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MS. PRESELA DUMIWAL
Guest of Honor & Speaker



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meets every Saturday
at 12:30 to 2:30 pm
at the Baguio Country Club



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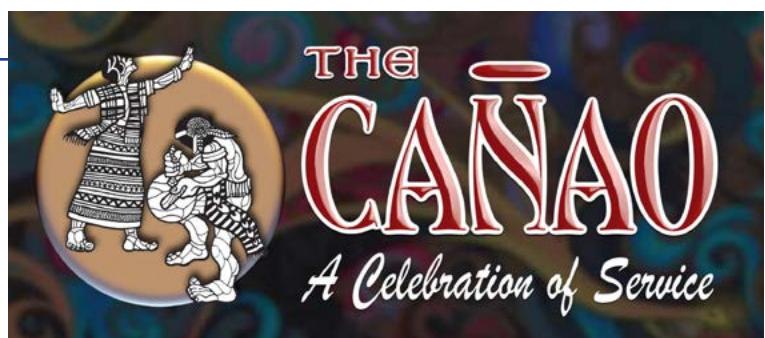
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THE CAÑAO & NEW EMBLEM

Symbolizing unity, joy, and gratitude, "Cañao" (pronounced kan-yau) is a traditional dance from the Cordilleras in Northern Luzon of the Philippines, celebrated during feasts and gatherings.

Our new emblem shows a male and female in ritual dance within a native gong—honoring abundance, much like how we celebrate service and fellowship in Rotary. Truly, "A Celebration of Service."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GIVING MORE, GROWING TOGETHER

Warm greetings to everyone! As we move further into **The Rotary Foundation Month**, I am once again reminded that Rotary's strength lies not only in the projects we accomplish but in the generosity and unity that fuel them. Each act of kindness, each contribution, and each moment we give to others truly makes our Rotary journey more meaningful.

Let me begin with a few updates and reminders.

May I encourage everyone to register for our **TRF Banquet on 22 November 2025**, at Royce Hotel in Clark. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the very essence of Rotary — **Service Above Self** — and to honor the work of The Rotary Foundation, which touches countless lives around the world.

Our heartfelt thanks to **PP Ali** for his comprehensive report submitted to our Cluster and for his inspiring presentation last Saturday, just before the onslaught of Typhoon Uwan. His talk reminded us of the immense value of our support to TRF and how our giving translates into hope and change for many.

Please also take a moment to **settle your club dues** so we can update our SAR payments. And if you can, please consider donating to the **Annual Fund, the Paul Harris Fund, or the Polio Fund**. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps sustain our mission of doing good in the world.

This coming **Saturday, 15 November**, we will once again enjoy an exciting and meaningful program. Our **Guest Speaker, Ms. Precy Dumiwal**, Social Welfare Officer II of Baguio City, will talk about the **Sustainable Livelihood Program**. We are fortunate to welcome such dedicated and insightful speakers week after week — a tradition that

makes our meetings both enriching and inspiring. Truly, our fellowship, laughter, and learning make every RCB meeting something to look forward to.

We've also been invited by the **Rotary Club of San Fernando, La Union**, to their **66th Anniversary Gala Night** at Awesome Hotel this Saturday evening. Five seats have been reserved for our club — please let me know in our chat group if you'd like to attend so I can submit your names to RCSF.

On **Monday, 17 November**, at **6:00 pm**, our **Board** will hold a brief meeting and the **signing of our Sisterhood Agreement** with the Rotary Club of Circuit Makati. We will also discuss upcoming joint projects. The meeting will take place at the **Camp John Hay Golf Club Restaurant**.

The next day, **Tuesday, November 18**, we will visit **Don Mariano Marcos Elementary School**, Upper Brookside, for our **School Supplies Donation for Grades 1–3** and a **Disaster Preparedness Program for Grades 4–6**. Thank you to everyone who donated during our last meeting — your generosity keeps our service alive and thriving. Please wear your Rotary shirt or vest, and see you all from **10:00 to 11:00 am**.

Let us continue to **get involved, participate, and give** — for indeed, the one who gives profits the most.

Thank you, dear Rotarians, for all that you do — for your time, your talent, and your generosity of spirit. Together, we make Rotary not just an organization, but a family of service and friendship.

Salamat po, and see you all at our next meeting!



