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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.



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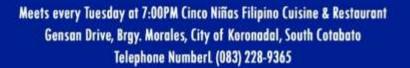
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The FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to ALL CONCERNED? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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 \checkmark life;
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect; \checkmark
- 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 nonretaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATORS



September 4 **PAG Loreta Sy**



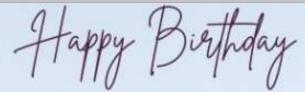


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Spouse Jane Hoksuan

Rtn. Kristian Labiao



The warmest wishes for the dearest member of our team. Besides, you make work seem less like work, and we would forever be grateful to you.

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Treasurer's Report	Rtn. Dagny S. Pingoy	
Secretary's Report	Sec. Hazel Eugenio	
President's Time and	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas	
Adjournment		
Agenda:		

- 1. Ride to End Polio (1st leg: Gensan)
- 2. Governor's Visit

PART III. FELLOWSHIP

Moderator: Rtn. Enrico Go

Invocation

Dear God, thank you for this wonderful night and for gathering us again in this place. Bless this meeting and fellowship with your divine intelligence and help us to make the best use of our own. We seek for your help with our discussions and may we come up with a unified decision. Thank you for your guidance in our personal and community lives. Finally, thank you for your Heavenly blessings. This we ask in You most Holy name, Amen.



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



R. Gordon R. McInally RI President 2023-2024

The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different

parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact. These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step.

Let's see where it takes us.

Rotarians

Abayon, Leonor C.

Basilio, Lino E.

Cueva, Juanito C.

Daraug, Ricardo D.

Dela Cruz, Ryan G.

De Lima, Allan C.

Felix. Jinna I.

Gapas, Sarah M.

Agreda, Marybelle S.

Balaoing, Gideliza R.

Cayabyab, Frederick D.

Dalaten, Kaharudin G.

Daraug, Vannessa Joy D.

Daraug, Rickson Jay D.

Elauria, Dobie Josh R.

Go, Enrico Jacinto A.

Hoksuan, Benjie V.

Hollite, Maribel S.

Ilao, Yolanda C.

Magsino, Roberto

Mari, Nervielle R.

Pingoy, Dagny S.

Sueno, Bahandi B.

Taghap, Marlon N.

Vargas, Mary Cris Velasco, Dennis A.

Tenecio, Elva L.

Sy, Loreta C.

Sy, Eleosie Y.

Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D.

Matinong, Miguel M.

Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B.

Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.

Hurtado, Marie Antonina I.

Labiao, Hebah Abdullah G.

Lorenzo, Donnah Marie L.

Macaludos, John Farid K.

Magarang, Ana Nihara D.

Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.

Santos, Leodegario Jr. R.

Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.

Domingo, Daphny Dorris P.

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ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Insurance Brokerage

Restaurant Management

Government Service-Provincial

School Administration-Tertiary

Government Service-Environmental

Government Service-Transportation

Government Service-Board Member

School Administration-Tertiary

Government Service-Treasurer

Educational Services-Instructor

Government Service-Education

Government Service-Insurance

Government Service-Military

Tire and Battery Distribution

Restaurant Management

Government Service-Board Member

Construction Materials Distribution

Government Service-City

Commercial Banking

Fuel Distribution

Security Services

Medical Services

Entrepreneurship

Cable Management

Hotel Management

Fuel Distribution

Store Management

Judiciary

Broker

Classification

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Spouse

Adonis

Veronica

Yolanda

Iaisha

Antonio

Mary Jane Moises Rhonell

Kristian

Jorge III

Gerard Samuel

Regina

Ruth

Glezel

Marilou

Arianne

Jennifer

Victoriano Sr.

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Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

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Foremost, let me thank you for your presence tonight. It is a manifestation of your support and love to Rotary. You are my fortress.

Looking back to the past two (2) months, we accomplished a lot through our service projects, may it be areawide or solely for the club. From the kick-off celebration for the Rotary New Year with children at Nelmida Elementary School last 1st July to the Brigada Eskwela 2023 at Mamali Elementary School last 18th of July, were truly inspiring. The 7 areas of focus were already covered by the conducted service projects. Therefore, I am so glad that you are the exact people whom I can rely on and thank you always for sharing your resources, time and effort.

In the succeeding days and months ahead, I am requesting for your full support until the end of my term. There were lined-up service projects, club and Area Committee meetings, fundraising events and fellowship with other Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the locality.

This coming September 10, 2023 is the Ride to End Polio (1st leg: Gensan). Register now! It is a joint fundraising event of the Rotary Clubs under Areas 3F, 3G, and 3H. And for the details, please see the specific section in this bulletin. Likewise, the official visit of the Governor will be on September 12, 2023 at 10:00am. Please come for this activity and together, we will welcome District Governor Twinkle and her team.

Many indeed mentioned that being a club President is hard but I believe that when you have supportive members, everything will become easy and smooth. Thank you for believing in me.

For now, many thanks and let's enjoy!

