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## Message of the Governor



With the 51st year of the Philippine Luzon District, we renew our commitment to carry the Kiwanis flag for generations to come. To do this, we must build a strong foundation that can withstand relentless social change. Our focus is on strengthening our clubs, empowering our members, and innovating our service to ensure our mission remains vibrant for the next 50 and 100 years.

Allow me to share our vision, mission, and strategic approach for the coming term. Our guiding light, our vision, is Empowering Children, Transforming Lives. As Kiwanians of this generation, our purpose is clear: to make a lasting and meaningful impact for children—not just by helping them, but by allowing them to thrive.

Our mission is to serve the children and the community with compassion and unified action. As Kiwanians, we must serve not just with our hands, but with our hearts. And we must do it together. That's why a key part of our strategy is to focus on making strong linkages—building powerful partnerships that will allow us to serve with greater compassion and create a truly unified force for change.

Fellow Kiwanians, Kiwanis is a remarkable organization—one that encompasses service, leadership, and friendship.

It is a great honor to lead our organization, and I want to share this leadership with all of you—because you are the most important people in Kiwanis.

As our theme says, Get Together, Stay Together. This is not just a theme; it is a commitment. We "Get Together" to increase our numbers and build our partnerships, and we "Stay Together" to ensure our organization remains strong, our members stay engaged, and our legacy of service to the children of the world continues for generations to come. It's a promise to ourselves and to the children we serve.

**STACHYS NEIL ESPINO**  
*Governor*



# Beyond the White Coat: THE GOVERNOR WHO LEADS WITH PURPOSE

Kiwanis International Philippine Luzon District proudly welcomes its newly installed District Governor, Stachys Neil Evangelista Espino, under the Get Together Stay Together year. A leader with deep roots in service, an inspiring professional journey, and a genuine passion for strengthening communities in every role he undertakes.

At 40, he brings to the position not just energy and drive, but a wealth of real-world experience both in public service and in civic leadership.

### FAMILY PROFILE

A proud son of Pangasinan, the District Governor comes from a renowned Kiwanis family. He is the eldest of four children and the only son of two Kiwanian leaders: PLG Sam Espino and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Norma Espino of Division 1A.

Blessed with talent and a shared passion for service, Governor Neil's siblings have excelled in their fields while making meaningful contributions to their communities. Sheba Nikki Espino, a practicing lawyer, currently serves as District Office Administrator. Sheri Nadia Espino, an accomplished educator and school head, is the Immediate Past President of the Kiwanis Club of San Carlos City and the current District Key Leader Chair. Sibyl Naomi Espino actively supports youth and community development as a dedicated member of Kiwanis Club of Dynamic Pangasinan.

Happily married to Dr. Jennifer Pedral-Espino, a psychiatrist and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of San Carlos City. They are proud both parents Sam Neiji Uan Espino, a responsible and bright 15-year-old who is currently a member of the Key Club of St. Charles Academy.

Together, the Espino family represents a rare blend of professional excellence and community commitment embodying the very essence of Kiwanis values.

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduated from Saint Charles Academy in San Carlos City, Pangasinan as a consistent honor student from elementary to high school.

University of the Philippines Baguio, where he also served as a student representative to the University Student Council.

Completed his Doctor of Medicine at St. Louis University in Baguio City in 2009, graduating among the top five of his class. Passed the Physician Licensure Exam in 2010.

Fellow Philippine Buleted of Addiction Medicine Fellow Philippine Society of Medical Specialists in Government Service Department of Health Accredited Physician in the Diagnostic and Management of Drug Dependence

Earned a Master of Public Management from the University of the Philippines Open University in Los Baños in 2023.

Sharing his knowledge and experience as a Faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition, and Department of Pharmacology at the College of Medicine, Virgen Milagrosa University Foundation

Currently serving as an Addiction Medicine Specialist and Assistant Department Manager of the Department of Mental Health at Region 1 Medical Center in Dagupan City.

