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Secretary



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Area 2G, Assistant
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THE TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERS

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THE EDITOR

MARIA JESSICA NUÑEZ REYES
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rotary Year 2026–2027 brings with it new leadership, renewed energy, and new opportunities to serve. Guided by the theme “Create Lasting Impact,” Rotarians are reminded that the true measure of Rotary is not simply what they accomplish, but the legacy that will leave a mark and make a difference in the lives of the people and communities they serve.

For the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos, this new year begins with a strong and committed team of officers and new members who are ready to share their time, talent, and treasure in the spirit of the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

Leading the Club for Rotary Year 2026–2027 is Engr. Riza Marie Paches, a seasoned leader with extensive experience in both local and national government service. A Philippine Air Force Reservist and a graduate of the National Defense College of the Philippines, President Riza brings to the Club valuable leadership, discipline, and a deep commitment to service.

The new Rotary Year was formally ushered in during the Induction and Turnover Ceremonies on July 10, 2026, marking the transition of leadership and the beginning of another year of purposeful service.

And what a busy beginning it has been! July saw the Club responding to the needs of earthquake-affected communities, joining the Area 2G Clubs’ Joint Project for the children of St. Agnes of Montepulciano Children’s Home in Baluan, participating in the Areawide Bloodletting Project, and partnering with Laurelle Veterinary Clinic for free pet vaccination. Members also strengthened fellowship by joining the Induction and Turnover ceremonies of fellow Rotary Clubs.

These activities were more than projects—they were opportunities to touch lives, build communities, and leave something meaningful behind.

Looking ahead, RC Greater General Santos commits to serve with a dream of seeing meaningful change, to transform lives, to strengthen communities, and to create lasting impact that goes beyond today.

AREAS OF FOCUS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOCUSES ON SEVEN KEY AREAS TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES:

1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention:
 - Promotes peace and conflict resolution through education and community efforts.
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment:
 - Works to reduce the impact of diseases by improving access to healthcare and conducting vaccination campaigns.
3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):
 - Ensures clean water and sanitation, vital for public health and community development.
4. Maternal and Child Health:
 - Enhances the health and well-being of mothers and children through quality healthcare and nutrition.
5. Basic Education and Literacy:
 - Improves education and literacy to break the cycle of poverty and empower communities.
6. Community Economic Development:
 - Supports sustainable economic growth and job creation, improving living standards.
7. Supporting the Environment:
 - Focuses on environmental sustainability, conservation, and combating climate change.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Rotary club committees organize and execute projects, while members drive success through active participation, expertise, and commitment. Together, they create lasting, positive change in communities worldwide.

7 AREAS OF FOCUS:

1

BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY

CHAIRPERSON: PP Rosalinda C. Veloria, PHF+2

Co-Chair: PP Anita Almoite

2

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR PERSON: PP Chriselda Macion, PHF+1

Co-Chair: Theresa Napala, PHF+4

3

PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

CHAIR PERSON: IPP Naravy Duquiatan, PHF

Co-Chair: RTN. Joahanna Acharon

4

ENVIRONMENT CARE COMMITTEE

CHAIR PERSON: PP Esther Marian Balolot, PHF

Co-Chair: PP Ginalyn Fe Cachuela, PHF

5

DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT

CHAIRPERSON: PP Cecille Valencia, PHF+1

Co-Chair: PP Maria Jessica Reyes, PHF+2

6

MATERNAL CARE and CHILD HEALTH

CHAIRPERSON: PP Maria Jessica Reyes, PHF+2

Co-Chair: PP Cecille Valencia, PHF+1

7

WATER SANITATION HYGIENE

CHAIRPERSON: PP Lindalee Anos, PHF+3

Co-Chair: PP Agnes Trabado, PHF+3



THE GREATER LADIES



The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos proudly celebrates another milestone as it receives the RY 2025–2026 Club Excellence Award from Rotary International District 3860. Presented on May 29, 2026, at the District Conference held at the Nustar Resort & Casino in Cebu City, this recognition honors the club's dedication to fostering a positive and engaging experience for its members while advancing the spirit of "Unite for Good" and reflecting the enduring values of Rotary.

This achievement reflects the passion, unity, and unwavering commitment of every member to live out Service Above Self. With hearts aligned to serve, the club continues to shine as a beacon of hope, building stronger communities and inspiring others to do good in the world.

The Greater Ladies exemplify a deep sense of warmth, grounded in strong bonds and a heart for service. To be a Greater Lady is to walk with resilience—overcoming hurdles, defining your own path, and confronting life's tests with unwavering courage. Together, their shared purpose and determination turn hopeful visions into tangible, lasting change.





