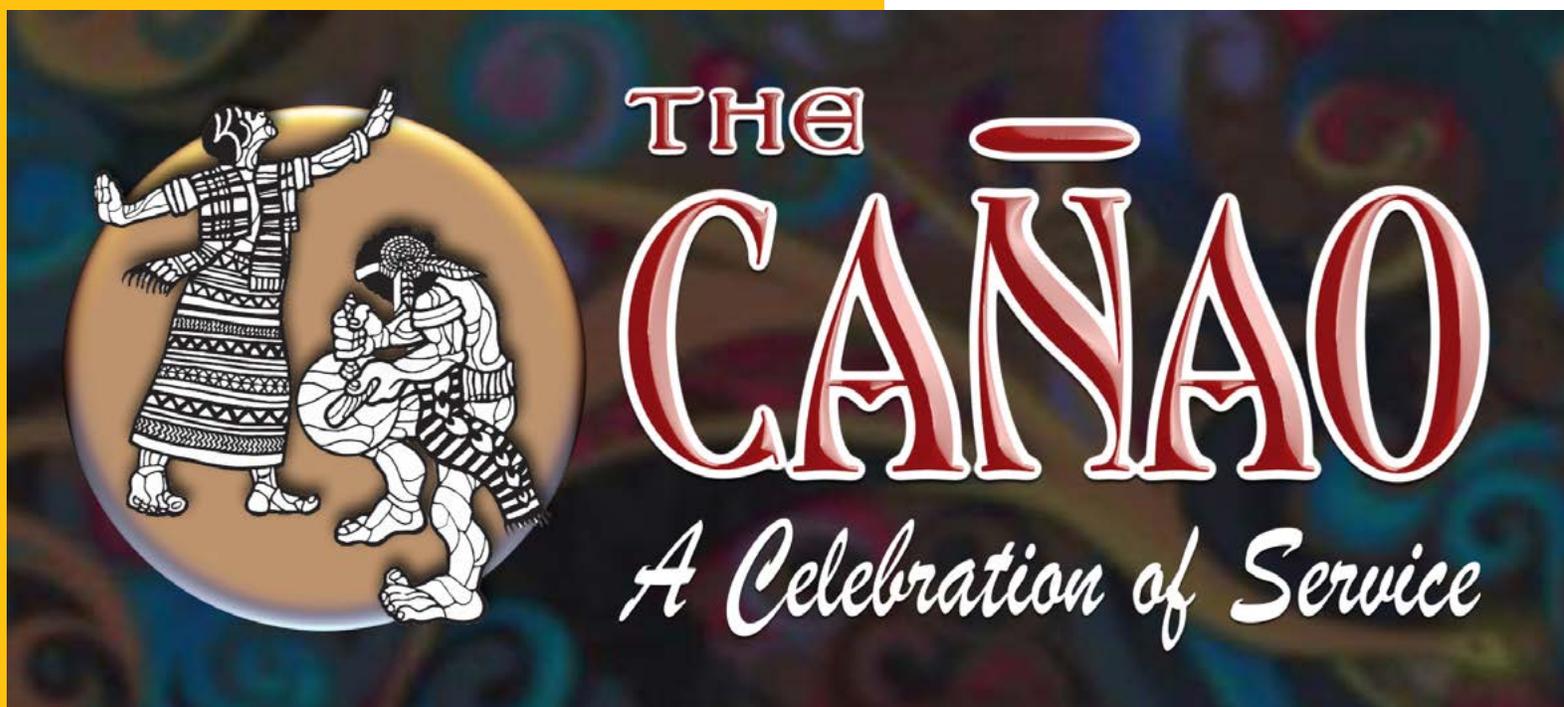


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Guest of Honor & Speaker



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**The Rotary Club of Baguio**  
meets every Saturday  
at 12:30 to 2:30 pm  
at the Baguio Country Club



