

ROTARY HYMN

I want to be a Rotarian for the world,
Make the Rotary flag be a flag of peace unfurled;
I will serve my community,
Help to seek international unity.
Through Rotary, I will dedicate my all,
World understanding shall be my cherished goal.

Refrain: With the Four Way Test
I will pursue my quest
And if I, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then I won't have lived in vain.


I'll observe service above self,
Lend a hand to all who need my help;
I'll get my spouse to involve in Rotary
And in Rotary ways I will train my family.

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We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.

Build a bridge for tomorrow's youth,
Strengthened by nothing but the truth;
Let's join our hands, there's no reason to divide.
We shall all understand, while the good Lord is our guide.

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We'll pursue our quest
And if we, in a way help obtain
Peace in the world
Then we won't have lived in vain.

Peace be achieved,
So we won't have lived in vain.




The Central Connection

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IMAGINE ROTARY



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The FOUR-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?

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.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life;
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect;
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world;
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians;
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

ROTARY OBSERVATION MONTHS



Birthday Celebrators

OCTOBER

- 5 - Spouse Nimfa Mari
- 6 - Rtn. John Farid Macaludos
- 14 - Rtn. Junette Hurtado
- 16 - Rtn. Federico Duga
- 18 - Rtn. Kahar Dalaten
- 22 - Nathalie Intrepido
- 23 - Donnah Go
- 28 - Rtn. Jun Daraug
- 28 - Rtn. Allan de Lima

NOVEMBER

- 6 - Rosalinda Duga
- 19 - Rtn. Baya Hollite
- 23 - Spouse Regina Punsalan
- 27 - PP Johnny Cueva



PROGRAMME

November 8, 2022 | Kiosk, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal

PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER

PART II. MEETING PROPER

Call to Order	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan
Invocation	Rtn. Kristian Labiao
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	Rtn. Mary Cris Vargas
Presentation of the Speaker	Moderator
Presentation of a Model on Integrated Intervention for Community Enterprise and Development	Rtn. Allan Claudio de Lima <i>Speaker</i>
Open Forum	
Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Dagny Pingoy
Secretary's Report	Sec. Sarah Gapas
Adjournment	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan

PART III. FELLOWSHIP

Moderator:
Rtn. Neville Mari

Invocation



Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for the countless blessings and mercies you have shown us. You have strengthened us in times of trial and held us up in the face of adversity. You have granted us this beautiful and bountiful organization united in service. You have granted us the fruits of freedom, of worship, and hard work. Remind us to be humble in our abundance and to remember the sacrifice of those who came before us and who so trusted in You. Let their example remind us to renew that trust, to always be thankful, to always be obedient to your hand and to be no less strong in our values. This we pray, Amen.



Club President's Message

Rtn. Benjie V. Hoksuan

Salute to all the members for a well-applauded and successful District Governor's Visit held last October 15, 2022. We gave our District Governor, COS Jet Bernardo, and DS Jong Fernandez an unforgettable experience – from showcasing our ongoing club project at El-Ulit Elementary School to the warm welcome of all the members during the General Membership Meeting at Cinco Niñas. It was a tiring day but did not end up without attending the Governor's Night in General Santos City. Thank you for your enormous support!

We were saddened as Typhoon Paeng ravaged the areas of Cotabato City and Upi in Maguindanao wherein not only properties were damaged but also lives were lost. The effect of the typhoon marked another page in the history of Mindanao. But with your help and other volunteer organizations, those areas started to stand up again. Prayers is one of the most powerful tools, indeed. And thank you to those who offered and also shared their resources to the victims.

Moreover, in less than 2 months, 2022 will bid goodbye however, there are still lot of projects that we will be enjoying. The project at El-Ulit Elementary School will be ended at the first week of December and we will also have our Medical, Dental, and Optical Mission soon. November is also the Foundation month and we are calling our generous members to donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Once again, thank you and mabuhay ang RCKC!

CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS



LORETA C. SY, PHF+4
Rotary Year 2013-2014
"Engage Rotary, Change Lives"



ORLANDO N. DELA CRUZ⁺
Rotary Year 2014-2015
"Light Up Rotary"



OSCAR PAGUNSAN
Rotary Year 2015-2016
"Be a Gift to the World"



FREDERICK D. CAYABYAB, PHF
Rotary Year 2016-2017
"Rotary Serving Humanity"



JUANITO C. CUEVA, PHF+2
Rotary Year 2017-2018
"Rotary: Making a Difference"



LEODEGARIO R. SANTOS, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2018-2019
"Be the Inspiration"



DAPHNY DORRIS P. DOMINGO, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2019-2020
"Rotary Connects the World"



RYAN G. DELA CRUZ, PHF
Rotary Year 2020-2021
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"



MARYBELLE S. AGREDA, PHF+1
Rotary Year 2021-2022
"Serve to Change Lives"

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Bulig para sa #PaengPH Victims