ROSTER OF MEMBERS

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

ALBANO, ELVIE , PHS
ANOS, LINDALEE, PHS
SPOUSE ANOS, FAUSTINO

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +5

ALBANO, ELVIE EULLARAN, PHS

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +4

EULLARAN, FIDELINA NAVAJA
NAPALA, THERESA MIRANDA
SALAZAR, PAZ BENEDICTA LASMARIAS

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +3

ACOSTA, CARL DE LIZ LAMPUTI
ANOS, LINDALEE LAROZA
TRABADO, AGNES GAYTA

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +2

FERNANDEZ, HELEN GRACE LACHICA
REYES, MARIA JESSICA NUNEZ
VELORIA, ROSALINDA CANTOJA
VIRTUDAZO, IRISH CHRISTINE YU

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW +1

BALOLOT, ESTER MARIAN SANOS
MACION, CHRISSELDA CLARISA
REYES, JEANNE MARIE CAMILLE NUNEZ
VALENCIA, CECILLE SUBANG

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

DUQUIATAN, NARAVY DEFENSORLE
HECHANOVA-MEJIAS, HONEY HENRIETH
PACHES, RIZA MARIE TAN
VENERACION, GRIZELDA

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

ACHARON, JOAHANNA ABINION
ALMOITE, ANITA
CACHUELA, GINALYN FE CAINGLET
PORRAS, THEA PENECILLA



ABOUT THE COVER



This month's cover captures a milestone moment from the 31st Induction and Handover Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Greater General Santos. Centered on stage with vibrant floral bouquets, Past President Naravy Duquiatan and President Riza Marie Paches stand together, embodying the grace, continuity, and shared vision that define Rotary leadership.

At the heart of the ceremony was the formal transfer of leadership: President Naravy Duquiatan officially handed over the ceremonial gong and gavel to President-Elect Riza Marie Paches. Positioned prominently between them, the gong and gavel symbolize authority, order, and the passing of the torch from one accomplished term to an exciting new chapter of service.

Set against an elegant navy, gold, and white backdrop, the event was a celebration of heartfelt fellowship and collective achievement. As President Riza Marie Paches steps into her leadership role, this cover serves as a proud reminder of our enduring commitment to "Service Above Self"—honoring our history, celebrating the present, and moving forward together to create a lasting impact.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RIZA MARIE TAN PACHES

"Creating Lasting Impact Through Service Above Self"

It is with a heart full of gratitude and humility that I begin this Rotary year as President of RC Greater General Santos.

To be entrusted with the opportunity to lead the Club of empowered and amazing women who are all leaders in their own right. The next 365 days is both a privilege and a responsibility that I deeply value. I am grateful to every one for the trust, confidence, and willingness to journey with me. I accept this responsibility not as a position of authority, but as an opportunity to serve alongside women who believe that when we come together with purpose, compassion, and commitment, we can create lasting impact.

As an all-ladies club, we carry a unique strength. We bring together women with different professions, experiences, talents, networks, and perspective, united by one powerful principle: Service Above Self.

My aspiration is simple but ambitious: to bring our club to another level, not merely by doing more projects, but by making every project matter.

We will focus our energy on projects that respond to real needs, create measurable results, and leave something sustainable behind. Our service should not simply provide temporary assistance; it should help communities become more capable, resilient, healthy, educated, empowered, and hopeful.

We will therefore align our programs with Rotary's Areas of Focus and ensure that our service translates into meaningful outcomes from promoting peace and understanding, supporting education and literacy, protecting maternal and child health, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting communities and livelihoods, protecting the environment, and advancing disease prevention and treatment.

I want this year to be a year when we serve together, learn together, celebrate together, and grow together.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RIZA MARIE TAN PACHES

Let us strengthen our fellowship because strong friendships build strong Rotary clubs. Let us make our meetings meaningful, our activities enjoyable, and our service joyful. Let us welcome every member's ideas and talents, and create an environment where every woman feels that she has something valuable to contribute.

And as we serve, let us invite others to experience what we experience—the fulfillment of helping others, the joy of friendship, as well as the privilege of being part of something bigger than ourselves.

For our club to thrive beyond this Rotary year, we must build not only projects, but also people, leaders, and systems.