### LEADERSHIP ROLES

Chief of Staff, Department of Mental Health, Region 1 Medical Center, Former Quality Management Representative and Chief of Clinics, Pangasinan Provincial Hospital, Former Chief of Clinics, Eastern Pangasinan District Hospital, Former OIC Chief of Hospital, Bayambang District Hospital, Past President, Pangasinan Medical Society - South, Central Chapter Past President, Pangasinan Health Emergency Response Group, Recognized with multiple awards: Unsung Heroes Typhoon Yolanda National Awardee (2014), Employee of the Year (2016), Civil Service Commission Regional Awardee (2021), Department of Health Star Awards National Awardee (2022) Asia's Influential Leader Award "Most Resilient Leader in Healthcare Solutions" (2024)

### KIWANIS BACKGROUND

Comes from a strong Kiwanis lineage, mentored by both his parents who are respected leaders in Division 1A. Charter President, Kiwanis Club of San Carlos City (2014) Lieutenant Governor, Division 1A under Eye of the Tiger year, with Governor Lolita "Lolita" Salazar as District Governor (AY 2017-2018). Chaired district-level committees with distinction, including: Kiwanis One Day (AY 2023-2024) Awards Committee (AY 2023-2024)

### ACCOLADES

Outstanding President (AY 2014-2015)  
Distinguished President (AY 2014-2015)  
Best Project for Young Children Priority One of Philippine Luzon District (AY 2014-2015)  
Distinguished Lieutenant Governor (AY 2017-2018). His leadership style is inclusive and hands-on, encouraging younger members and to take active roles while honoring the legacy of those who came before.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Awarded the Unsung Heroes of Typhoon Yolanda in 2014, Governor Neil has long exemplified service beyond his profession as a doctor. In Pangasinan, he led Operation Tulong, providing immediate aid to communities devastated by supertyphoons Crising and Emong.

His commitment to reaching the underserved is evident in his regular "Medical Missions" and "Operation Tuli" programs, bringing essential healthcare to far-flung areas. Beyond physical health, he also champions mental wellness, conducting talks and forums across schools and communities, most especially for teens, helping to break the stigma and foster safe spaces for dialogue. Governor Neil's initiatives reflect a deep sense of compassion that continues to impact countless lives.

### GLIMPSE BEYOND THE TITLE:

Even with an impressive resume, the District Governor stays grounded and approachable. Known for his witty humor and love of travel, he often spends his downtime enjoying live bands and spontaneous karaoke sessions with family and friends.

Governor Neil is also a firm believer in the power of mentorship and often says:

*"Leadership is not about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in your charge."*

His human touch, combined with a strategic mindset, makes him not only a leader but also a motivator and role model across generations.



## BUILDING FOUNDATIONS:

# Governor Neil's Blue Print for PLD's Success

**At its core, leadership is about action and impact. For Philippine Luzon District Governor Stachys Neil E. Espino, readiness for this important role was forged through dedicated training, insightful learning, and forming vital relationships.**

Kiwanis International has zeroed in on what matters most: building, nurturing, and retaining membership to expand service impact. Central to Governor Neil's preparation were two key leadership training, each equipping him with essential tools to fulfill his aim of vibrant and effective governance.

### GOVERNOR-ELECT EDUCATION CONFERENCE: BUILDING LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS | Indianapolis, Indiana

In November 2024, he attended the Governor-elect Education Conference at the Kiwanis Office Indianapolis, Indiana. One of Kiwanis International's flagship programs aimed at developing effective district leadership. The conference focused on essential topics such as building cohesive teams, motivating volunteers, and leveraging technology for district growth. Sessions on leadership principles emphasized leading by example, clear communication, and understanding the power of influence, skills crucial to inspire and mobilize volunteers.

Reflecting on the conference, he shared, "Leading by example is essential. Leadership means inspiring others through your actions and fostering a shared purpose." He also highlighted volunteer motivation: "Every volunteer brings something unique. Recognizing that diversity builds a committed team." New technological tools like the Kiwanis Engage platform were introduced to modernize member engagement, a critical focus for future growth.

### ASIA-PACIFIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE: STRATEGIC GROWTH AND CHANGE | Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

The conference was held in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan in March 2025, it brought together Kiwanis leaders across the region for in-depth training on strategic planning, sustainable growth, and implementing change, core components of Kiwanis International's efforts to build resilient districts worldwide.

He valued exchanging best practices with peers, noting, "Leadership is both a personal and collective responsibility. Navigating change requires patience and clear communication."