PRES. JOE URСUA

RCB President
RY 2025-2026



ORIGINAL CAPTION:

From the 1950s. Gene and Vic with old friends in Rotary and Rotary Anns. A happy moment, captured in black and white. Among the Rotarians and Rotary Anns in the picture are Ernesto and Angie Abellera, Ding and Rosing Bautista, Nanding and Solita Manalo, Jose and Mary Ann Rosales, Ikong Reyes, Rotarians Bueno, Contemprate, and Warren.

This treasured photograph of our Rotarians and Rotary Anns from the 1950s beautifully captures the warmth and camaraderie that bonded our early members. It's a glimpse into a time when fellowship was deeply personal and heartfelt—a reflection of the Rotary spirit that continues to inspire us today.

At the **front row, extreme right**, we see **Atty. Francisco "Ikong" Reyes**, his warm smile suggesting the enthusiasm of youth. He later became the second

District Governor from RCBaguio, serving RI District 379 in RY 1960–1961.

Next to him, **front row, second from right**, is **PP Jose "Peping" Warren**, caught in a moment of laughter. Notice the friendly hands placed across his knees—a simple yet touching reminder of the closeness and affection shared among friends.

Beside him, **front row, third from right**, is **Dr. Ernesto "Abe" Abellera**, elegantly dressed in a dark suit. He served as president in RY 1955–1956. On a personal note, I remember him fondly—my parents often called him for home visits whenever I was sick. This was in the mid-fifties during my boyhood years. He would arrive with his familiar black doctor's bag, greet me with a gentle "Hello, sonny..." and, in those days, a quick injection on the backside often worked wonders for recovery!

At the **center of the front row** sits **PP Fernando "Ding" Bautista**, affectionately known to many of us as **Tatay Ding**. We were fortunate to have known him

personally when we joined RCB in the late 1990s. His kindness and quiet dignity left a lasting impression.

At the **rear row, middle**, wearing a dark blouse and elegant necklace, is **Rotary Anns Charter President Virginia "Gene" de Guia**—radiant and graceful. Her husband, PP Victor "Vic" de Guia, who served as club president in RY 1953–1954, is also among the gentlemen in this image.

This truly is a vintage gem—a portrait of fellowship, warmth, and refinement. Notice, too, how the gentlemen are neatly dressed in ties or bowties, a reflection of the formality of that era. The backdrop—with its drapes and wood windows—suggests that the photo was likely taken at the **Casa Vallejo**, a fitting venue for such a distinguished gathering.

Indeed, this image is more than a photograph—it's a cherished reminder of our roots, our shared history, and the enduring spirit of Rotary camaraderie that continues to define us today.

SECRETARY'S UPDATE

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

05 – Dir. Vell Agayas
10 – PP Ali Morales
11 – PP Baby Kaur
15 – PP Bert Talco
30 – PP Gigi Maranan

MOST RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

<none>

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

15 – RCSFLU GALA NIGHT, 6PM at the Grand Ballroom, Awesome Hotel, San Juan, La Union

17 – Dinner Meeting with partners in Service (MHS Foundation) and RCMM, at the Camp John Hay Golf Club

22 – THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Banquet 2025, 4 pm at Royce Hotel and Casino

08 NOVEMBER 2025 ATTENDANCE

WE MISSED YOU LAST MEETING:

: PP Jun, PP Arnel, Rtn. Vangie, PP Anet, Rtn. Eric, PP Lani, Rtn. Glen, Rtn. Bong, Rtn. Kacey, Rtn. Jojo, Rtn. Annie, Rtn.

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EXCUSED: PP Veeh, PP Raffy, PP Diony, Rtn. Ike, PP Cy, PP Ben, PP Benny, PP Bert, PP Linda

MAKE-UP: Dir. Benedict, Sec Cora, Dir. Eduard, Dir. Arlene, Dir. Glaiza, Dir. Noel, IPP Susan

ON-LEAVE: Rtn. Ailyn, Rtn. Ruth

GUESTS: Rotakids



PP CORA OCAMPO

RCB Secretary

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GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

MS. PRESELA C. DUMIWAL

Presela C. Dumiwal, fondly called "Precy" by her colleagues and friends, is a dedicated public servant whose professional life has been shaped by compassion, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to helping others. She currently serves as **Social Welfare Officer II** at the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) of Baguio City, where she has been a vital part of the team since 2008.