We will work toward increasing membership by inviting women who share our values and passion for service; engage every member according to her talents, interests, and capacity; strengthen partnerships with government, private organizations, civil society, and other Rotary clubs; and achieve financial sustainability so that our service can continue beyond individual projects;

Most importantly, let us commit ourselves to our goals for the right reasons not just for awards and recognition, but because every goal represents an opportunity to serve someone who needs us. If we grow our membership, we grow our capacity to serve. If we strengthen our fellowship, we strengthen our commitment. If we develop our leaders, we secure the future of our club.

Let us make this Rotary year a year of purposeful service, meaningful fellowship, courageous leadership, and lasting impact. In the end, the greatest measure of our year will not be what we accomplish for ourselves, but what we leave behind for others.

Together, let us create a Rotary Club that is stronger, more united, more relevant, and more sustainable—and a community that is better because we chose to serve.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to lead. Together, through Service Above Self, let us create lasting impact.



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

GINALYN FE CAINGLET CACHUELA

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

We welcomed Rotary Year 2026–2027 with a meaningful start, sharing time and joy with the children of St. Agnes of Montepulciano Children's Home, Inc. through a joint Area Service Project – a fitting way to begin our journey of “Creating Lasting Impact,” especially among the children and communities we hope to serve.

We are delighted to welcome our newest members, Rotarian Patricia Diaz-Carter and Rotarian Cristina Estrella Delfin—empowered women with kind hearts and a sincere desire to serve. Their presence brings new energy to our Rotary family and strengthens our shared commitment to Service Above Self.

Another significant milestone was our Club Induction and Handover Ceremonies, which formally welcomed our new set of officers led by our President, Riza Marie Paches. Building on this fresh start, the Club's Strategic Planning set a clear direction for the new Rotary Year. It provided a valuable opportunity for members to exchange perspectives and bright ideas, and collectively shape our goals and priorities. We sincerely thank everyone for their active participation and wholehearted support in making these events both productive and enjoyable.

July also kept us actively engaged in service. Another Area Service Project, our bloodletting activity, promoted disease prevention and encouraged the life-saving gift of blood donation. Special thanks to Rotarian Thea Porras for courageously stepping forward to donate blood. We also extended our care to our fur babies and their caretakers through a rabies vaccination drive, promoting responsible pet ownership and helping build safer and healthier communities.

Looking back on a productive first month, we are truly grateful to everyone who contributed their time, ideas, and support. As we move forward, may we continue to strengthen our fellowship, reach more lives, and turn our shared commitment to service into lasting impact.



FROM THE TREASURY

HELEN GRACE LACHICA FERNANDEZ

Greetings of Service Above Self!

As we embark on another meaningful year of fellowship, community service, and impact, we kindly remind all members of our annual dues assessment for RY 2026–2027. Your prompt settlement helps ensure the smooth implementation of our club's administrative operations, district commitments, and community outreach programs.

**Rotary Club of Greater General Santos
Club Dues for Rotary Year 2026–2027**

Description	Amount
Rotary International Dues	₱5,500.00
District Levy	₱850.00
Disaster Fund	₱100.00
Rotaract Levy	₱50.00
PRM Online Subscription	₱300.00
Project Fund	₱2,500.00



FROM THE TREASURY

HELEN GRACE LACHICA FERNANDEZ

Club Listings (DISCON & PELS/SELS)	₱350.00
Share in PELS/SELS Registration	₱650.00
Governor's Visit & ACOM Hosting	₱1,000.00
Total Local Dues	₱11,300.00

Additional Info:

TRF Contribution (Annual Fund)	\$100.00
Rotaractor Assistance (<i>Subject to BOD</i>)	₱200.00

SERVICE PROJECTS



**WELCOMING
ROTARY NEW
YEAR!**



The **Rotarians and Rotaractors of Area 2FH** chose to begin the year where service matters most by bringing hope and joy to the children of **St. Agnes of Montepulciano Children's Home, Inc.** A total of **21 children** of different ages received essential goods, warm smiles, and heartfelt care. May this first service activity of the Rotary Year inspire us to continue reaching out, touching lives, and creating meaningful change in our communities. Here's to another year of Service Above Self, compassion, and Creating Lasting Impact—one project, one community, and one life at a time. Happy Rotary New Year!