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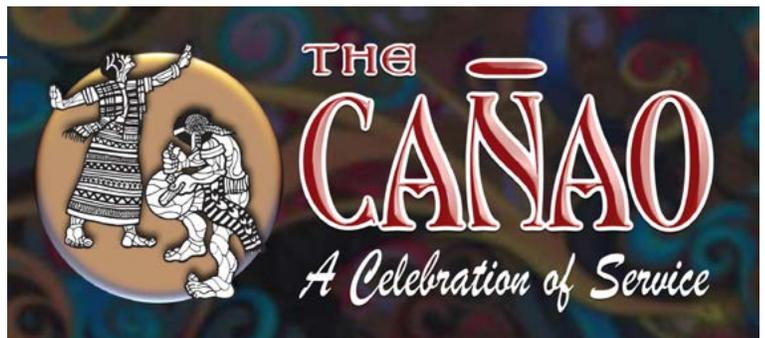
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## THE CAÑAO & NEW EMBLEM

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.”



# P PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## FORWARD TOGETHER

Welcome to the month of March! After this month, we officially enter the final quarter of our Rotary Year — and yes, time truly flies when we are united in service.

For our first meeting this March, we are honored to welcome our guest speaker, **GHS Daisy Marie Villanueva**, Parole and Probation Officer of Baguio City. She will speak on the Reintegration Program for our Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), continuing our focus on **Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution**. Rehabilitation and reintegration are essential steps toward lasting peace, and through awareness and action, we help restore dignity and hope.

Last month, we proudly celebrated our **88th Charter Anniversary** on February 19. My heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone who worked tirelessly to make the celebration meaningful and well attended.

Million thanks to **PP Veeh** for crafting a wonderful program; to **PP Gigi**, **PP Arnel**, and **PN VP Lou** for seamless event coordination; to **Sec Levy** and **PP Alfred** for serving as gracious hosts; and to **PP Raffy** for producing our memorable Anniversary Issue of the Club Bulletin. To all our Past Presidents, Board Members, donors, and members who attended—physically or in spirit—thank you for making the evening special.

We were deeply touched by the message from our Mother Club, the **Rotary Club of Manila**, through President **Raoul Creencia**. Special thanks as well to **PDG Seechi Morita** for gracing the occasion and generously supporting our future projects. Our sister club, **RC Pasay**, led by President **Eric Pasion**, was also well represented.

Their presence strengthened our ties as proud daughters of RC Manila. Truly, the celebration was a collective success.

On February 21, Director Ben and I attended the **PolioPlus Society Banquet**, where RCB received two important recognitions:

- Top Ten in PolioPlus Donations
- Recognition of 16 additional PolioPlus Society members from RCB

Among them were many of our committed Rotarians, including yours truly. We were also recognized as a **100% PolioPlus Giving Club for Rotary Year 2025–2026**. Rotary will not stop until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Special thanks to **Director Ben Grajo** and **Incoming Director Kat Bosantog** for their support to End Polio.

On March 2, we attended the official turnover of the **Rainwater Harvesting Facility** at Fort del Pilar CDC. My gratitude to **PP Chris F.**, Director Ben, Director Eduard's team, and **Sec. PP Cora**, along with everyone who joined the ceremony. This project beautifully reflects how one initiative can impact multiple Areas of Focus—from disease prevention to child health. When we care for our children, we shape a healthier future.

Please mark your calendars:

- **March 22** – Cluster Project “Purple Run” Fun Run/Marathon
- **April 10–11** – District Conference here in Baguio at the Supreme Hotel Convention Plaza. Kindly register early.

Indeed, when we are united, we can do good. Mabuhay ang RCB, and maraming salamat.

To God be the glory.



**PRES. JOE URSUA**

RCB President  
RY 2025-2026



## MARCH: A MONTH OF RENEWAL AND PROMISE

**M**arch, the third month of the year, carries with it a special symbolism: it is the bridge between the freshness of the new year and the fullness of the months that follow. For our March birthday celebrants, this month of renewal and promise reflects their own journeys.