As the **Focal Person for the Family Head and Other Needy Adults (FHONA)** and Community Program, Precy oversees the implementation of social protection services for individuals and families experiencing vulnerability. Her work bridges the gap between people's needs and the government's capacity to respond—helping ensure that social justice and human dignity remain at the heart of public service.

Precy's responsibilities encompass the full range of social work functions. She conducts case studies, intake interviews, and home visitations to assess the socio-economic conditions of clients. With empathy and professionalism, she designs appropriate interventions that often include counseling, referral, financial assistance, or livelihood support. Through her consistent efforts, many families have found renewed hope and stability during times of crisis.

Her role also extends to inter-agency collaboration. Precy coordinates closely with both government and non-government organizations to mobilize resources, strengthen referral networks, and ensure that no client is left unsupported. She is equally adept in the administrative aspects of her role, preparing comprehensive case studies, social case summaries, and accomplishment reports in accordance with confidentiality and professional

ethics.

A vital part of her work involves handling court-related cases. She prepares **Social Case Study Reports (SCSRs)**, attends hearings, and provides expert testimony when required. Her thorough documentation and objective professional insights have often guided the proper resolution of legal matters involving social welfare concerns.

Precy also takes part in **community-based initiatives and capacity-building programs**, organizing training and livelihood activities that promote empowerment and self-reliance among families and community members. She believes that true service does not end with the provision of aid—it begins with the empowerment of individuals to become agents of their own change.

Her professional journey as a **Registered Social Worker** reflects her career objective: to promote social justice and improve the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities. For her, every client represents a story of resilience and potential—a reminder that compassion, when coupled with commitment, can change lives.

Outside her professional role, Precy enjoys a full family life with her husband, **Michael A. Dumiwal**, and their five children—two daughters and three sons—who remain her constant source of strength and inspiration. Balancing her duties as a mother and a public servant, she continues to exemplify dedication, humility, and service from the heart.

Through her unwavering commitment to the ideals of social work, **Presela C. Dumiwal** stands as a true example of how one person's quiet perseverance can uplift many lives and strengthen the fabric of the community she serves.



PRESELA C. DUMIWAL

Social Welfare Officer II
City Social Welfare and
Development Office, Baguio City

BRIGHTENING ROTARY'S LIGHT

The Rotary Club of Baguio gathered once again in the warmth of fellowship at the Baguio Country Club Training Center on 08 November 2025. Rtn. Kat Bosantog, was doing her maiden engagement as Program Coordinator. The meeting began promptly at 12:30 pm, called to order by President Joe, who set the tone for a meaningful and inspiring afternoon.

Past President Baby Kaur delivered a heartfelt Invocation that invited reflection and gratitude, gently preparing everyone for the work and fellowship ahead. The atmosphere lifted even further with a lovely performance from Rtn. Lorena Cachola, whose entertainment number added joy and energy to the gathering.

Past President Chris Faelnar then led the Finest Moment with his signature humor and charm. Laughter and good-natured teasing filled the room, reminding everyone that while Rotary service is serious in purpose, fellowship and fun are essential parts of who we are.

The raffle segment, hosted enthusiastically by Rtn. Jeff Miguel Isip and Rtn. Vell Watson, brought another round of excitement as members hoped to bring home small tokens of cheer.

Members' Time proved especially uplifting. A call was made for voluntary contributions for the November 18 Christmas Giving Activity at Don Mariano Marcos Elementary School. The response was overwhelming—₱10,250 was raised in just minutes. These funds will be used to assemble gift packs for Grades 4 to 6, in partnership with MHS and the Rotary Club of Circuit Makati. It was a beautiful example of the generosity

that defines the RCB spirit.

The meeting then moved into a more reflective portion as Rtn. Levy Orcales introduced the Guest Speaker, Past President Francis Ali Morales. His talk on *The Rotary Foundation* offered deeper insight into what TRF truly stands for. He reminded everyone that beyond grants and global programs, TRF's mission is rooted in uplifting lives and nurturing communities.

To deepen this message, the full historic quote attributed to Arch C. Klumph was shared—words that continue to resonate nearly a century later: *"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary as expressed in our Objects and with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."*
— *The Rotarian*, April 1929
Attributed to Arch C. Klumph, Rotary Club of Cleveland (1916–17)

Past President Mia Cawed delivered a warm and thoughtful Response, capturing the heart of PP Ali's message and affirming its relevance to the club's continuing mission.