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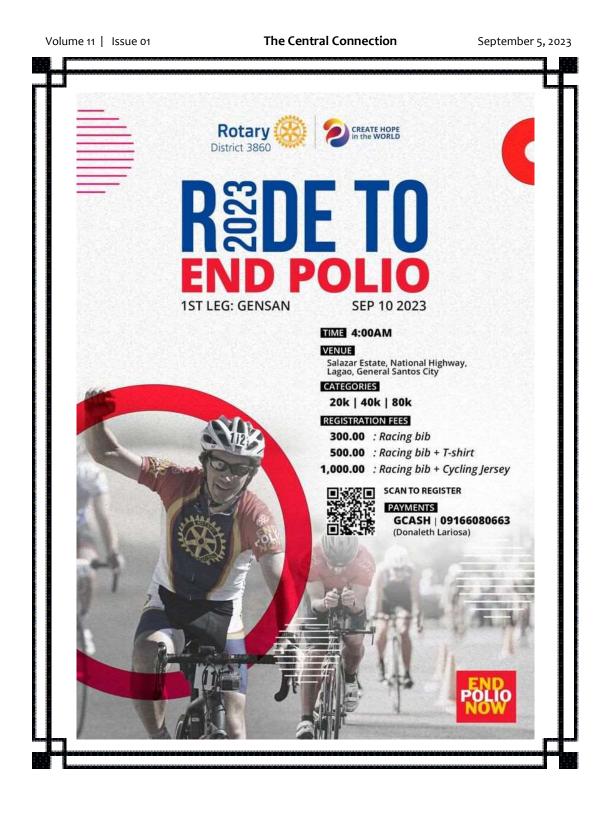
Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

- Attendance and activity report for the months of July and August 2023 were reported in the district website. Also, the goals set in the Rotary Club Central was updated and service projects was reported through Rotary Showcase.
- 2. With Pres. Sarah, represented the club during the Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting last August 13, 2023 at the Rest House of PP Edwin Valencia, Brgy. Glandang, Tupi, South Cotabato.



- 3. Please save the dates:
 - September 10, 2023 (4:00 AM) Ride to End Polio (1st leg: Gensan)
 - September 12, 2023, 10:00 am Governor's Visit Cinco Ninas, City of Koronadal



Trustee's Chair Message

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When was your Rotary moment? It's when you realize that being part of Rotary means more than just showing up for a meeting, when you discover you are part of something that changes the lives of others as it changes yours.

Barry Rassin

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I will never forget the moment when I learned about Daniel, a Haitian child. Rotary Foundation Trustee Greg Podd, who at the time was serving with me on an RI committee, had been trying to get Daniel on a plane for urgent heart surgery through the Gift of Life program. But Daniel couldn't get the visa to travel, and doctors had given him only months to live.

When Greg told me this, I remembered that Gift of Life was operating in Haiti and we could do the surgery there. This was on a Wednesday. Greg helped get ahold of Daniel's medical records. The Gift of Life surgeon I knew — who visited only once or twice every month — happened to be in Haiti. By Thursday, the surgeon had looked over the medical charts and told us that he could repair Daniel's heart but said he was traveling soon. We had to get Daniel to a medical facility by Friday morning.

Daniel and his parents rode 90 minutes on a scooter through the bumpy roads of rural Haiti to get to the facility, and the surgeon successfully performed the procedure. Thankful, Greg and I moved on to other projects.

A few months later, I got an email with a picture of Daniel. I will never forget his smiling face, despite the foot-long scar running down his chest, and what he wrote: "I know you helped me. You saved my life. Thank you."

On behalf of Daniel and countless others, I am passing along that gratitude to all Rotary members who have helped or will help this year.

The beauty of Rotary, especially with The Rotary Foundation, is that we can create these Rotary moments anytime. Just reach out to others in Rotary and discuss our work. Our caring network, our dedicated volunteers, and available resources will take care of the rest.

If two people can make such a difference, imagine what we can accomplish by working together in larger groups through The Rotary Foundation. Picture the impact of clubs within a district joining forces for a Foundation district grant to boost literacy, or two districts from different parts of the world transforming a community through a water, sanitation, and hygiene global grant.

If you haven't discovered your Rotary moment yet, keep searching. Serving Rotary through our Foundation is a great place to find it, and it will change your life.

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Attendance to the 1st Induction of the Rotary Club of Metro Koronadal held on August 12, 2023 at The Farm a Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Brigada Eskwela 2023 at Mamali Elementary School, Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat held on August 18, 2023



CLUB OFFICERS FOR RY 2023-2024

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Vocational Service: Club Youth Service: Club Trainer/Advisers:

Peace & Conflict Resolution: Disease Prevention & Treatment: Water And Sanitation: Maternal & Child Care: Basic Education & Literacy:

Environmental Protection:

Fundraising :

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

School Cleanup: Brigada Eskwela 2023 at Sta Maria Elementary School, Matalam, Cotabato last August 6, 2023







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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION August 4, 2023, the club's 11th Induction and Handover Ceremonies