### LOOKING AHEAD TOGETHER

Governor Stachys Neil E. Espino's motivation as district governor is to bring "a new brand of leadership, he wants to bring his youthful energy to make our district more vibrant and impactful." Our District Governor champions Kiwanis International's Build, Nurture, Retain (BNR) initiative, which calls for unified leadership and decisive action to foster growth and impact.

"I believe leadership today demands vision and empathy," he said. "Through BNR, we're building a community that cares deeply about making a difference."

More than preparation, these education conferences serve as blueprints for Governor Neil's readiness and passion to lead the Kiwanis International Philippine Luzon District. He is poised to build momentum, strengthen the district, and amplify the Kiwanis mission.



# SNE: *An Odyssey of a* **GREAT LEADER**

**Year 1984, a stork came and booned Past Lieutenant Governors Samuel Espino and Norma Espino, their first born with swaddled laurel in his cloth signifying the newborn for heroic things in life--- and here started the journey of a great Leader.**

SNE from Charter President to Philippine Luzon District Governor, truly is a timeline of greatness.

Adept to charities and voluntary toils, Governor Stachys Neil E. Espino, has been sharing his time and medical expertise to the community of Pangasinan through Kiwanis Club of Amputi Layag where his parents are member for decades. The latter club then was looking for young professionals to compose a club which the club intended to charter. In 2014, Kiwanis Club of San Carlos City was established, where Gov Neil stood as the Charter President, at the age of 29.

At his youth, he took courage to be part of unpaid services to the needy as a Medical Doctor. He clutched the worthy commitment from his parents who are both active Kiwanians in their province.

Kiwanis Club of San Carlos City (KC SCC) is the second Kiwanis club in San Carlos, composed of young professionals then. The goal is to expand the reach of Kiwanis services in the city having the greatest number of barangays in the province, with 86 in total. The charter members are composed mainly of healthcare professionals, and so the vision is to make every child in the city a healthy child.

Carrying out the said goal, KC SCC through GSNE constantly provides relevant service projects in the community. Initially, the club focused on providing medical care to barangays, augmenting the city and province's programs on malnutrition, communicable and non-communicable diseases.

In the passing of years, the club's commitment was heightened initializing other service projects for the community aside from healthcare assistance. Currently, his Club is inclined not only in providing health care but also education and literacy programs in schools within the entire city through its Signature Project: Project APPLE, Ibalik ang Ngiti. APPLE stands for Authentic People Partnership through Lifelong Education. Additionally, the club has been investing on establishing invaluable partnerships with government and private entities.

GSNE also mouthed his struggle as a young professional, the main struggle that he faced is how to balance his time between work and Kiwanis. With a load of functions on his shoulders, GSNE needs to get steady trodding his goals for the sectors he serves. And as born leader, he gets things done by planning and setting priorities.

Bearing the spirit of a Second-generation Kiwanian, his inspirations in running for Governor Elect in 2024, were the Kiwanians of Division 1A. For the past 50 years of Philippine Luzon District, his division has not produced any governor representing the North. Moreover, he thought of it as good challenge his leadership style with Kiwanis, particularly introducing strategic approaches, innovations, and partnerships.

"I see myself as a simple yet effective governor, working vigorously towards the achievement of our goals and objectives, through the continued cooperation and support from members of the board, committee chairpersons, and all Kiwanians across our district."

GSNE has a lot to share , dubbing him as the millennial-trailblazer Governor of PLD. In his term, all Kiwanians will work together and stay focused with one goal, that is to make each child the priority of KIWANIS.

SNE from Charter President to Philippine Luzon District Governor, will be a legacy of a great odyssey.



# Leaders in Motion:

## A Demonstration of Commitment to Service and Growth

Leadership finds its highest meaning when it nurtures others—guiding, empowering, and simply bringing out the best in people. This kind of leadership was exemplified during the **Education Summit 2025**, themed “Empowering Communities Everywhere, Every Day,” hosted by the **Get Together, Stay Together (GTST) Leadership and Education Team** during **Day 2 of the District Convention 2025**.

Charter President Richard Espinosa of KC Oragons Albay, facilitated the afternoon session which opened with “**Kiwanis 101: An Overview**”, led by **Past Lt. Gov. Ma. Ella Manjares** from Division 5A1, who gave a refresher on Kiwanis mission, vision, and core values, reminding everyone what it truly means to be a Kiwanian beyond titles and positions.