SERVICE PROJECTS

BLOOD LETTING ACTIVITY

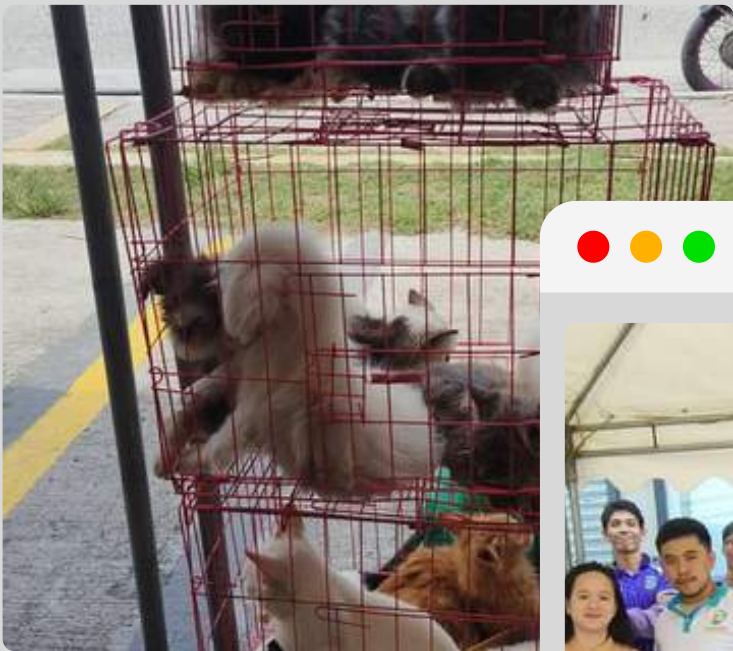


The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos**, together with the **Rotaract Club of Stratford International**, proudly joined the **Area 2F and 2G Blood Letting Activity on July 19, 2026**. Driven by collaboration, compassion, and volunteerism, our members united to make a direct, positive difference in our community. Every donation reflects our shared commitment to Service Above Self as we work hand in hand to create lasting impact—one project, one community, and one act of kindness at a time.

SERVICE PROJECTS



PARTNERING FOR PET WELFARE



The **Rotary Club of Greater General Santos**, together with **Soroptimist International of General Santos**, is grateful to have **partnered with Laurelle Veterinary Clinic in celebrating its 3rd Anniversary**. Thank you to everyone who brought their fur babies and helped make this event a success! It was a joy to see our community unite in promoting responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. Congratulations and thank you to Laurelle Veterinary Clinic for your passion, dedication, and care for our pets. Here's to many more years of serving our community.



ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE

RIZA MARIE TAN PACHES

Fellow Presidents, Club Officers, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Guests and Family Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, a pleasant evening to everyone.

As I look around the room and see the men and women who have given their time, their treasure, talent, and commitment to a service beyond oneself, I can not help but be intimidated, especially by past presidents, past district and area officers. You did not just occupy a chair, you embody the ocean of service to humanity. *You built the foundation upon which I now dare to stand and I **am deeply honored to have you here tonight.***

This moment somehow reminds me of an old story when the river is about to meet the ocean. From the moment a river is born high in the mountains, it already knows where it is meant to go. It dances over rocks, winds through valleys, nourishes fields, and gives life to every community it touches.

Just like the river, I too have coursed through 10 years in Rotary, a lukewarm Rotarian, if there is one, just simply weaving and avoiding this day. Yet, there comes a moment when the river finally reaches the edge of the vast ocean.

If rivers could think as I do, perhaps this is where fear would begin. The sea of service is immense. Its currents are unfamiliar. Its horizon seems endless. and worries if it "Will I disappear? or Will I lose everything I have been?"

But the truth is beautiful.

The river neither fears the ocean, nor ends when it enters the sea. It becomes something greater than itself.

As we begin this new Rotary year, I feel very much like that river.

Today, I stand at the shoreline between what has been and what is yet to come. Behind me are the achievements of those who led before me. Before me lies an ocean of opportunities, uncertainties, and challenges. Like the river, we cannot remain where we are. Leadership calls us to move forward.



ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE



RIZA MARIE TAN PACHES

And yes, there is uncertainty, complexity, and fear. Yet, as in the past I know that fear is not conquered by strength alone. It is overcome first by a choice to be courageous in taking a chance to move forward despite it. Every meaningful act of service begins with someone willing to take that first step, even without knowing exactly where it will lead.

But the leader's courage alone is not enough, it also requires humility. The river does not boast as it flows. It does not force its way through every obstacle. Sometimes it bends. Sometimes it slows down. Sometimes it allows itself to be guided by the landscape.

When courage guides our actions, humility grounds our decisions, and awareness opens our hearts, fear gradually loses its power. This is how we can create lasting impact. Not through grand gestures alone, but through faithful acts of service carried out day after day.

