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Happy 14th Charter



Anniversary

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7 Areas of Focus of Rotary



Club ID No.: 84232
Chartered Date: December 20, 2011
Rotary International District 3860



MISSION

The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban aims to enhance welfare and human rights through humanitarian projects that address urgent needs and foster long-term solutions. Committed to supporting disadvantaged populations, the club provides resources and assistance to improve lives. Guided by compassion, teamwork, and accountability, they strive for a world where everyone has access to opportunities, education, and basic necessities, while promoting social justice and respect. Their mission is achieved through collaborations with partners and volunteers.

VISION

Through our humanitarian efforts, we aim to foster a society where everyone is respected and valued. We envision prosperous communities free from suffering, with access to essentials like clean water, nutritious food, quality healthcare, education, and job opportunities. Collaborative action is needed to tackle poverty, inequality, and injustice, uniting in empathy and solidarity. Our goal is a happier, more just world where people support one another, creating a lasting legacy of hope and positive change for future generations.



CLUB HISTORY

Kankabato is derived from the name of Cankabato Bay, a notable bay located in Tacloban, Philippines. The bay has historically served as an essential hub for trade and transportation in the region. Indigenous peoples originally named the area, and it was later adapted by Spanish colonizers. The bay and its surroundings played a crucial role in the cultural and economic development of Tacloban. Over time, the name evolved into Kankabato, reflecting its deep historical and geographical significance.

The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban was chartered in the year 2011. Rotarian Antolin Ofonda was elected and served as the Charter President. From 25 pioneering members, the RC Kankabato has now 25 active members, with the current Game Changer President, Rtn. Al Anthony F. Casal for the Rotary Year 2025-2026 as the 14th president of the organization. This organization is composed of established professionals and businessmen with diverse characters and background who came together and believed in one goal which is to make a difference. This international organization is a non-profit and non-partisan union. Members of this club are called as rotarians. Also, they sponsor young rotarians called as Rotaractors. These inspiring rotarians believe in the inherent goodness of other people as it results to the ripple effect of kindness in the community. When we show kindness to other people, it creates a chain of reaction which causes kindness to find its way back to us.

Every Rotary Club like the RC of Kankabato-Tacloban is grounded with guiding principles which are Object of Rotary, 4-Way Test and Avenues of Service. These principles have been developed to serve as the bible for every Rotarian as they venture themselves in humanitarian acts of kindness as well as making themselves for another time a servant-leader who aims to uplift the status of the community they belong to. Rotarians of this organization initiate transformational projects not only in the region and national level but also in the international stage. Their projects are based on areas of focus such as Basic Education and Literacy, Disease and Prevention Treatment, Rotary Day of Service and Supporting the Environment.



Since 2011, the RC Kankabato-Tacloban engages in several projects that are timely and relevant to the needs, issues and concerns of the society. They have conducted several projects such as distribution of school supplies and hygiene kits, bloodletting activities, raising awareness and funding to end Polio and Breast Cancer, and Mangrove and tree-planting activity. This organization also did an adopt-a-school campaign to donate facilities such as handwashing facility in partnership with Rotary Club of Fukui-Ajisai in the following schools: Guindaponan Elementary School, Baras Elementary School, Pawing Elementary School and Alangalang National High School, books for their library and repair some old school buildings in Guindapunan Elementary School. Moreover, donation drives and feeding programs were also conducted to send help to those victims of natural and man-made calamities such as typhoons, earthquakes, landslides, and fires. Now that the entire community is still experiencing, pandemic, still the club lends a hand and do an extra mile just to be of help to the community. They have donated essential medical supplies such as medical facemasks, alcohols, vitamins and PPEs to the hospitals in the city and province. These programs may be less extravagant but it is, for the meantime necessary and beneficial.

Because of the successes of their projects, the RC of Kankabato-Tacloban is recognized not only in the local community but also in the international level. They bagged local and international awards for their community involvement. Their recent prestigious recognitions in Area 3- Visayas are the **CLUB ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT CITATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CITATION, NEW GENERATION DISTRICT CITATION, SERVICE PROJECT DISTRICT CITATION, PUBLIC IMAGE DISTRICT CITATION, DISTRICT SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT CITATION, MEMBERSHIP DISTRICT CITATION, TRF DISTRICT CITATION and NEW GENERATIONS DISTRICT CITATION**. These sets of awards serve as an inspiration for them to continue to work side by side to execute action and impact through fellowship and service.