A key highlight of the summit was the **Build, Nurture, Retain (BNR)** initiative, discussed by **Lt. Gov. Lovely DC Ruaro (Division 1A)** and **Lt. Gov. Nancy Talisayon (Division 3B)** who emphasized how this strategic membership growth plan from Kiwanis International will be applied under the GTST administrative year. The concept of building new clubs and rebuilding existing ones, nurturing through mentoring and guidance, and retaining committed Kiwanians, came to life through fun, interactive and meaningful games led by **Communications Chair Vanessa Ellaga**, perfectly capturing the essence of BNR.

Adding more inspiration, the **Circle K International (CKI) UPLB**, now celebrating their **28th year**, took the stage as a shining example of youth leadership. Their stories of service and teamwork, shared by the outgoing **Club President Leigh Pestañas**, echoed the timeless Kiwanis values of **service, leadership, and fellowship**, a reminder that the future of Kiwanis thrives through young leaders. They were introduced and preceded by **Service Leadership Program (SLP) Chair Matthew Palentinos**, who gave an overview of the SLP and its vital role in developing young leaders within the Kiwanis family.

As the session came to a close, the **Get Together, Stay Together Leadership and Education Team** was recognized for their exemplary and invaluable service in organizing a district-wide series of Club Leadership Education that continue to inspire club and division leaders to serve with purpose.

**Governor Stachys Neil Espino** shared words of encouragement and appreciation for the collective efforts of the GTST team and all participating leaders. His message reinforced the importance of unity and continued collaboration in advancing the Kiwanis mission of serving children and communities.

# More than Words

## A Breakdown of PLD Gov. Stachys Neil Espino's Inaugural Speech

**One of the highlights of Philippine Luzon District Convention (PLD-DisCon) is when the governor-elect is given time to share his thoughts to fellow Kiwanians through his inaugural speech. On Sept. 6, 2025, in Taal Vista, Tagaytay City, the youngest elected governor in PLD had his time.**

Before around 800 Kiwanians, Governor Stachys Neil Espino, achieved a personal milestone--- delivering a message that is more than words.

### A Humble and Hopeful Beginning

Governor Neil's speech began with humility. More than the usual acknowledgement of different dignitaries, his calm and soothing voice made the crowd inclusive. A direct manifestation that his speech will not be about him but about every Kiwanian in the district.

When he went on, a hopeful tone was heard: “Our focus is on strengthening our clubs, empowering our members, and innovating our service to ensure our mission remains vibrant for the next 50 and 100 years”.

He also added that the term lies on the core of the Kiwanis mission---the children. Governor Neil gave emphasis on the role of Kiwanis not just in giving service to the children but by making them able.

“As Kiwanians of this generation, our purpose is clear: to make a lasting and meaningful impact for children—not just by helping them, but by allowing them to thrive,” he shared.

As a start of a new administrative dawn during this occasion, a clear vision and steadfast mission remains. With humility and unity at its core, the commencement is a blossoming beginning.

### Service as Tradition; Strategy as an Innovation

Governor Neil did not miss the chance to share to his fellow Kiwanians on his speech not just his vision for Philippine Luzon District but his plan for long-term and shared mission.

“I believe the Philippine Luzon District needs to go a step further. And we are proud to introduce a new framework: the 5+1 Model,” he shared.

Governor Neil explained that the Five Priority Areas of Kiwanis will remain as core in the district making sure that the culture of service among Kiwanians continues. However, changing times requires responsive actions towards preserving and flourishing tradition of service thus, +1 which represents the Strategic Approach for this term was explained.

According to Governor Neil, the strategic approach includes the following: **Strategic Planning** which focuses on a three-year plan in coordination with the governor-elect and vice governor for smooth transition and continued growth; **Evidence-Based Decision Making** which aims to utilize actual and relevant data to ensure effective choices; **Resource Maximization** which encourages strategic use of time, talent, and treasure for focused and impactful outcomes; **Communications** which optimizes use of social media platforms to widen reach, improve communication, and strengthen connection among Kiwanians and other partners as well as create stronger presence and better branding for growth of the organization; and **Collaboration** which targets empowered members through better engagement and stronger partnerships in the district.

### Togetherness as Living and Lasting Legacy

In the end, Governor Stachys Neil Espino reminded everyone of how amazing it is to become part of Kiwanis.