March in the Philippines signals a shift in seasons. The cool winds of January and February begin to fade, making way for sunnier skies and longer days. Students prepare for graduation, families look forward to summer vacations, and communities celebrate milestones that mark achievement. It is a season of transition, when hope takes tangible form and anticipation becomes action. To be born in March is to share in this rhythm of change, carrying within oneself the energy of growth and the optimism of new horizons. For many, March also carries a spiritual dimension, as Lent often falls within this month, reminding us of reflection, renewal, and the promise of Easter joy.

Science has observed interesting qualities in those born during this time. Studies suggest that March-born individuals often display creativity, open-mindedness, and natural resilience. They are said to be adaptable, thriving in changing circumstances and welcoming challenges with determination. These traits mirror the month itself—flexible, forward-looking, and full of potential. While research offers insights, experience confirms them: many March celebrants are admired for their vitality, optimism, and ability to inspire. They are the ones who encourage others with words of positivity, and who remind us that every challenge can lead to opportunity.

In our Rotary family, these qualities find rich expression. March celebrants contribute vibrancy and energy to our fellowship. They remind us that Rotary is not only about service but also about growth—personal growth, organizational growth, and the growth of communities touched by our projects. Their lives encourage us to keep renewing our purpose, to find strength in transition, and to meet change with courage. Their birthdays are more than personal milestones; they are celebrations of the very qualities that keep Rotary alive and forward-moving.

Throughout history, March has given the world leaders, creators, and visionaries who inspired progress in countless fields. In much the same way, our March celebrants embody the promise of making a difference in ways both grand and simple. Through their contributions, they affirm that renewal is not just about beginnings, but about sustaining commitment and nurturing growth in service above self. To be born in March is to carry within one's spirit the energy of change, the courage of resilience, and the promise of renewal that uplifts others.

As we honor our March-born members, we do so with gratitude, admiration, and affection. May their lives continue to flourish with health and joy. May their journeys in Rotary bring fulfillment and pride, as they nurture our community with their gifts of time, talent, and dedication.

Indeed, March is a month of renewal and promise—and our celebrants show us that each life, lived with hope and service, becomes a wellspring of inspiration for all.



### OUR MARCH-BORN MEMBERS



Pres. Joe Ursua  
March 19



PP Anet Calabias  
March 27



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

19 – Pres. Joe Ursua  
27 – PP Anet Calabias

### MOST RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

**Weekly** – Mental Health Help Desk in Baguio City Jail (male and female dorms)  
*Participants: Rtn Bong (lead)*

19 February – 88TH Charter Anniversary of RCB, 5:30PM Diamond Ballroom, Hotel Supreme.

*Participated in by active Rotarians:*

21 February – POLIO PLUS Banquet, 2nd Floor Levo Hotel, San Vicente Urdaneta City at 4 PM

*Participants: Pres Joe and Dir. Benedict*

28 February – Grant Management Seminar in Subic Riviera Hotel and Residences, Subic Bay

*Participants: PE Reymund, Pres Joe, PP Arnel, Dir Benedict*

02 March – Rainwater Harvesting System Turn over Ceremony in Barangay Fort Del Pilar CDC

*Participants: Pres Joe, Dir. Eduard, Dir. Benedict, Sec Cora and PP Chris F*

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

22 March – Purple FAM RUN, a cluster project, 5:30 AM @City Hall

10-11 April – District Conference (DISCON 2026), Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza, Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City

### ATTENDANCE

#### 19 FEBRUARY 26

**WE MISSED YOU LAST MEETING:** PP : PP Jun, Rtn. Vangie, PP Anet, Rtn. Eric, PP Lani, Rtn Kacey, Rtn. Jojo, Dir. Glaiza, Rtn. Annie, Rtn. Harly, PP Ali, Rtn. Glenn, Rtn. Jeff

**EXCUSED:** Rtn. Ike, PP Chris P, PP Cy, PP Ben, Rtn. Lily, PDG Linda, PP Raffy

**MAKE-UP:** Rtn. Bong

**GUESTS:** : RC of La Trinidad (8), RC Vigan (2), RC SFLU (3), RCB Downtown Session (1), RCB Summer Capital (1), RC Baguio North (4), RC Dagupan (2), RC Manila and RC Pasay and RC Makati, RC Bulacan, RC Cavite, CDC Teachers (10), CDC kids and parents, PDG Seichi Morita, Ms. Leizl Kimura, Mr. Joseph Kim, Ms Yun Jihee, Ms. Song Su Kyung, Ms Trisha Kim, Ms. Me-an de Guzman, Lorie Ducutan, Vilma Navarro, Mr. Sonny Balajo

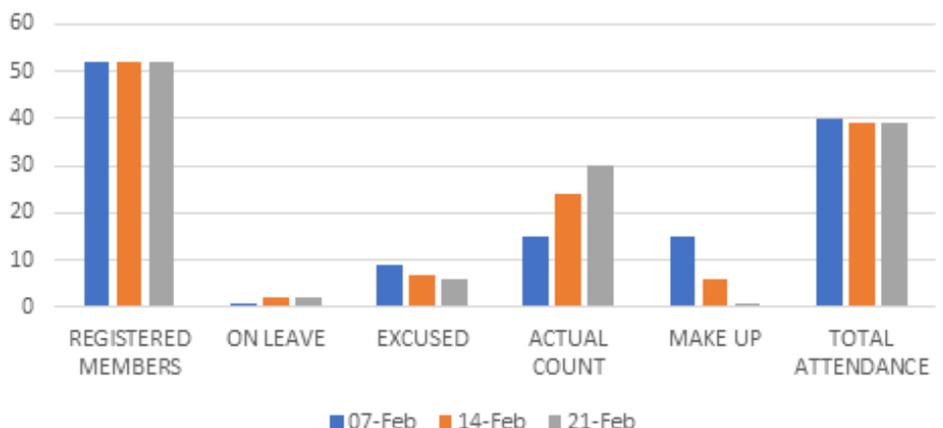
**ANNS:** RAPP Louie Claridad, Vanessa Ramos, RAPP Lily Sunga, RAPP Oyee Faelnar, Cecille Barrios, Tante Galang Tan

**ON-LEAVE:** Rtn. Ruth



**PP CORA OCAMPO**  
RCB Secretary  
RY 2025-2026

## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE





# GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

## MS. DAISY MARIE VILLANUEVA

**W**ith more than three decades of dedicated public service, **Ms. Daisy Marie S. Villanueva** stands as a respected leader in the field of probation, parole administration, and community justice. Her career, marked by steady progression and unwavering commitment, reflects a life devoted to ethical governance, restorative justice, and the transformative power of rehabilitation.

Currently serving as **Chief Probation and Parole Officer** of the Parole and Probation Administration – Cordillera Administrative Region, Ms. Villanueva leads strategic planning and oversees the implementation of probation and parole programs across the region. Her leadership ensures that community-based rehabilitation initiatives are effectively carried out, fostering improved reintegration outcomes for individuals seeking a second chance in society. Through thoughtful mentorship and professional guidance, she continues to shape the next generation of probation and parole officers, instilling in them both competence and integrity.

Ms. Villanueva's journey in public service began humbly as a **Clerk II (1991–1993)**, providing administrative support within the probation and parole system. She then served as **Budget Officer I (1993–1994)**, where she oversaw budget preparation and financial monitoring, gaining a solid grounding in government operations. Her advancement to **Administrative Officer II (1995–1999)** further strengthened her expertise in organizational management and operational support.

In 1999, she assumed the role of **Probation and Parole Officer II**, directly engaging with offender supervision, conducting interviews and case assessments, and facilitating individualized rehabilitation programs. Her dedication and competence led to successive promotions as **Senior Probation and Parole Officer (2003–2005)** and **Supervising Probation and Parole Officer (2005–2009)**, where she handled complex

mediation cases, strengthened community engagement, and ensured compliance with rehabilitation frameworks. Since 2009, as Chief Officer, she has carried the responsibility of steering regional initiatives with clarity and vision.

An accomplished academic, Ms. Villanueva holds a **Master in Public Administration** from Baguio Central University and a **Bachelor of Science in Commerce – Management** from Saint Louis University. Her educational background has provided a strong theoretical foundation for her practical leadership in governance and public administration.

Her expertise extends beyond administration. Ms. Villanueva is widely recognized as a **resource speaker, mentor, and trainer**, frequently invited to share her insights on probation laws, restorative justice, mediation, and early release updates. She has served as speaker in seminars at the Baguio City Jail – Female Dorm, NACOCOW forums, and webinars on parole and probation laws. She has also contributed to curriculum development initiatives at the University of the Cordilleras, reflecting her commitment to knowledge-sharing and professional formation.

Among her core strengths are interviewing and case assessment, mediation and conflict resolution, coaching and mentoring, public speaking, leadership, and community engagement. These competencies, honed over decades, underscore her holistic approach to justice—one that balances accountability with compassion.

Through steadfast dedication and principled leadership, **Ms. Daisy Marie S. Villanueva** exemplifies the highest ideals of public service. Her career is a testament to the belief that justice, when guided by empathy and integrity, can truly rebuild lives and strengthen communities.



**DAISY MARIE VILLANUEVA**  
Chief Probation & Parole Officer  
Baguio City



## **88TH CHARTER CELEBRATION**

It was truly a milestone day for the Rotary Club of Baguio as members gathered at the Diamond Grand Ballroom of Hotel Supreme to celebrate the Club's 88th Charter Anniversary. While many Rotarians navigated the usual Baguio traffic, our loyal friend and Honorary Member, PDG Seichi Morita, had already arrived, warmly greeting everyone with familiar smiles and firm handshakes—living testimony to decades of shared service and enduring friendship with RCB.

The celebration began with Holy Mass at 4:00 pm, coordinated by PP Benny Sunga and officiated by Rev. Fr. Domingo German Ledesma. In his homily, Father reminded everyone that service is ultimately a choice—and he congratulated the members for choosing to live out “Service Above Self.”

At 6:30 pm, the formal program commenced with a vibrant modern ethnic dance presentation by children from the Children Development Council (CDC) under Project 1. Rtn. Levy Orcales was the day's Program Coordinator. President Joe Ursua then called the meeting to order. The invocation and the singing of the Japanese and Philippine national anthems followed, honoring the Club's long-standing international ties. Members and guests later joined hands while singing the Rotary Hymn, then the Four-Way Test—an inspiring and unifying moment.

VP/President Nominee Lou de Guzman warmly welcomed everyone, while PP Arnel Cabanisas introduced visiting Rotarians, guests, and family members. Dinner followed, made even more memorable by musical

performances from PP Diony Claridad, PP Benny Sunga, Dir. Kat Bosantog, PP Chris Faelnar, and PP/Sec. Cora Ocampo, creating the atmosphere of a joyful family gathering.

An AVP presentation, “RCB: 88 Years of Service,” set the tone for the Anniversary Rites, led by President Raoul Creencia of the Rotary Club of Manila, RCB's Mother Club. The rites included the Lighting of the Candles, a Prayer for Departed RCB Members led by PP Marilyn Barredo, the Renewal of Commitment by PP Mia Cawed, and the Anniversary Toast by PP Bert Talco. The evening resonated with meaning as members sang the Rotary Club of Baguio Hymn with heartfelt conviction.

PDG Seichi Morita then spoke of his deep friendship with RCB and the many projects accomplished together. In a remarkable gesture of sustained generosity, he presented another donation of 100,000 Yen—a tradition he has faithfully upheld for the past several years.

President Eric Pasion of the Rotary Club of Pasay shared his fond experiences with RCB and invited further fellowship among clubs. He introduced representatives from RC Pasay Silangan, RC Pasay Edsa, RC Pasay Libertad, RC Manila, RC Manila Bay, RC Manila Midtown, RC Cavite Uptown, and RC Tagaytay City. President Eric further delighted the audience with lively songs.

Governor Dan Torres sent an AVP congratulating RCB for its accomplishments and future aspirations.