Secretary's Report

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas



1. The Rotary Club Central was updated and the Service Projects were posted in the RI website. Likewise, on November 7, 2022, the club's attendance and activity report and e-bulletin were submitted to the district.
2. Pres. Benjie and Spouse Jane responded to the call of Areas 3FGH for a joint project dubbed as Bulig para sa #PaengPH victims wherein various goods handed over to the Rotary Club of Koronadal President Mary Jean Asum last October 31, 2022. The said assistance was delivered in Upi, Maguindanao last November 5, 2022. Also, Rtn. Sarah Gapas with Spouse Antonio and Rtn. Kristian Labiao with Spouse Hebah distributed rice, canned goods, blankets and pre-loved clothes to the victims of typhoon Paeng in Kusiong, Datu Odin Sinsuat Maguindanao last November 5, 2022. The area was one of the most devastated places hit by the said typhoon.
3. Donors for RCKC's projects:
 - 4th IP Day celebration
 - PDS Pitok Sueno – 1 sack rice
 - PAG Loreta Sy – 1 sack rice
 - Rtn. Alejandro Sarmiento – 1 sack rice
 - PP Ryan dela Cruz – 1 sack rice
 - Rtn. Mike Matinong – 1 sack rice
 - PP Juanito Cueva – ½ sack rice
 - Rtn. Jibril Labiao – ½ sack rice
 - Rtn. Dagny Pingoy – ½ sack rice
 - Rtn. Han Sueno – ½ sack rice
 - Rtn. Krisjun Punsalan – ½ sack rice
 - Rtn. Sarah Gapas – pre-loved clothes
 - Rtn. Junette Hurtado – pre-loved clothes
 - Rtn. Dagny Pingoy – donated snacks for 50 heads served during the culmination of literacy and livelihood project at El Ulit Elementary school
 - Additional contribution/donation for the rug making project:
 - DG Lilu Aliño – P2,000
 - PP Leo Santos – P1,000
 - Rtn. Federico Duga – P1,000

Presidential Message



Jennifer Jones

RI President 2022-2023

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It was also a tremendous opportunity to spotlight female health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, we are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan is one of only two countries in the world where wild poliovirus remains endemic. (The other is neighboring Afghanistan.) I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5. I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all firsthand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise \$50 million this year to earn the full 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

There's great cause for optimism on the polio front — but also some staggering new events that have further raised the stakes. Over the past few months, new polio outbreaks have occurred in Israel, the United Kingdom and, most recently, in the New York City area. These stories are frightening, but in every case, the response is clear — vaccines work, and if polio is spreading, we need to make sure the most at-risk people have kept their vaccinations up to date.

Most importantly, we need to eradicate this virus now. If polio exists anywhere, it can spread everywhere. What I saw in Pakistan convinced me that we can and must finish the job, but it will only happen if we remain committed to a strategy that's working and back it with all necessary resources.

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will #EndPolio.

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

October 15, 2022: The Governor's Night held at Venue 88, General Santos City



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October 15, 2022: The Governor's Visit held at Dahlia Hall, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal



Trustee's Chair Message

Ian H.S. Risely



Many of you will recall my challenge to Rotary clubs when I was RI president in 2017-18: to plant one tree per member to help the environment. Thanks to you, we estimate over 4 million trees went into the ground in Rotary's name — quite a forest indeed.

This month, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, let's remember that each Foundation project is much like planting a tree. With each sapling of hope, health, and peace we plant through the Foundation, we make an investment in the future that will one day grow into something even greater.

Such a tree was planted by Rotary in Sri Lanka, where more than 2,000 children born annually with a congenital heart defect can now get a corrective surgery that allows them to survive to adulthood. Local Rotarians identified the need to make the surgery more available and effective, and rallied 17 Rotary districts around the world to contribute District Designated Funds. After the Foundation matched those funds, a total global grant of \$365,000 was used to create the first human heart-valve tissue bank in Sri Lanka, with the government providing the building, staffing, and supplies to ensure its sustainability.

Visiting this life-saving facility in 2017 was an unforgettable experience for me. But I have seen countless other great "trees" planted across our seven areas of focus. We planted PolioPlus in 1985 and it has grown into one of the greatest public health initiatives in history, helping reduce cases of wild poliovirus by 99.9 percent. Seven Rotary Peace Centers around the world have also taken root and are now bearing fruit as scores of peacebuilders and community leaders go forth with the skills to make the world more safe and secure.

Charity Navigator, an independent agency, has given The Rotary Foundation its highest ranking for more than a decade. Why? Our overhead expense level is much lower than most similar organizations — 91 percent of gifts to the Foundation go to programs and operations. Not only are we efficient stewards, but Rotary's requirement of a community-needs assessment for global grants helps ensure the sustainability of our projects over the long term. And the Foundation is a charity you can trust because it is run by your fellow Rotarians.

However, only about 38 percent of members actively support our own organization's great charity. We can and should do better. Just as I challenged you to plant trees as president, as Foundation trustee chair I would like to challenge each club to make a giving plan for our Rotary Foundation this year.

Imagine our impact — Rotary's great forest of hope and peace that will flourish — and please give today.

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