As long as we are living and part of the continuous cosmic evolution, let us not forget to lend little drops of love to the less privileged. A little act of kindness, charity and generosity creates a magical effect on the heart of a person; hence, we call it as the true evidence of authentic and genuine love. The Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban, as long as it breathes, will continue to shower rays of love to all people around the globe.



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RY 2020 - 2021

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RY 2014 - 2015

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RY 2021 - 2022

**GILBERT TUGADO**

RY 2015 - 2016

**RODOLFO PADILLO**

RY 2022 - 2023

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RY 2023 - 2024

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RY 2017 - 2018

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RY 2024 - 2025

**ANALIZA YU**

RY 2018 - 2019



Francesco Arezzo
**ROTARY LEADER'S
MESSAGE**

Dear family of Rotary,

To Health and Happiness

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

.We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences – some numbering in the thousands – in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.



That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available

for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap. Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past Rotary International President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"



Angel "Jong" Fernandez

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S LETTERS

Warmest congratulations to the Rotary Club of Kankabato on your Charter Anniversary. As your District Governor, it is with great pride and gratitude that I join you in celebrating this milestone under the inspiring theme "Unite for Good." This theme perfectly reflects the spirit of your club—bringing together leaders, partners, and communities to create meaningful and lasting change.

Through the years, RC Kankabato has shown that when we unite our hearts, talents, and resources, we amplify our impact. Your projects and initiatives stand as clear proof that unity strengthens service, deepens fellowship, and transforms challenges into opportunities for growth. You have continuously demonstrated that Rotary is not just an organization, but a force for good when people work together with a shared purpose.

As you celebrate another year of service, may "Unite for Good" continue to guide your journey—uniting generations of Rotarians, inspiring collaboration, and expanding your reach to serve more lives. On behalf of the district, I commend your past leaders, salute your present members, and encourage you to move forward with renewed passion and unity. Happy Charter Anniversary, and may your club continue to shine as a beacon of service and goodwill.



Mary Christine Chua
**DISTRICT SECRETARY
NOTES**

Dear friends in Rotary,

Warmest congratulations to the Rotary Club of Kankabato on your Charter Anniversary! As your District Secretary, I am honored to join you in celebrating this meaningful milestone under the theme “Unite for Good.” This theme truly captures the essence of your club’s journey—where unity, commitment, and shared responsibility have strengthened your service and fellowship through the years.

RC Kankabato has consistently shown that strong organizations are built on cooperation and trust. Your timely compliance, active participation in district initiatives, and harmonious collaboration among officers and members reflect a club that understands the value of unity in sustaining good governance and impactful service. When clubs unite internally and with the district, Rotary’s mission becomes clearer and stronger.

As you mark another year of existence, may “Unite for Good” continue to inspire you to work hand in hand—within your club, across clubs, and with the communities you serve. Congratulations to your past and present leaders, and to every member who has contributed to the club’s success. May RC Kankabato continue to grow, serve, and unite for the greater good. Happy Charter Anniversary! 🎉



Bonifacio Tordillo Jr.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS

To my fellow Rotarians of Kankabato,

Warmest congratulations to the Rotary Club of Kankabato on your Charter Anniversary! As your Assistant Governor, it is a privilege to celebrate with you under this year's inspiring theme, "Unite for Good." This theme perfectly reflects the spirit of your club—bringing together members, leaders, and communities to serve with purpose, passion, and unity.

Over the years, RC Kankabato has proven that collaboration is the cornerstone of meaningful service. Through your projects, fellowship, and dedication, you have shown that when Rotarians unite, the impact multiplies, lives are transformed, and communities flourish. Your unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals continues to set a shining example for other clubs in the district.

As you commemorate another year of service, may "Unite for Good" continue to guide your efforts—strengthening bonds within your club, inspiring partnerships across the district, and empowering your community through collective action. Congratulations to all your past and present members, and may RC Kankabato continue to grow as a beacon of hope, service, and unity. Happy Charter Anniversary! 



Al Anthony F. Casal
**EXECUTIVE'S
INSIGHTS**

To my club officers and members,

Warmest greetings to the Rotary Club of Kankabato on this special day, as we celebrate another year of service, fellowship, and impact. It is with deep gratitude and humility that I share this message as your 14th Club President. Reflecting on our journey, I am reminded that our strength lies not in numbers, but in our unity—living our theme “Unite for Good” every day through action, compassion, and commitment.

As I lead this wonderful family of Rotarians, I am inspired by the dedication of our past leaders, whose vision and tireless efforts built the strong foundation we stand on today. I am humbled by the passion of our members, whose hearts and hands continue to transform our community. Together, we have learned that service is not just a duty, but a privilege—and that when we unite for good, we create ripples of hope and change that reach far beyond what we can imagine.

On this Charter Anniversary, let us celebrate not only our achievements but the bond that keeps us moving forward—our shared purpose, our shared values, and our shared dreams. May our club continue to shine as a beacon of service, inspire the next generation of Rotarians, and leave a lasting legacy in the lives we touch. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as your 14th President. Happy Charter Anniversary, RC Kankabato!



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

*Mar Angelo S. Lim*

SECRETARY'S EXCLUSIVE SESSION

Greetings!

As we move forward into **December**, please take note of our upcoming schedules and activities. Your active participation is essential to ensure the success of all club programs and initiatives. Kindly mark your calendars and plan accordingly:

Scheduled Meetings & Activities:

- December 4, 2025 - Feeding Program Activity
- December 5, 2025 - Job Fair (Area 3 Activity @Rob North)
- December 17, 2025 - Fourth Regular Meeting
- December 20, 2025 - Charter Anniversary @KuSag Beach House
- December 25, 2025 - Christmas Gift Giving @ PP Kumar's Residence

Reminders:

1. Attendance and punctuality for all meetings and activities are highly encouraged.
2. For the Feeding Program and Gift Giving, please come prepared to assist in any assigned tasks, and coordinate with your respective team leaders.
3. For the Charter Anniversary, kindly wear Hawaiian-inspired and bring gifts for our exchange gifts activity.
4. Updates or changes in schedules will be communicated promptly. Please check emails, messages, and club platforms regularly.
5. Let us all continue to embody Rotary's commitment to service above self by actively participating and contributing to the success of each activity.

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication. Let us work together to make December a month of meaningful service and positive impact for our community.



PP Analiza F. Yu

MONEY MATTERS UPDATES

Dear Rotarians,

I hope this message finds you all well. As the treasurer of our club, I wanted to provide you with some important financial updates and reminders to ensure the smooth operation of our organization and transparency in our financial matters.

1. Membership & RI Dues:

- A friendly reminder to all members who have not yet paid their annual membership dues. These dues are vital to supporting our club's activities and projects. Please submit your dues by contacting me through my messenger account.

2. Expense Reimbursements:

- If you have incurred expenses on behalf of the club for approved purposes, please ensure you submit your reimbursement requests along with proper receipts and documentation. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensure everyone is reimbursed promptly.

3. Budget Review:

- We have reviewed and approved the club's budget for the current fiscal year, which includes allocations for various projects and activities. If you have any questions or need more information about the budget, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

4. Financial Transparency:

- We are committed to maintaining transparency in our financial operations. If any member would like to review our financial statements or have questions about our financial practices, please reach out to me to schedule a meeting or request the necessary documentation.

I want to express my gratitude to all members for their financial contributions and responsible handling of club funds. Your support enables us to continue our mission of making a positive impact on our community. If you have any financial-related inquiries, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your feedback is essential in ensuring the financial health and sustainability of our club.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to working together to achieve our club's financial goals and objectives.

Best regards,

PP. Analiza F. Yu
Club Treasurer

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THIRD REGULAR/FELLOWSHIP MEETING, RY 2025-2026

December 17, 2025

PROGRAM

Call to Order	Pres. Al Anthony Casal
Prayer	AVP
Philippine National Anthem	AVP
Rotary Hymn	AVP
Recitation of the Object of Rotary & The Four Way Test	AVP
Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Sec. Mar Angelo Lim

Fellowship

Joke Time
Finest Moments

Business Portion

Treasurer's Time	Rtn. Analiza Yu
Secretary's Time	Sec. Mar Angelo Lim
President's Time	Pres. Al Anthony Casal
Adjournment	Pres. Al Anthony Casal

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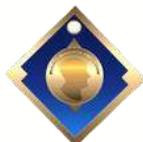
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