The meeting was well-attended, with 22 Rotarians and 4 Rotakids sharing in the fellowship. What unfolded was more than just a weekly gathering—it was a reminder that every meeting is an opportunity to inspire, to give, and to let Rotary's light shine even brighter.



VP LOU DE GUZMAN
RCB member since 2021

R RETROSPECT SCENES

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE :



08 NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING

Retrospect Photos By:
Rtn. Peter Wasing



RCB HISTORY: EIGHTH DECADE (2008-2018)

Rotary Year 2008–2009 saw Pres. Alberto “Bert” Talco at the helm. With the theme “*Make Dreams Real.*” He continued the club’s long-standing commitment to service under the principle of continuity. Earnestly pursued the goals laid down in the previous year while expanding medical missions, advocacies, and fundraising efforts. The Poyopoy Elementary School Water Project and the Luding Tramline were both completed, improving daily life for students and farmers alike.

Under Pres. Mia Joy Cawed, the RI theme was “*The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.*” She led with purpose and compassion. Her administration’s goal—to make RCB “the only choice for future Rotarians in Baguio”—was reflected in projects that uplifted lives amid hardship. During the devastation caused by typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng, the club sent relief operations. The RCB also introduced the Rotary Mobile Health Clinic.

RY 2010–2011: Pres. Ben Ladilad
Under the theme “*Building Communities, Bridging Continents.*” remarkable growth in club membership was achieved, again earning RCB the distinction of being a Golden Club. Revitalized fellowship and advancing youth-oriented projects took place. Donation of books and educational materials to the club’s adopted Taloy Elementary School was also prioritized.

RY 2011–2012: Pres. Florence “Flo” Bayquen, an active real estate professional, served under the theme “*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.*” Among her notable accomplishments was the publication of the Fifth Edition of the Rotary Club of Baguio Members’ Handbook, a valuable resource for seasoned and new Rotarians.

During RY 2012–2013: Pres. Elizabeth “Libby” Fernandez, led with energy and dedication under the theme “*Peace Through Service.*” She guided the club through its Diamond Jubilee Year, marking seventy-five years of Rotary service to Baguio and its neighboring communities.

RY 2013–2014: Pres. Uwe “Uwe” Koeller, a long-time member and German national, exemplified international fellowship in leadership. Guided by the theme “*Engage Rotary, Change Lives.*” he led the club in projects benefiting underprivileged sectors of Baguio and Benguet, proving that Rotary’s ideals transcend nationality.

Pres. Marilyn “Marilyn” Barredo in RY 2014–2015, under the theme “*Light Up Rotary,*” implemented impactful projects focused on water distribution systems, alongside several medical missions in the communities of Amilongan, Cabuyao, and Dонтogan. Her leadership brightened lives through service and compassion.

RY 2015–2016: Pres. Evangeline “Gigi” Maranan, embodying the theme “*Be a Gift to the World,*” organized Rotary Community Corps in Luding, Poyopoy, Taloy Sur, and Dонтogan. Numerous medical missions were also conducted. At the club’s Christmas Party held at our adopted school, Rotarians generously fulfilled the students’ wish lists, much to the delight of our young beneficiaries.

Engineer Chris Fernando “Chris” Faelnar’s, dedicated leadership, made RY 2016–2017 a landmark year. The 21st Golf Fellowship, held to raise funds for club projects, achieved record-breaking success. Several medical missions in Amilongan and Luding were carried out. Members received uniquely crafted caricatures as personalized birthday mementos—a thoughtful gesture of fellowship.

Pres. Ricardo Jr. “Jun” Bondoc presided over RY 2017–2018. Provided thoughtful stewardship and consistency during his term, ensuring that ongoing projects were sustained with vigor. His leadership upheld the club’s enduring standards of excellence in both service and fellowship.



Alberto Talco
2008-2009



Mia Joy Cawed
2009-2010



Ben Ladilad
2010-2011



Florence Bayquen
2011-2012



Elizabeth Fernandez
2012-2013



Uwe Koeller
2013-2014



Marilyn Barredo
2014-2015



Evangeline Maranan
2015-2016



Chris Fernando Faelnar
2016-2017



Ricardo Bondoc Jr.
2017-2018

THE DISAPPEARING TENDENCY

One of the more curious patterns in Rotary life is the tendency of Past Presidents to quietly step back from the weekly rhythm of meetings once their term at the helm is done. After a year of relentless schedules, countless responsibilities, and the constant balancing act of service, leadership, and personal life, it is perhaps understandable that some feel the need for rest. **The presidency, after all, is no small undertaking.** It demands not only time and energy but also emotional commitment and focus. To “disappear” for a while after such a taxing year is almost a natural response, as though the body and spirit are asking for time to heal.

