

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
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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



April Celebrators

- **April 4**
PP/Spouse Moise Rhonell Hollite II
- **April 26**
Rtn. Hebah Abdullah Labiao



PROGRAMME

April 4, 2023, 6:00 PM | Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal

PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER

PART II. MEETING PROPER

Call to Order	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan
Invocation	PAG Loreta C. Sy
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	Rtn. Neville Mari
Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Dagny S. Pingoy
Secretary's Report	PE/Sec. Sarah M. Gapas
President's Time and Adjournment	Pres. Benjie V. Hoksuan

PART III. FELLOWSHIP

Moderator: SE Kristine Hazel Eugenio

Invocation



Father God, thank you for your daily word. Thank you that within it there are many promises that will bring success and prosperity in our lives. Open our minds to receive it and grant us the grace to put in in action through our works in Rotary. Give us a willing spirit to follow your instructions. Father, give us strength, skill and wisdom to make right decisions. By Your Holy Spirit guide us and our organization to be in the right place at the right time. Thank you for opening the doors of opportunity by gathering us once again in this place. We look to you for success in every club undertaking. This we pray in Your most precious Name. Amen.



Club President's Message

Rtn. Benjie V. Hoksuan

Warmest greetings to all the energetic and cooperative RCKC family!

We had an interactive meeting last time with Atty. Diosdado W. Guillermo, who generously dedicated his time to answer various inquiries about the topic on illegal termination of employees and its corresponding cases, sharing us some tips also on how to avoid situations. Thank you also to those who attended as well as to PE Sarah who presented her line of officers for the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

This week is a holy celebration for all our members with Catholic faith, the final week of Lent. This is a time when Catholics gathered to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ – life, death and resurrection. Also, it coincides with the holy month of Ramadan for our Muslim brothers/sisters - fasting, prayer, practice of self-sacrifice/control, and empathy to those who are less fortunate. Each celebration indicates our faith in the one who is most Superior to us.

With that, through Rotary, we express our love to the community by providing the needs and lifting the lives of those left unattended. The Rotary Year 2022-2023 is almost come to an end and the district is now preparing for the next club leaders. I believed that some of us already registered in the DTA Bohol on April 21-22, 2023 as well as to DISCON 2023 in Cebu City on Mary 4-6, 2023. I am also encouraging you to support PE Sarah Gapas on her Presidency and her Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, just like what you extended to me. Leading a club is not easy but with your commitment, nothing is impossible.

Finally, let us enjoy our meeting and thank you for your attendance tonight. God bless us all!

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"

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Note: To be updated

No.	Rotarians	Classification	Spouse
1	Abayon, Leonor C.	Insurance Brokerage	-
2	Agreda, Marybelle S.	Fuel Distribution	Adonis
3	Balaoing, Gideliza R.		
4	Basilio, Lino E.	Restaurant Management	Veronica
5	Cayabyab, Frederick D.	Commercial Banking	
6	Cueva, Juanito C.	Security Services	Yolanda
7	Dalaten, Kaharudin G.	Government Service-Provincial	
8	Daraug, Vannessa Joy D.		
9	Daraug, Ricardo D.		
10	Daraug, Rickson Jay D.		
11	Dela Cruz, Ryan G.	School Administration-Tertiary	Iaisha
12	De Lima, Allan C.	Government Service-City	-
13	Domingo, Daphny Dorris P.	Government Service-Environmental	-
14	Elauria, Dobie Josh R.		-
15	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B.		-
16	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	
17	Felix, Jinna I.	Government Service-Transportation	
18	Gapas, Sarah M.	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
19	Go, Enrico Jacinto A.	School Administration-Tertiary	
20	Hoksuan, Benjie V.	Government Service-Treasurer	Mary Jane
21	Hollite, Maribel S.	Cable Management	Moises Rhonell
22	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I.	Government Service-Board Member	-
23	Ilaa, Yolanda C.	Broker	-
24	Labiao, Hebah Abdullah G.	Educational Services-Instructor	Kristian
25	Lorenzo, Donnah Marie L.	Government Service-Education	Jorge III
26	Macaludos, John Farid K.		
27	Magarang, Ana Nihara D.		
28	Magsino, Roberto		
29	Mari, Nervielle R.	Government Service-Insurance	-
30	Matinong, Miguel M.	Government Service-Board Member	
31	Pingoy, Dagny S.	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
32	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
33	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R.	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
34	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.		Glezel
35	Sueno, Bahandi B.	Restaurant Management	-
36	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D.	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
37	Sy, Loreta C.	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
38	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	
39	Taghap, Marlon N.		Arianne
40	Tenecio, Elva L.		
41	Vargas, Mary Cris		
42	Velasco, Dennis A.	Judiciary	Jennifer

Secretary's Report

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas



- The club supported the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on its Culmination Program for the National Women's Month Celebration with the theme "Pagpapahalaga sa Bawat Isa, sa Buwan ni Juana". Various activities conducted and the Rotary Club of Koronadal Central was given a Certificate of Appreciation as one of the sponsors. Thank you to the following Rotarians who attended the event, namely:
 - PAG Loreta C. Sy
 - PP Maribel S. Agreda
 - PE Sarah M. Gapas
 - SE Kristine Hazel J. Eugenio
 - Rtn. Leonor C. Abayon
- The RY 2023-2024 club officers was already registered to the RI website except to those who are not yet registered. It is recommended that the roster of members per RI list should be updated to ensure that the active members are registered and inactive ones will be delisted. This will require time and officers have to sit down in cleaning the RI members' record as well as updating of other club-related information.
- Please be reminded also of the following District activities and your attendance is hereby enjoined.
 - **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

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

March 7, 2023 Meeting @ Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine, City of Koronadal
 Guest Speaker: Atty. Diosdado W. Guillermo, Former NLRC Arbiter



Presidential Message



Jennifer Jones
 RI President 2022-2023

Introducing the Rotary Youth Network

How do you take the best from the worst?

None of us will forget how the pandemic altered our world and our lives. Each of us had to traverse this period of uncertainty, and no one had a free pass from the effects.

I personally believe this has created space for a different kind of global leadership — one that is courageous, empathetic, and vulnerable. I met my good friend Anniela Carracedo online in early 2020. She is one such leader, and I'm thrilled to turn this month's column over to her.

— Jennifer Jones

In March 2020, I had a panic attack. I couldn't breathe, and I felt a terrible pain in my chest. It had been a few days since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and I was in the middle of my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in the United States. Think about it: an 18-year-old girl stuck in a different country, with a foreign language, with people she had only met six months before. It was scary.

But I am familiar with uncertainty. I was born and raised in Venezuela, which is going through one of the worst humanitarian and political crises in the Western Hemisphere. But my mom always said, "Challenges are nothing more than needs that require a solution."

I called up my Interact and Youth Exchange friends. Together, we organized an online meeting to share projects and get inspired by what everyone else was doing during the quarantine. In that first meeting, we had 70 people, mainly students, from 17 countries.

From that beginning, we built an online platform for Rotary youths worldwide to share their experiences and inspire others with project ideas during isolation. We looked for mentors and supporters who would help our group connect young people, share cultures, and open new collaborative opportunities for international service projects. We called it Rotary Interactive Quarantine, or RIQ.

After only a year, we engaged with more than 5,000 students from 80 countries. Several of our team members became district Interact representatives and district committee members, and some of us even serve on Rotary International councils.

Eventually, quarantine restrictions were being lifted, and the needs of our participants were changing. At our last official meeting as RIQ, Past RI President Barry Rassin inspired us to create even bigger change, so we transformed RIQ into the Rotary Youth Network, or RYN.

A few of our members, including me, were selected to serve on the inaugural Interact Advisory Council, where we presented our vision for youth in Rotary to the RI Board of Directors.

Our presentation to the Board inspired President Jennifer and her team to create a Youth Advisory Council in Rotary International, which I am honored to serve on as a co-chair.

The Rotary Youth Network officially launched during a breakout session at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. Five of us, who had participated in Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, traveled across continents to launch an organization we had kicked off online two years before. The convention was also the first time we had met in person.

When my friends and I finished our talk, we realized more than 500 people were giving us a standing ovation. Tears filled our eyes, and the feeling of excitement and accomplishment took over.

Who would have thought that a panic attack would lead to this?

Trustee's Chair Message

Ian H.S. Risely



In a letter to his brother Theo in 1874, Vincent Van Gogh wrote: "If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere."