Warmly introduced by PP Chris Faelnar, the evening's Guest of Honor



**PP LIBBY FERNANDEZ**  
RCB Member since 2008

and Speaker, President Raoul Creencia, delivered an inspiring challenge: after 88 years of stewardship, discipline, and humility, the question remains—*How far have we gone, and how fiercely will we continue?* He reminded everyone that 88 years of service is not a culmination, but a beginning.

The celebration concluded with the singing of *Pilipinas Kong Mahal*, followed by President Joe's adjournment.

Raffle prizes and continued fellowship capped a truly momentous evening—one that celebrated legacy, friendship, and a steadfast commitment to service.

# **R** RETROSPECT SCENES

SCENES WE LIKE TO SEE :



# 19 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING



### PRECEDENCE: BEFORE & AFTER JULY 01

#### HEAD TABLE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE ON SPECIAL CEREMONIES

##### (BEFORE JULY 01)

In Rotary, the arrangement of the Head Table during special ceremonies reflects the value placed on both tradition and respect for leadership. The following sequence is suggested for occasions held prior to July 01, when incoming officers are preparing to assume their roles.

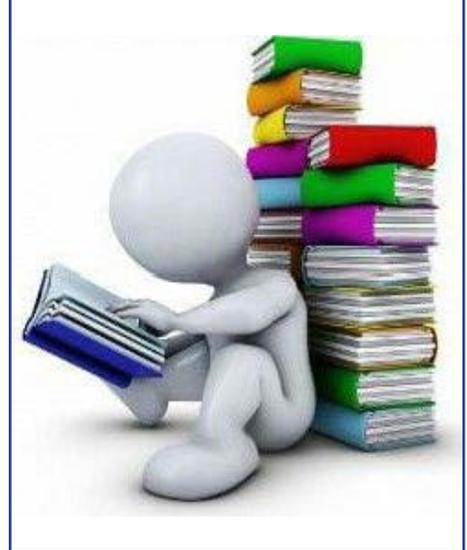
1. Club President
2. District Governor
3. Guest Speaker
4. Incoming Club President
5. Incoming District Governor
6. Spouse of Club President
7. Spouse of District Governor
8. Spouse of Club President
9. Spouse of Incoming District Governor
10. Bishop, Provincial Governor, Mayor
11. District Governor-Elect
12. Past District Governors (in order of seniority)
13. District Governor-Nominee

#### HEAD TABLE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE ON SPECIAL CEREMONIES

##### (AFTER JULY 01)

When the Rotary year officially changes on July 01, new leaders assume their responsibilities, and with them comes a revised order of precedence for seating at the head table during special ceremonies. This arrangement highlights the current leadership, recognizes those who have recently completed their term, and continues to respect both distinguished guests and community leaders.

1. Club President
2. District Governor
3. Guest Speaker
4. Incoming Club President
5. Immediate Past District Governor
6. Spouse of Club President (outgoing)
7. Spouse of District Governor
8. Spouse of Incoming Club President
9. Spouse of Immediate Past District Governor
10. Bishop, Provincial Governor, Mayor
11. District Governor-Elect
12. Moderator



## RCBAGUIO'S PINES HOTEL LEGACY

Every great institution begins with a gathering — a meeting of minds stirred by a shared desire to serve. For the Rotary Club of Baguio, that gathering took place in 1938, in the gracious setting of the old Pines Hotel. In that era, Baguio was a young and promising mountain city. Yet even then, its leaders recognized that progress required more than commerce and governance. It required character. It required service.

From those early meetings at the Pines Hotel, a tradition was born.

Our charter members could hardly have imagined how far their initiative would reach. Through war, rebuilding, social transformation, and modernization, the Rotary Club of Baguio endured. The club did not merely survive history — it participated in shaping it. Its members, drawn from diverse professions, lent their time, expertise, and influence to uplift the community in ways both visible and quietly transformative.

