

# 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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ROTARY CLUB OF KORONADAL CENTRAL  
Rotary Year sa 2022-2023

## IMAGINE ROTARY



Meets every Tuesday at 7:00PM Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine & Restaurant  
Gensan Drive, Brgy. Morales, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato  
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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



# May Celebrators

- **May 4**  
IPP Marybelle Agreda
- **May 18**  
Rtn. Jeff Aldrex Espulgar
- **May 21**  
Spouse Yolanda Cueva



## PROGRAMME

May 3, 2023, 6:00 PM | 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	PAG Loreta C. Sy
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	Rtn. Hazel Eugenio
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>Agenda:</b>	
1. <b>Fundraising Activity (Golf) on June 3-4, 2023</b>	
2. <b>Other matters</b>	
<b>PART III. FELLOWSHIP</b>	
<b>Moderator: Rtn. Neville Mari</b>	

### Invocation



We beseech Thee, our Heavenly Father to bestow Thy grace upon this meeting. Guide and protect us always with your Holy Spirit. As we enjoy our fellowship, one with another, may we grow in stature, so that we may be able to give more to our friends in Rotary, and in turn give strength to the ideals of Rotary in the service to mankind. Amen.



# Club President's Message

Rtn. Benjie V. Hoksuan

Greetings to my fellow Rotarians and to our very supportive Spouses!

The District Conference 2023 this week is waving at Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City. My appreciation to the members who will join with me in attending the said event. We are looking forward for an enjoyable and memorable DISCON 2023!

We will pursue with our fundraising activity through a Golf Tournament on June 3-4, 2023 at Paraiso Golf Course, Brgy. Paraiso, City of Koronadal. An initial informal meeting with some of the members was conducted to plan out the event and there were some agreements and concerns. Tonight's meeting, we will be collecting brilliant ideas from the club members especially from our Past Presidents who already conducted the same activity. We will also ensure to have more generous sponsors and golf players. The tasks/assignments will be divided to the members so that it would be easier for us. Indeed, this has a lot of preparation and we will be aiming to have a net gain to fund for our projects and eventually to the Rotary Foundation.

Moreover, congratulations to the incoming officers who attended the District Training Assembly in Panglao Island, Bohol. I know you have an amazing time and full of learning after the training. I am asking the support of the entire club for their term, the same support you extended to me.

Thank you RCKC for everything and let us enjoy the rest of the Rotary Year 2022-2023!

## 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	Ila, 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



- Great news! The club completed its goals in the Rotary Club Central of rotary.org. This is a manifestation that we achieved the Rotary Citation. Special thanks to Rtn. Treasurer Dagny Pingoy for her quick facilitation on the mandatory payments and TRF contributions. Along with that was the generous donation to the Foundation of the following:
  - PDS Perfecto Sueno, Jr. = \$1000
  - President Benjie Hoksuan = \$500
  - PP Johnny Cueva = \$500
  - Rtn. Marites Cordero = \$500
- Thank you to SE Kristine Hazel J. Eugenio who attended and represented the club during the District Training Assembly (DTA) in Bohol.
- For the DISCON 2023, the club submitted to the district the photos on "Pamaskong Sulit sa El Ulit" to showcase the project for the photo exhibit.
- The report for the month of March 2023 was submitted to the district on April 15, 2023. Though it was not included in the posted consolidated report from the district, DS Jong Fernandez and AG Randy Baldelovar were informed about the request to include the club as it was submitted within the set deadline. The request was acknowledged.
- The club's RI membership was updated last April 28, 2023. With that, we are also updating our Roster of Members posted in this bulletin and still collecting information to be able to complete the details. Kindly go through with the list and if you have concerns, kindly notify Pres. Benjie or Spouse Mary Jane, or the President-Elect to reflect the appropriate data. Thank you.
- Please be reminded also to register in the incoming Rotary International Convention (RI Convention) on May 27-31, 2023 at Melbourne, Australia.

## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

April 4, 2023 General Membership Meeting and Fellowship



## Presidential Message

**Jennifer Jones**

RI President 2022-2023



I believe it is a time in our world for brave, courageous, intentional leadership.

Last month, in this column, you heard from my dear friend Anniela Carracedo. She is an amazing member of our Rotary family, and as a past Interactor and now Rotarian, she is this kind of leader.

Anni shared a very personal story about coping with a panic attack, something that I have also experienced. The outpouring and response to this story have been tremendous and punctuate how critical it is that we acknowledge not only our strengths but our vulnerabilities too.

When we talk about finding space for one another — creating comfort and care within Rotary — we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing like Anni did, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, Rotary is a place where we know we're not alone.

We spend so much time helping our world, whether it's working to end polio, cleaning up the environment, or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we can lose track of the need to apply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to ensure that it remains a priority — and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care.

That is why I'm so heartened by President-elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the global mental health system, not only for Rotary members, but for the communities we serve.

When Gordon announced our focus on mental health at this year's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. Rotary service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives.

Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do right, and yet it builds on something that has been part of who we are for 118 years. We are People of Action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion.

Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can *Create Hope in the World*, Gordon's inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president. If we serve our members, we serve our communities, and if we can meet people where they are and lift them up, they will imagine Rotary in a new light and come to fully understand our value and our infinite potential.

## Trustee's Chair Message

*Ian H.S. Risely*



"Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can."

While we don't know its exact origin, this widely quoted saying summarizes what Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are all about: We do quite a lot of good, serving people around the world in myriad ways, and we are in it for the long haul.

How many other charities do so much good in so many ways for so many as The Rotary Foundation?

Not only do we, the volunteers, fund most of our projects, but we often contribute significant volunteer hours in organizing and executing them. The "regional offices" of our charity — also known as Rotary and Rotaract clubs — are our reliable go-to partners in the more than 200 countries and geographical areas in which we operate. And when we lack expertise in an area, we partner with outside organizations whose trust we have earned, such as the World Health Organization, to deliver results on the ground that truly change lives.

Unlike some charitable organizations, we don't take the "parachute approach" to humanitarian work. We solve problems in a sustainable way. Before we lift a shovel to start any Foundation project, we conduct community needs assessments and work closely with members of the community. The Foundation also acts quickly when needed, such as through our disaster response grants, as we did with the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Accountants like me and business and community leaders like you pay close attention to the numbers, and in this area, the Foundation is a cut above. In funding projects, we apply Rotary's traditions of fiscal responsibility and ethics to ensure the best use of the resources of our fellow members. We in Rotary are excellent stewards of our grants, with most of the funds going toward humanitarian support itself and relatively little going to grant administration costs. This is why Charity Navigator has consistently given its highest rating to The Rotary Foundation, year after year.

Because our worldwide operation is dedicated to seven areas of focus, volunteers and donors alike have ample opportunities to make a difference where help is needed most. Indeed, the potential to help through the Foundation is limitless.

So, if you are looking for a great charity to support or a way to do all the good you can, look no further than The Rotary Foundation. It is truly one of the greatest charities in the world, and it belongs to you.

## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

District Training Assembly (DTA) 2023 in Panglao Island, Bohol

*Area 3H Assistant Governor Alvin Santos with the Presidents/Secretaries*



## 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
P.R.O.:	Noel B. Aquino
Fundraising:	Luchie Sueno Veronica Basilio Delia Daraug



**CREATE HOPE**  
**in the WORLD**