“Fellow Kiwanians, Kiwanis is a remarkable organization—one that encompasses **service, leadership, and friendship**,” he emphasized.

He also shared to everyone the words of Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhail reminding them of their important role in the organization: “Members make magic”.

In conclusion, Governor Neil underscored the essence of Get Together, Stay Together as a commitment to ongoing mission of giving service to the children of the world and the promise it holds to more generations to come.

The last night of DisCon signalled a transition of a successful year that was and a promising year ahead.

The simple, clear, and heartfelt message given by the incoming governor was more than words. It was a message that brings another layer of foundation to a thriving organization, a plan that bears certainty for the next generation of leaders, and a heart that's born from selfless service to a lasting mission.





# Igniting the flame of leadership the Kiwanis way

Leadership and learning always go hand in hand. Knowledgeable leaders are the driving force behind remarkable accomplishments. With this powerful connection, twenty-six dynamic new Lieutenant Governors for the Administrative Year 2025-2026 were brought together for a three-day Lieutenant Governor's Education Conference at the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) in Munoz, Nueva Ecija, from May 23-25, 2025. This education conference was a timely opportunity for them to learn, unlearn, and relearn the essence of transformative leadership as envisioned by Philippine Luzon District Governor Elect Stachys Espino for this Kiwanis administrative year, themed "Get Together, Stay Together" (GTST).

The breathtaking green rice fields of Nueva Ecija, known as the rice granary of the Philippines, was the perfect backdrop for this year's Lieutenant Governor's Education Conference. Day one kicked off with an engaging session entitled "Leadership Starts with Knowing Who You Are," led by the inspiring speaker Herminigildo Gandeza, a planning officer of Department of Education. The excitement in the room was palpable as workshops like "Discovering Your Leadership Style" and "Personal Branding & Emotional Intelligence" unfolded throughout the day.

After a fulfilling day of learning, the Lieutenant Governors were treated to a delightful surprise—a thrilling bleacher ride that transported them on a memorable tour of the rice fields, perfectly timed for a stunning sunset. They were warmly welcomed by Dr. Karen Eloisa T. Barroga, the Deputy Executive Director for Development at PhilRice, who actively guided them through the mesmerizing landscape of the sprawling 5-hectares of PhilRice.

To finish the tour of the training venue, members and officers of Phil Rice enjoined District Governor Espino and all Lieutenant Governor-trainees to RICEsPark, a place in the PhilRice which was adopted by the Kiwanis International Philippine Luzon District through Past District Governor Glenda V. Hufano's initiative, to play team building games with the children camping

in the place. This activity nourished collaboration and leadership while having fun. Afterwards, Gov. Elect Stachys Neil Espino delivered an inspiring message for the rice campers about the characteristics of being a leader through SPARK: Self-awareness, Perseverance, Adaptability, Responsibility and Kindness. The day ended with a spectacular bonfire with the community singing of "Greatest Love of All".

On the second day, the tone was set for "Equipped to Lead, Ready to Inspire" by Leadership Development Chair Nomer C. Esmero. A fresh and engaging learning format was introduced with a talk show-style event titled "Lessons from Past Lt. Governors." This interactive session allowed former lieutenant governors to share their personal stories, valuable lessons, and the challenges they faced in their leadership journeys, inspiring the attendees to reflect on their own paths.

The final day commenced with a heartfelt mass led by District Secretary Fr. Ricardo Miranda, paving the way for a thoughtful morning reflection facilitated by Chair Nomer C. Esmero. Together, they explored the Objects of Kiwanis, uncovering their significance in relation to leadership and community service. Following this insightful discussion, Service Leadership Program Chair Past Lieutenant Governor Matt Palentinos introduced the Service Leadership Programs of Kiwanis International.

The program wrapped up with an empowering challenge for the Lieutenant Governors. Each was encouraged to choose a meaningful personal item to place in a time capsule, symbolizing their commitment. This cherished item will be waiting to be reclaimed after a year of Kiwanis service, marking their personal sacrifices and what they are willing to give up in the name of service.

Indeed, this education program for the Lieutenant Governors sparked the flame of true Kiwanis leadership and service from within. This conference not only provided valuable knowledge but also brought together aspiring leaders, igniting their passion and enthusiasm to make a positive impact in their respective divisions and within the entire community- the Kiwanis way!

## SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADER TODAY:

### Inside GTST'S Club Leadership Education

In a powerful demonstration of unity, growth, commitment to service, the Kiwanis Philippine Luzon District (PLD) Leadership Development Team led by LDC Coordinator Nomer Esmero successfully conducted a series of Club Leadership Education (CLE) from July to August 2025. Reaching clubs across all divisions of the district, this year's CLE marked a special milestone, as they were facilitated by a new set of trainers-graduates of the recently concluded Training of Trainers ("ToT") initiative.

The CLE journey began on July 5, 2025, in Lucena City, covering Divisions 4C and 4CI. From there, the team traversed the breadth of the district from Daraga, Albay (Division 5B) to Puerto Princesa, Palawan (Divisions 4E and 4E-1), and many more in between-culminating in the final session held in Malabon City under Division 38 on August 24, 2025.

The annual CLE is a cornerstone of the PLD's commitment to strengthening its leadership core and preparing incoming officers and members for impactful service. This year's sessions strengthened the officer's knowledge on their duties and responsibilities, how to

effectively communicate, adding in-depth wisdom to the Six Objects of Kiwanis, and education on topics such as the Kiwanis Children's Fund, Service Leadership Programs, and others.

A highlight of this year's CLE was the official debut of the new pool of trainers-enthusiastic and well-equipped individuals who recently completed the ToT held in June. These trainers brought fresh perspectives and renewed energy into the sessions, engaging participants with interactive discussions, workshops, and acenario-based learning

As the Kiwanis year unfolds, the Philippine Luzon District stands poised to reap the benefits of its investment in leadership development. The empowered leaders and passionate trainers shaped through CLE 2025 are now equipped to drive positive change-within their clubs, their communities, and the broader Kiwanis movement. With every session delivered and every leader trained, the district takes one more step toward a future defined by service, integrity, and purpose.



## EMPOWERING THE FUTURE OF PLD:

### The Launch of the "Training of Trainers" Initiative

As the Kiwanis International-continues to grow, the call for strong, passionate, and well-equipped leaders has never been louder, this paved way for Philippine Luzon District Governor Stachys Neil Espino to trakblaze the most strategic steps in sustaining the leadership skills among the next generation of Kiwanis Educators. As they will carry the torch of knowledge, inspire future leaders, and uphold the Six Objects of Kiwanis throughout the District, the Training of Trainers was piloted.

Leadership Development Coordinator Nomer Esmero started to erivision the Training of Trainers ("ToT") during the Light Up Kiwanis term (A.Y 2023 to 2024) under the dynamic leadership of Past District Governor Glenda Hutano. And in his year two of being the LDC, the dream has finally stred light.

Held last June 14-15, 2025, at the Manila Prince Hotel, the two-day event brought together a passionate group of Kiwanians from all over the District. The pioneering group became the new wave of Trainers who taught the new set of club officers during the Club Leadership Education (CLE) across all Divisions of the District.

The ToT focused on building core competencies, reinforcing the Six Objects of Kiwanis, and equipping the trainers with the tools they need to effectively engage and develop future club leaders.

Because education lies at the heart of effective service, From the club up to the district officers, every Kiwanis leader depends on strong foundational knowledge and continuous learning to thrive in their respective roles. The Trainers play a crucial role in this process, acting as both teachers and mentors. By ensuring a consistent, high-quality learning experience, Kiwanis international-Philippine Luzon District can maintain the integrity of its projects and programs and better serve the children and communities across the country.

Among the esteemed leaders who joined the Tot to share their wisdom and experiences were: Governor Neil Espino, Past District Governor Melvin Mendoza, IPLG Norma Espino, District Secretary Rikke Miranda, Communications Chair Vanessa V. Eliaga and Chair Mark Syd Ditangco. Their presence and mentorship tit up the sessions, transforming the training into a high-energy, and deeply meaningful experience.



# Philippine Luzon District

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**STACHYS NEIL E. ESPINO**  
 DIVISION 4A4  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN CARLOS CITY, PANGASINAN

**Notable Achievement:** Recently, I institutionalized the Strategic Approach in our district that aims to create sustainable growth in terms of membership, and to deliver more impactful projects for the children.

**Personal Note:** My first name "Stachys" is a combination of 3 school subjects - Statistics, Chemistry and Physics

"A leader is one who inspires."



**IPDG FELIX "JANGO" GREPO**  
 DIVISION 4A4  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF GENERAL TRIAS

**Notable Achievement:** One notable accomplishment as a Kiwanian was leading the Philippine Luzon District as District Governor with the theme: "From Better to Best (B2B)" stemmed from a vision to not only grow our district numerically but to strengthen our presence and impact in underserved communities. With this principle, through my leadership, strategic outreach, mentorship, and collaboration with local leaders, Division 4A4 was established, creating fresh opportunities for hands-on service, youth programs, and community engagement—turning the Philippine Luzon District into a symbol of progress, service, and the power of taking Kiwanis from better to best.

**Personal Note:** "Serious but Joker and approachable"

"I lead not to be in charge, but to empower others to serve boldly and grow fully."



**ATTY. MARIA ALETA L. TOLENTINO**  
 DIVISION 4B1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF PAMANA CALAMBA

**Notable Achievement:** Outstanding President and three time outstanding LG. Recently appointed as Treasurer and Chairman of the Governance Committee of ASPAC and member of KI Governance Committee, representing Asia Pacific.

**Personal Note:** My Cinderella time for evening events is at the latest 10pm.

"HEALTH, EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP"



**MAC TANCINCO**  
 DIVISION 4B  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF CHRYSANTHEMUM

**Notable Achievement:** Most distinguished district secretary 2009-2010

**Personal Note:** Joined in numerous projects all around the district

"A true leader is a servant of all"



**RICARDO FRANCISCO C. MIRANDA**  
 DIVISION 4B2  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DYNAMIC PANGASINAN

**Notable Achievement:** Accomplished Projects Serving School Children, Promoted the cause of Kiwanis - Through Projects geared towards Serving Children and the Elderly

**Personal Note:** "Get Together and Stay Together" develops a strong and Happy Kiwanis Family!

"To Serve Joyfully with Humility and Respect"



**MARINA M. MARASIGAN**  
 DIVISION 4A2  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DASMARINAS NORTH SALTIRAN

**Notable Achievement:** Distinguished Lt. Governor

**Personal Note:** I am simple and loving person

"Legacy in Service"



**LOVELY D. RUARO**  
 DIVISION 1A  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF METRO MANGALDAN

Charter President of KC Metro Mangaldan

A lawyer by profession, a servant of the children by heart.



**DALISAY SINCHIOCO**  
 DIVISION 2C2  
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Don't give up. Keep fighting.



**ZANDRO J. ZOLETA**  
 DIVISION 3C1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF CAINTA KARANGALAN

Outstanding President & Most Outstanding Club AY 2011-2012

I am a very fun to be with person, easy to get along with.



**MAYRA FE M. ALCEBAR**  
 DIVISION 4A3  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DASMARINAS CENTRAL

Division Secretary

You can run but you can't hide.



**EDWARD H. CEREZO**  
 DIVISION 4C1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF METRO CANDELARIA

A million seeds for Kiwanis kids.

"Build confidence, acquire competence and aim for excellence."



**MA. VILMA T. LERPIDO**  
 DIVISION 1A1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF BAGUIO CITY DIAMOND

Charter President of KC Diamond; Outstanding President 2019-2020; Division Secretary 2022-2023; Lt. Gov.-Elect 2024-2025

I am a GenX Kiwanian, once a Kiwanian, always a Kiwanian



**MARIA DALISAY D. MAPILI**  
 DIVISION 3A  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF PASAY CITY

Lt. Gov. Award (2022-2023), Most Outstanding President (2023-2025)

You can get everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want.



**RICHARD C. ORDONEZ**  
 DIVISION 3D  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF MUNTINLUPA, RIZAL

Most Outstanding President and Outstanding Division Secretary

I prioritize swift action and efficiency, which in turn maximizes my productivity and provides me with more personal time.



**EVELYN I. MABANES**  
 DIVISION 4A4  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF TIERRA NEVADA

Creating hope and opportunity for the next generation.

Family in service.



**JOCY BERGONIA**  
 DIVISION 4E  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PUERTO PRINSESA CITY

Leading Kiwanis club's annual mission to Palawan, providing medical, dental, and eye care to native children, and witnessing the joy in their eyes makes it all worthwhile.

"Serving with Compassion, Inspiring with Hope."



**RONALD JULIUS JULIAN DE LEON**  
 DIVISION 2B  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF ANGELES CITY

Two consecutive years as Outstanding President

When everyone go against your plan, proceed and believe that God will always be with you in your journey.



**NANCY U. TALISAYON**  
 DIVISION 3B  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF MALABON GEMS

Charter President of KC Malabon Educators (2018); Charter President of KC Malabon Gems (2021); District Trainer for CLE for GTST Team

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi



**MILO V. BEJOSANO**  
 DIVISION 4A  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF METRO TAGAYTAY KALINGA, INC.

From a lowly factory worker to a small business owner.

Never dreamt of wearing a coat.



**MELODY A. DOLOSA**  
 DIVISION 4B  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF ROSENA

Distinguished President, Kiwanis International (AY 2017-2018). Initiated "Read Aloud" reading tutorial (2022-2023)

I serve my community through Kiwanis - proving you can mix duty, joy and service all in one life.



**MARYROSE PALANCA-CAABAY**  
 DIVISION 4E1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DAMAYAN NG AGILA PALAWAN

Readily COMPLIANT in SERVING THE CHILDREN OF PALAWAN

Be kind always.



**ALBERT M. LOPEZ**  
 DIVISION 2C  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF LIGAB TODO PASKILAB

Clouds can be incredibly heavy.



**MARIANNE CHICO-VICENTE**  
 DIVISION 3B2  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF QUEZON CITY HIRAYA

2024 Beacon of Humanitarian Service Awardee; Charter President of KC Quezon City Hiraya 2022

I juggle being a mom of three daughters with being an entrepreneur, leader, and philanthropist...and I make it work!



**ADELINA N. MANUEL**  
 DIVISION 4A1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF BAHAYANG PAG-ASA IMUS CITY

A Kiwanis Advisor. Pioneered BUG, Terrific Kids, and a mobile library signature project.

If you're okay, I'm okay. If you're not, I'm still okay



**MA. THERESA P. GARCIA**  
 DIVISION 4B1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF HAWAK KAMAY-BUCAL

Founder of LHK - an NGO's for community service in Calamba City

"Serving every child with heart, hope and with purpose."



**MELICENT N. DIMAIWAT**  
 DIVISION 5A  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF METRO IRIGA

Outstanding President for both terms 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Born a leader, an entrepreneur, but a hands-on mom to two smart kids at the same time a loving wife.



**ALASTHER I. DULDULAO**  
 DIVISION 2C1  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF CABANATUAN GOLDEN HANDS

Active volunteer in the community. :

I believe that even a small act of kindness can make a big impact.



**ELOISA C. CAUMERON**  
 DIVISION 3C  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF ANTIPOLO WEST

Active implementer of BUGs Service Initiatives K-Kids of Mayamot Elem School.

Always ready for action.



**SAMUEL W. SY**  
 DIVISION 4A2  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DASMARINAS, CAVITE

Built a foot bridge for 500 households families located at Brgy Zone 1A, Dasmaringas, Cavite during my term as president of 2014 to 2015

Aspiring Vlogger



**MARICEL D. MARTIN**  
 DIVISION 4C  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF LUCENA INFINITY

Charter President of Kiwanis Club of Lucena Infinity, Served as City Councillor of Lucena City

"Public Service is a Public Trust."



**JULIETA RAMOS**  
 DIVISION 5B  
 KIWANIS CLUB OF DARAGAN MAGAYON

Outstanding President and Most Outstanding Secretary

Every kind act you do today may very well inspire the kindness of others.

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**Kiwanian**

# GET TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER EVENTS



## KIWANIS WEEK 2026

JANUARY 18-24



## KIWANIS NIGHT 2026

JANUARY 24

*| Premium Royce Hotel Ballroom, Clark, Pampanga*



## ICON / ASPAC 2026

JUNE 24-27



Past District Governor  
**Glenda V. Hufano**

*Organizing Chair,  
Kiwaniis International Convention*



Past District Governor  
**Melvin Mendoza**

*Organizing Chair,  
Asia Pacific Convention*



## DISCON 2026

SEPTEMBER 3-5