The spirit that animated those first gatherings was aligned with the global ideals of Rotary International — fellowship, integrity, diversity, and Service Above Self. Yet what made RCBaguio distinctive was its local heartbeat. This was Rotary expressed in the cool air of the Cordilleras, attentive to the particular needs of Baguio and its neighboring communities.

Over the decades, our projects have responded to changing times. There were years when infrastructure and rebuilding took precedence. There were seasons devoted to education, health missions, environmental stewardship, and youth development. Each initiative reflected a simple but powerful conviction: that those who are blessed with opportunity are called to extend it to others.

Equally important has been the fellowship cultivated within our meetings and activities. Rotary is sustained not only by projects, but by relationships. From formal luncheons to fellowship gatherings, from strategic planning sessions to outreach missions, friendships have deepened. Business partnerships have formed. Mentorships have flourished. The Rotary Club of Baguio has been, for many, not merely an organization — but a second family.

Leadership, too, has shaped our legacy. Each president brought a distinct temperament and vision. Some guided the club through expansion; others steadied it through challenge. All, in their own way, contributed to a culture of commitment and continuity. The passing of the gavel each Rotary year symbolizes not an ending, but a seamless thread connecting past to present.

Today, as we meet in a vastly different world from that of 1938, we face new realities — digital transformation, evolving community needs, and a younger generation seeking purposeful engagement. Yet the core question remains unchanged: How shall we serve?

When we look back to the Pines Hotel and then around our present gathering spaces, we see more than a span of years. We see faithfulness. We see adaptation without surrendering principle. We see a legacy built not in a single moment, but through thousands of small, consistent acts of service.

As current members of the Rotary Club of Baguio, we are both beneficiaries and stewards of this legacy. What began in a hotel decades ago now lives in our hands. May we honor our past not only with gratitude, but with renewed commitment.

For the story of RCBaguio is not finished. It is still being written — by us.



**PP RAFFY CHAN**  
Cañao Editor-in-Chief  
RY 2025-2026

# PROGRAM FOR TODAY

## REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Wolfson Room

### Saturday, 07 March 2026

TIME	PORTION	IN CHARGE
12:00 nn	Fellowship	
12:30 pm	Call to Order-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Invocation-----	Rtn. Lily Landayan
	Pambansang Awit-----	(Everyone)
	Rotary Hymn -----	(Everyone)
	Four-Way-Test-----	(Everyone)
1:20 pm	Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests (VRG)-----	PP Baby Kaur
	Entertainment -----	Dir. Mariver Agayas
	Raffle -----	Rtn. Annie Viernes
	Finest Moments -----	Rtn. Tonton Tan
1:40 pm	Members' Time-----	(Anyone)
1:50 pm	President's Time-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
1:55 pm	Introduction of GHS -----	Rtn. Levy Orcales
	Guest of Honor & Speaker (GHS) -----	Ms. Daisy Marie Villanueva
	Topic: Re-integration Program for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)	
	Open Forum	
	Club Response -----	PP Ben Ladilad
2:30 pm	RCB Hymn-----	(Everyone)
	Pilipinas Kong Mahal-----	(Everyone)
	Adjournment-----	Pres. Joe Ursua
	Program Coordinator-----	PP Raffy Chan
	Retrospect-----	PP Susan Villanueva
	Imager-----	Rtn. Peter Wasing

## PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT MEETING

REGULAR MEETING at the BCC Par Seven

Saturday, 14 March 2026

Program Coordinator----- PP Chris Peralta  
 Invocation ----- PP Atom Mendalla  
 Introduction of VRG----- Rtn. Harly Wasing  
 Entertainment-----Dir. Lorena Cachola  
 Raffle-----Rtn. Nancy Alabanza  
 Finest Moments----- PP Veeh Balajo

GHS-----PP Salvador Royeca, GM of BWD  
 Topic: Water Update on Baguio  
 Introduction of GHS-----PP Diony Claridad  
 Club Response-----PP Lani Fabi  
 Retrospect----- Rtn. Arlene Sumalag  
 Imager----- Rtn. Peter Wasing

**MARCH IS WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH**