And yet, not all Past Presidents vanish from sight. In fact, **many continue to play vital roles long after their official duties have ended.** Some return as quiet but steady supporters, lending advice and encouragement to their successors. Others remain visibly active, attending meetings, joining fellowships, and championing projects with the same vigor as when they were in office.

Particularly inspiring are those older Past Presidents who, even when conferred “Excused” status—a recognition that they need no longer be obligated to attend—still choose to show up. **They remind us that service is not an obligation but a calling**, one that transcends positions and titles.

This article is written as a homage to those who continue to serve. Your esteemed presence is more than symbolic. Each time a Past President attends a meeting, it affirms continuity. It says to the current leaders: **You are not alone; the legacy you carry is shared.** Each time they participate in

a fellowship or lend their wisdom to a project, they help weave together the threads of tradition and renewal. They embody the spirit of Rotary as something larger than any single year’s theme or program, and their quiet constancy inspires others to do the same.

Your EIC believes that there are **many different ways for a Past President to remain engaged.** Some may no longer wish to carry the heavy loads of committee leadership, but their mentorship can be invaluable to the younger members who follow. Some may prefer to contribute quietly, ensuring that the spotlight shines on newer Rotarians eager to learn and lead. Others may choose to champion specific advocacies, pouring their post-presidency years into causes that align deeply with their personal passions. **What matters most is not the form of participation but the sincerity behind.**

In Rotary, presence carries meaning. When a Past President walks into the room, it is not simply another chair filled. It is a reminder of experience, of continuity, and of the enduring bond that unites us as Rotarians. Their attendance, whether regular or occasional, sends a message: that **service does not end with a term, and that fellowship remains a lifelong gift.**

So here is a heartfelt salute to all our Past Presidents who are still here—still serving, still inspiring, still reminding us that leadership in Rotary is not a fleeting role but a lifelong commitment. Your continued presence is treasured, and your example deeply appreciated.

Kudos to all of you!



PP RAFFY CHAN

Cañao Editor-in-Chief

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PROGRAM FOR TODAY

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Par Seven

Saturday, 15 November 2025

TIME	PORTION	IN CHARGE
12:00 nn	Fellowship	
12:30 pm	Call to Order	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Invocation	Dir. Noel Velasquez
	Pambansang Awit	(Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn	(Everyone)
	Four-Way-Test	(Everyone)
1:20	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests (VRG)	Rtn. Kaycee Padilla
	Entertainment	IPP Susan Villanueva
	Finest Moments	PP Anet Calabias
	Raffle	Dir. Arlene Sumalag
1:40	Members' Time	(Anyone)
1:50	President's Time	Pres. Joe Ursua
1:55	Introduction of Guest of Honor & Speaker	Dir. Glaiza Tan
	Guest of Honor & Speaker (GHS)	Ms. Presela Dumiwal
	Topic: Sustainable Livelihood Program for Baguio City	
	Open Forum	
	Club Response	PP Atom Mendalla
2:30	RCB Hymn	(Everyone)
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal	(Everyone)
	Adjournment	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Program Coordinator	PP Alfred Laygo
	Retrospect	Rtn. Levy Orcales
	Imager	Rtn. Kat Bosantog

PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT MEETING

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Wolfson Room

Saturday, 22 November 2025

Program Coordinator ----- PP Arnel Cabanisas	Introduction of GHS----- Rtn. Lily Landayan
Invocation ----- Dir. Benedict Grajo	GHS ----- Ms. Jacqueline C. Tupong
Introduction of VRG----- PP Chris Peralta	Topic: Gender-Based Violence in Baguio City
Entertainment ----- PP Diony Claridad	Club Response ----- Dir. Mariver Agayas
Raffle ----- Rtn. Nancy Alabanza	Retrospect ----- PE Reymund Barrios
Finest Moments----- PP Raffy Chan	Imager ----- Rtn. Peter Wasing

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH