

# 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.

**Refrain:** With the Four Way Test  
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.

**Refrain:** With the Four Way Test  
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

Club of Koronadal Central  
District 3860 - Area 3H | Club ID #: 85186  
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## IMAGINE ROTARY



Meets every Tuesday at 7:00PM Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine & Restaurant  
Gensan Drive, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato  
Telephone NumberL (083) 228-9365

## 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



# February Celebrators

## Birthdays

**Feb 2 - Spouse Ruth Santos**



## Anniversaries

**Feb 04 – PDS Pitok and Spouse Luchie Sueno**

**Feb 10 – IPP Marybelle & Spouse Toto Agreda**

**Feb 15 – Rtn. Jiji & Spouse Nonon Sy**

## PROGRAMME

*February 7, 2023 | CN Kiosk, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal*

<b>PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER</b>	
<b>PART II. MEETING PROPER</b>	
Call to Order	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan
Invocation	Rtn. Maribel Hollite
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	Rtn. Neville Mari
Introduction of the Guest Speaker	Moderator
Presentation of the Guest Speaker Topic: <i>Tax Enforcement &amp; Collection</i>	Marloun C. Gumbao, CPA, MBA, REB
Open Forum	
Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Dagny Pingoy
Secretary's Report	PE/Sec. Sarah Gapas
President's Time and Adjournment	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan
<b>PART III. FELLOWSHIP</b>	
<b>Moderator: PP Johnny C. Cueva</b>	

## Invocation



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your continuing grace on our lives guiding us towards your great love, meaning and purpose. Help us in Rotary to see others as you see them so we can direct your grace and love towards them and if it is your will, the privilege to help them in their time of need. Dear Lord, keep us and our loved ones safe in your arms. During our Rotary times together be with us in our decision making and conversation so that we can bring glory to You. In this we pray in your most Holy name, Amen.



## Club President's Message

Rtn. Benjie V. Hoksuan

The club pillars convened last January 25, 2023 to discuss and decide on important matters related to the club's RI record through the website and review of the midyear report. There were also concerns from the incoming President that was properly addressed. The agreements will be relayed to the members in proper time hence, for now let us convey our wishes to PE Sarah Gapas and her Secretary-Elect for their attendance to the February 17-18, 2023 PETS-SETS in Butuan City.

Also, the schedule for Districtwide activities such as DISTAS, DISCON, and RI Convention were posted in the Secretary's Report for your information and reference. We are encouraging attendees for the said events and please do not hesitate to notify me. Your presence is such a big help to the club.

The required club's Midyear Accomplishment Report had been submitted on time through Area 3H Assistant Governor Randy Baldelovar. On February 2, 2023, District Governor Lilo Aliño with Chief of Staff Dr. Jet visited the General Santos City, Polomolok, and City of Koronadal Rotary clubs. It was attended by the imaginative Presidents of Areas 3F, 3G, and 3H. During the activity, Rotary Club of Metro Koronadal was warmly welcomed, as a new organized club in Area 3H. The visit followed by the Area 3FGH Committee Meeting sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marbel (Koronadal). The meeting ended around 7:30 in the evening with an enjoyable fellowship.

## CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS



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



**ORLANDO N. DELA CRUZ<sup>+</sup>**  
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

January 25, 2023 Meeting @ Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine, City of Koronadal



# Secretary's Report

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas



1. The January 2023 report was submitted today, February 7, 2023 through the District website and also the Rotary Club Central accomplishment has been updated.



2. Please be reminded of the following incoming Rotary Events:

**Feb 17-18, 2023 - DTTS/PETS/SETS**  
The Pavilion at Watergate  
Butuan City Reg: 3,000

**Apr 22-23, 2023 - DISTAS**  
Panglao, Bohol

**May 4-6, 2023 - DISCON**  
Waterfront Cebu

**May 27-31, 2023 - Rotary Convention**  
Melbourne, Australia

# Presidential Message

**Jennifer Jones**

RI President 2022-2023



Recently, I spent time in the Nakivale refugee settlement in Uganda. As the "settlement" in its name suggests, the people living there are free to move around and integrate as best they can — one thing that makes the place unique.

I had a chance to play soccer with boys and girls from about a dozen nations and talk with women who had fled areas of conflict. It was a tapestry of human experience shared through both laughter and tears.

As I walked across a school campus at the settlement with a teacher, she shared with me the dire statistics on girls' education. Most don't get through grade school. Many are sold into child marriage to pay for food for their families. As I looked around at these young girls, I was gutted.

Our work with empowering girls and women is much more than creating equity — sometimes, it's about health or education. Other times it's about providing safety. Regardless of the path, it's always about basic human rights.

We can do more to empower girls and women, and we can expand how we share the progress Rotary members and our partners have made toward this goal.

There is no shortage of inspiring examples of our work, from interest-free microcredit loans for women in Nigeria, to projects in India that provide girls menstrual hygiene products. Hundreds of projects are taking place across all Rotary areas of focus and are making a meaningful and often lifesaving difference.

Together, we can address the needs and inequities that girls throughout the world face daily. But we must also monitor the impact of these projects and create awareness of Rotary resources and subject matter experts, including Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, Rotary Peace Fellows, and others.

It is especially important that we tell the stories of our initiatives that have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. This last point is near and dear to my heart. This means sharing our stories on social media, through local news outlets, in this magazine, and wherever we can inspire others.

As you do so, it's important to provide information that helps our Rotary family connect with others who are implementing activities in their regions, as well as across the world. Let's share our successes and learn from one another — then proudly tell our stories to a larger audience.

These are exciting times in Rotary, and the world is taking notice. As we work to empower women and girls to step into their full potential, we create new pathways for membership growth and greater collaboration with partners to create positive, lasting change. Thank you for your continued action in this vital effort.

# Trustee's Chair Message

*Ian H.S. Riseley*



One of the fascinating things about Rotary is that we are many things at once. We are a service organization based on action. We are also a professional and community networking group, not to mention a place to find friendship and fun.

And, when you stop to think about it, you and I are also part of a peace organization. I saw this in 2013 when I represented Rotary at an international symposium on advancing a peaceful democratic transition for Myanmar. Despite recent setbacks, the fact that Rotary was at the table demonstrates that the world sees us as peacebuilders who are not deterred by the most difficult issues.

How did we earn this reputation? Through literacy projects that help people expand their minds and viewpoints. And through water, sanitation, and hygiene projects that create common ground for communities in conflict. The Rotary Action Group for Peace promotes hands-on service projects, and our annual international conventions unite thousands in a celebration of global harmony.

Perhaps the most visible face of this cause is the Rotary Peace Centers program, now in its 21st year. Today, more than 1,600 Rotary Peace Fellows are advancing the cause of peace in more than 140 countries. On 1 February, we open applications for the next generation of peace fellows. Encourage your local peacebuilders to learn about Rotary and apply for this unique fellowship.

And soon, we'll be recruiting fellows for a new peace center in the Middle East and North Africa region as we begin working this year with a recently selected partner university. Made possible by a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, the addition of this center furthers Rotary's vision of peacemaking in action.

As we celebrate Rotary's 118th anniversary and Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we can be proud of the many ways Rotary promotes peace. Without The Rotary Foundation, and your support of it, none of that would be possible.

You can directly support this work through the Foundation by visiting [rotary.org/donate](https://rotary.org/donate) and selecting the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus. I also encourage you to contribute to the Ian and Juliet Riseley Endowed Fund in The Rotary Foundation to support peace projects.

If Paul Harris could see us now, he would be amazed by the astonishing growth of the little club he founded in 1905 and the global force for good — and peace — that Rotary is today.