You can see Van Gogh's love of the natural world in his paintings: luminous sunflowers, gnarled olive trees, and the starry night sky over a Provençal village. When you see nature through Van Gogh's eyes or through your own, such as during a trip to the park or a beach, you can't help but stop to appreciate it. And when you love nature, you also want to take care of it.

April is Environmental Month for Rotary, and Earth Day is the 22nd. Marking the occasion with local projects such as roadside cleanups is fantastic and makes a difference. Consider also thinking big about protecting the environment — one of Rotary's seven areas of focus — by partnering with other clubs and districts on a larger-scale project funded through The Rotary Foundation.

The more our clubs work together on larger projects, the more we accomplish. Supported by a Foundation global grant, Rotary clubs in Pennsylvania and Brazil teamed up to provide plastic-processing equipment for a waste pickers cooperative in the city of Rio Claro. The workers, who recover recyclables from trash, increased their income by 50 percent and expanded the cooperative, while contributing to a cleaner environment.

Acting big is also one of the main ideas behind the Foundation's Programs of Scale. With each \$2 million grant distributed over a program's three- to five-year duration, the work done on the ground scales up to fulfill the potential for long-term sustainable change. The 2021-22 Programs of Scale recipient, Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, is hard at work right now on solutions aimed at reducing the country's maternal and neonatal mortality rates.

Programs of Scale grants are among the most exciting developments of Rotary and its Foundation in recent years. They will have a big impact on the world. Remember that Programs of Scale grants take nothing away from your Foundation grant projects; the money invested is a relatively small portion of the Foundation's total. In addition, The Rotary Foundation designed Programs of Scale to foster greater partnerships, which can include co-funding the initiative.

So, think big this month — about the environment and about global grants and Programs of Scale — and you will see that, when it comes to the good we can do through our Foundation, the "starry night" sky's the limit.

Thank you so much Rotary Club of Koronadal Central for not hesitating to sponsor our hygiene kits during GAD Culmination Program. Maraming Salamat Tita Loring Past Asst. Gov Loreta Cabaies Sy and my Classmate President, Past President Marybelle Agreda for just one message away and always ready to support. Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

Once again, thank you so much for the support. It is because of kind-hearted people like you that we can make a difference in the lives of others.

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March 30, 2023 Meeting @ BIR, City of Koronadal
National Women's Month Celebration



CLUB OFFICERS FOR RY 2023-2024

RI Theme: Create Hope in the World

PRESIDENT:	SARAH M. GAPAS
VICE PRESIDENT:	KRISTIAN LABIAO
SECRETARY:	KRISTINE HAZEL EUGENIO
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:	MARIBEL S. HOLLITE
TREASURER:	DAGNY PINGOY
ASST. TREASURER:	JINNA IKBALA
AUDITOR:	ANNA NIHARA MAGARANG
SGT-AT-ARMS:	MARLON TAGHAP
IPP:	BENJIE HOKSUAN

DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Club Administration:	Loreta C. Sy
Membership Development:	Marybelle S. Agreda
Public Image and Relations:	Ryan G. Dela Cruz & Lino E. Basilio
The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus:	Perfecto D. Sueno, Jr.
Service Project:	Benjie V. Hoksuan
Community Service:	Miguel M. Matinong Marie Antonina I. Hurtado
Vocational Service:	Enrico Jacinto A. Go
Club Youth Service:	Jeff Aldrex B. Espulgar
Club Trainer/Advisers:	Juanito C. Cueva Eric D. Cayabyab Loreta C. Sy
Peace & Conflict Resolution:	Krisjufer Punsalan
Disease Prevention & Treatment:	Alejandro T. Sarmiento, Jr.
Water And Sanitation:	Nerville R. Mari
Maternal & Child Care:	Mary Cris Vargas
Basic Education & Literacy:	Donnah Marie L. Lorenzo Hebah Abdullah G. Labiao
Environmental Protection:	Daphny Dorris P. Domingo Allan C. De Lima
Fundraising :	Yolanda C. Ilaog & Kaharudin Dalaten

SPOUSES CLUB OFFICERS FOR RY 2023-2024

President:	Mary Jane C. Hoksuan
Vice President:	Arriane Taghap
Secretary:	Glezel Sarmiento
Treasurer:	Jennifer Velasco
Asst. Treasurer:	Yolanda Cueva
Auditor:	Iaisha dela Cruz
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Fundraising:	Luchie Sueno Veronica Basilio Delia Daraug



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in the WORLD

