

## 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



# March Celebrators

- **March 1**  
Rtn. Kristine Hazel J. Eugenio
- **March 16**  
Rtn. Alejandro T. Sarmiento



## PROGRAMME

March 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	PP Juanito C. Cueva
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	Rtn. Allan de Lima
Introduction of the Speaker	Moderator
Presentation of the Speaker Topic: <i>Illegal Termination</i>	Atty. Diosdado W. Guillermo <i>Former PAO Lawyer and NLRC Arbitrator</i>
Open Forum	
Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Dagny S. Pingoy
Secretary's Report	PE/Sec. Sarah M. Gapas
President's Time and Adjournment	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan
<b>PART III. FELLOWSHIP</b>	
<b>Moderator: Rtn. Maribel S. Hollite</b>	

### Invocation



Almighty Father, we are delighted that you have brought us together and allowed us to have this momentous activity with our family in Rotary. We pray for your blessings filled with hope, joy and optimism. Keep us strong in any circumstances that this world will bring. In everything we do for your glory and honor. In this we pray in your most Holy Name. Amen.



# Club President's Message

Rtn. Benjie V. Hoksuan

Greetings to everyone!

We have a productive meeting last February 7, 2023 with our resource speaker Mr. Marloun Gumbao of the City Government of Koronadal. His topic indeed gave us more knowledge and idea about tax collection.

On the other hand, I would like to commend Rtn. Krisjuper Punsalan on the recently conducted IP Empowerment and Youth Leadership Summit last February 24-26, 2023 and to PAG Loreta Sy, PE Sarah Gapas, Rtn. BM Miguel Matinong, and Rtn. Maribel Hollite for their utmost support during the activity. Moreover, to IPP Marybelle Agreda, Rtn. BM Miguel Matinong and his Spouse, and Rtn. Donnah Lorenzo for the handover of food packs and powdered milk to cleft palate patients at Norala District Hospital in line with celebration of the 118<sup>th</sup> RI Anniversary and Rotary Week. Related to that, last February 26, 2023 was the Sportsfest held at Holy Trinity College, General Santos City. It was challenging and fun as Rotarians, Spouses, Rotaractors, and Rotakids joined the ballgames and fun games regardless of age. The club with the Rotary Club of Metro Koronadal and Central Polomolok belongs to the Team Blue. Thank you and congratulations to us!

Join me by donating to The Rotary Foundation! I would like to encourage those members who are not yet PHF to donate or those who would like to become a sustaining member. Your generosity will surely return to you in hundred folds.

Tonight, I would like to welcome and thank our Resource Speaker, Atty. Guillermo for he will share important things that would be helpful to us especially to those members with businesses. So, let us listen and learn. Salamat po!

## 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

February 7, 2023 Meeting @ Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine, City of Koronadal



## Secretary's Report

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas



1. The PRM Ordering Form and its corresponding validated deposit slip was submitted to the PRM Office via email. Kindly check your respective emails if RY 2022-2023 PRM issues is send to you and please find time to read the Philippine Rotary Magazine.
2. The Club Listing for the DISCON 2023 was also submitted to the email provided by the district and was acknowledged on the same day. Thank you to Rtn. Dagny Pingoy who facilitated the payments of our financial obligations.
3. The club's February 2023 report was submitted last March 5, 2023 through the District website. The Rotary Club Central was also updated via RI website.



4. Encouraging the members to join the upcoming District activities listed below:
  - **District Training Assembly (DISTAS / DTA)**  
April 21-22, 2023 at Henann Resort Alona Convention Center, Panglao Island, Bohol
  - **District Conference (DISCON)**  
May 4-6, 2023 at Waterfront Cebu City
  - **Rotary International Convention (RI Convention)**  
May 27-31, 2023 at Melbourne, Australia

**Rotaract Club of STI College Koronadal, STI College of Koronadal and its SSG in partnership with the Rotary Club of Koronadal Central conducted the Gift-Giving and Outreach Program at Esperanza Elementary School last February 14, 2023**



## *Presidential Message*



**Jennifer Jones**  
RI President 2022-2023

As we planned for this Rotary year, I could have never "imagined" the breadth of stories we would encounter nor the scope of the people we would meet. I find oxygen in sharing time with our members — hearing their truths and learning about their personal journeys and their deepest desires for goodness. And so it was that I encountered two very different men with very similar stories.

One-hundred-year-old Genshitsu Sen is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. We greeted each other in Kyoto, during my trip to Japan in November, with a hug and an instant connection.

Not only is Sen a former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition but he is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Kyoto, where he has served as club president. He assisted in the charter of the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South. And he has also served as governor of District 2650 and held leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

During that same week, I had the great pleasure to record a birthday video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero who is an exemplary leader and who served two terms as governor of District 5810 in Texas.

Both men are decorated World War II heroes in their respective countries and share unthinkable history. And although they served on opposing sides of the war, their stories are remarkably similar — and they are both honorable men who chose Rotary to carry on lives of peacemaking.

I have been reflecting so much lately that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different. I feel incredibly fortunate to share in these stories and to meet such incredible people.

# Trustee's Chair Message

*Ian H.S. Risely*



Living in Australia, you think a lot about water. When you travel to the nati... the Outback, you can't help but wonder how such an arid climate has supported life for millennia. There, each sip of water feels precious.

Each sip seems to get more precious by the day as climate change continues to impact water supply everywhere. Where Juliet and I live, on the temperate coast not far from Melbourne, I remember times not long ago when water supplies were so low that severe usage restrictions were put into place. We now live on rainwater that falls onto our roof and is collected in a tank. In many parts of the world, people don't have that luxury.

Water is essential for life no matter where we live. Yet many of us take it for granted. Think of all the times today you turned on the tap. About 1 in 4 people in the world have quite a different experience when they do — if they have a tap at all. Today, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, according to the United Nations. It is heartbreaking that each year, about 300,000 children under age 5 die from diarrheal diseases caused by poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water — all preventable circumstances.

This is where Rotary comes in. Through your support, The Rotary Foundation provides water and sanitation for countless communities around the globe. Foundation global grants have ranged from providing toilets and hygiene education for villages in the Philippines to building infrastructure for year-round access to safe, affordable drinking water in Brazil.

The water and sanitation problems that we face are too great for any of us to solve alone. But whether we work with global grant partner districts across the world or with large agencies such as USAID, we are making a difference.

When thinking of teaming up to provide safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene, remember that one of our greatest partners is right here within the family of Rotary: Rotaract.

Effective this Rotary year, Rotaract clubs may apply for global grants. I encourage Rotary and Rotaract clubs to work together on existing grants and for Rotary clubs to support grants sponsored by Rotaract clubs. Together, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are going to take the power of the Foundation to a new level.

The Rotary Foundation has more potential than ever to make a difference in the water and sanitation challenges we all face, thanks to your generous support.

## Attendance of the incoming club leaders to the DTTS and PETS/SETS 2023 last February 17-18, 2023 at The Pavillion at Watergate, Butuan City



Relative to the 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary International and Areas 3FGH Rotary Week Celebration, RCKC donated food packs and powdered milk to the 40 successfully operated Cleft lip and palate patients at Norala District Hospital, Norala, South Cotabato.



February 24-26, 2023: Combined peace and development efforts through IP Empowerment and Youth Leadership Summit to 80 participants from the conflict-affected sitios of Barangay Laconon, T'boli.





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