common cause, we create a greater impact in the community.







DOWNTOWNERS IN ACTION

END POLIO NOW!

OCTOBER 21, 2026

Every drop counts. Every child matters. Together, we can END POLIO!

On October 21, 2026, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, together with the Rotary Clubs of Area 2C, teamed up with the Talomo Central Health Center for Patak Polio Day 2026!

Working hand in hand, we helped bring polio protection closer to children and families in our community. With every drop of the polio vaccine, we take another step toward a healthier, safer, and polio-free future.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined hands to make this day meaningful and successful!

Together, we serve. Together, we protect. Together, we END POLIO NOW!













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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.

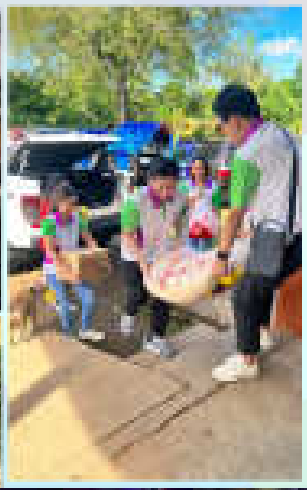
There is no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on performing humanitarian services, getting better and better each year. The happy smiles and grateful responses from the people it serves, are the greatest inspirations the club could ever receive. The annual district awards are just our bonus in articulating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

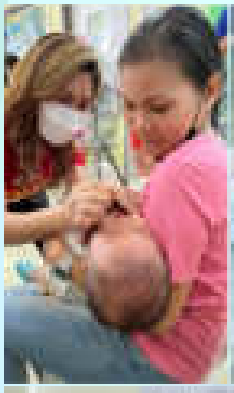
RCDD has been a consistent recipient of a Rotary International Presidential Citation or is recognized as one of the Rotary International Club Excellence Awardees every end of each Rotary year.

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.

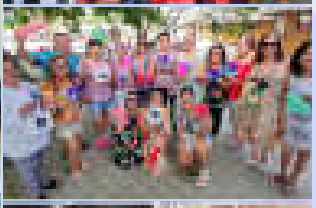
With a young and new leadership, the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao is expected to attract more young members making the club more vibrant and successful, equaling its previous performance or better than its best as it CREATES LASTING IMPACT in the communities it serves.











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