Our past leaders have proven that with their vision and action that holds us together across geography and diversity. We do not serve in isolation; we serve within a family — and we are grateful for their accomplishments and support.

By working together with our **partner organizations** like the one we have with the Philippine Dental Association General Santos City Chapter and the Gensan Federation of Transport Cooperatives, **we will** walk side-by-side and **You are our co-creators of the change we seek.** Tonight I reaffirm our commitment to that partnership.

And to **my own club** I, the greater ladies and my Rotary family, **thank you simply, and deeply. Thank you for your trust, confidence and the dose of courage you share with me.**

As I always express to you, I take on this position with the confidence of someone who knows that you will be there to support and encourage. I accepted it with the humility of someone who believes that **together, we are enough.**

Just as the river never keeps its water for itself, may we never keep our gifts to ourselves. We will let our work and leadership flow outward—lifting others, inspiring others, and leaving every community better than we found it.



ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE



RIZA MARIE TAN PACHES

For one year, **three hundred and sixty-five days**, I will have the extraordinary privilege/ of leading this noble club of empowered and successful women. Not to be above you. But **With** you. Not *ahead* of you pulling. **Beside** you walking and working. This leadership role is not a title I wear. It is a **weight I carry gladly** because it is the weight of people's dreams, people's dignity, and people's potential, placed into our collective and able hands.

A journey, I would gladly and humbly take, even willing to go the extra mile. This Rotary year's theme: **Create Lasting Impact** requires us to understand, be purposive and intentional. **The face of lasting impact can be shown through the giver, the receiver and the community.**

To the giver, impact is the moment you realize your effort **mattered beyond you.**

To the receiver, impact is **not charity**. Charity can sometimes diminish. But true impact **restores dignity.**

To the community, impact is a **shift in what is possible**. Impact at community level is a **mind-set revolution**, and mind-sets, once changed, **do not easily go back**. That is what we are really building. Not structures but **Belief**,

This new Rotary year is our sea. It is vast enough for every dream, every talent, and every act of kindness we are willing to offer. Let us enter it together—not as individuals seeking recognition, but as one Rotary family united by Service Above Self.

May this Rotary year be one of courage in uncertainty, humility in leadership, awareness in service, and lasting impact in every life we touch. I am encouraging you to **be felt** — bring your warmth, your passion, your creativity to everything we do. Let the communities we serve **feel** that they were visited by people who genuinely cared. Not volunteers doing duty. **People doing love.**

Bring your five minutes or your five hours. Bring your professional skill or your willing hands. Bring your network or your enthusiasm. Bring your **five loaves and your two fishes** — whatever that looks like for you — and **place it on the table of service**. Because when we each bring what we have, and we offer it not for our own glory but for the good of the people around us — **something miraculous happens**. An impact that **takes root**, that **multiplies**, that **outlives us all**. Thank you, and may we continue to serve with purpose, compassion, and hope.

31ST INDUCTION

Rotary
District 3860



CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT



MEETINGS/ FELLOWSHIPS



STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The Rotary Club of Greater General Santos officially kicked off the new Rotary Year 2026–2027 with its 1st Shifting and Strategic Planning Meeting, held tonight, July 17, 2026, at Altori Bistro, General Santos City.



The Rotary Club of Dadiangas held their 52nd Induction and Handover Ceremonies on July 4, at Brigada Business Hub, General Santos City.



MEETINGS/ FELLOWSHIPS



The Midtown General Santos Rotary Club held their 34th Induction & Handover Ceremonies on July 18, at Salazar Estate, Lagao, General Santos City.



The Rotary Club of General Santos City held their 69th Induction and Handover Ceremonies on July 24, at Venue 88, General Santos City.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



ARLENE J. ADLAWAN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



UPCOMING EVENTS

7
Aug

🕒 8:30am - 12:00nn

Rotary Club of Greater General Santos
Community Outreach and Development
Program at Antonio.D Pendatun Elementary
School, Daan Banwang, Upper Labay, GSC

Friday

13
Aug

🕒 6:00pm

Club Meeting and Fellowship at
Lovenest, City Heights, GSC

Thursday

14
Aug

🕒 8:00am - 12:00nn

Humanitarian Assistance and Relief
Operation, Barangay Calumpang
Gym, GSC

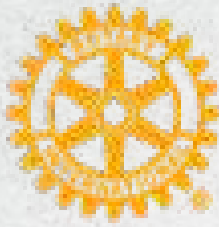
Friday

15
Aug

🕒 10:00am

Area 2FGH Coordination Meeting,
Altora Bistro, San Isidro, GSC

Saturday



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