

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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CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

The Official Weekly Bulletin of the
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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



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATORS



September 4
PAG Loreta Sy



September 8
Spouse Jane Hoksuan



September 20
Rtn. Kristian Labiao

Happy Birthday

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.

The Governor's Visit and Fellowship

PROGRAM

I. Registration and Dinner

II. Meeting Proper

Call to Order	PRES. SARAH M. GAPAS
Invocation	RTN. ALLAN DE LIMA
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Rotary District 3860 Theme Song	Overture
Four-Way Test and Object of Rotary	VP KRISTIAN LABIAO
Welcome Remarks	IPP BENJIE V. HOKSUAN
Introduction of Dignitaries & Guests and Club Members Present	RTN. DAGNY S. PINGOY
Charging of New Member	PAG LORETA C. SY
Induction of New Member	DG ROZANNE "TWINKLE" C. GAMBOA District 3860 Governor, RY 2023-2024
Presentation of Club's Plans & Programs	PRES. SARAH M. GAPAS
Introduction of the District Governor	AG ALBERTO N. SANTOS Area 3H Assistant Governor, RY 2023-2024
District Governor's Time and Message	DG ROZANNE "TWINKLE" C. GAMBOA
Open Forum	
Closing Message	PP JOHNNY C. CUEVA
Adjournment	SARAH M. GAPAS
III. Fellowship	
	RTN. ENRICO GO -Program Host-

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

R. Gordon R. McNally
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.

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"



FREDERICK D. CAYABYAB, PHF

Rotary Year 2016-2017
"Rotary Serving Humanity"



OSCAR PAGUNSAN

Rotary Year 2015-2016
"Be a Gift to the World"



JUANITO C. CUEVA, PHF+2

Rotary Year 2017-2018
"Rotary: Making a Difference"



EODEGARIO R. SANTOS, PHF+1

Rotary Year 2018-2019
"Be the Inspiration"



RYAN G. DELA CRUZ, PHF

Rotary Year 2020-2021
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"



DAPHNY DORRIS P. DOMINGO, PHF+1

Rotary Year 2019-2020
"Rotary Connects the World"



MARYBELLE S. AGREDA, PHF+1

Rotary Year 2021-2022
"Serve to Change Lives"



BENJIE V. HOKSUAN, PHF+1

Rotary Year 2022-2023
"Imagine Rotary"

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.	Entrepreneurship	
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	Dela Cruz, Ryan G.	School Administration-Tertiary	Iaisha
9	De Lima, Allan C.	Government Service-City	-
10	Domingo, Daphny Dorris P.	Government Service-Environmental	-
11	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B.	Government Service-Investigator	-
12	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	-
13	Felix, Jinna I.	Government Service-Transportation	
14	Gapas, Sarah M.	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
15	Go, Enrico Jacinto A.	School Administration-Tertiary	
16	Hoksuan, Benjie V.	Government Service-Treasurer	Mary Jane
17	Hollite, Maribel S.	Cable Management	Moises Rhonell
18	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I.	Government Service-Board Member	-
19	Ilaos, Yolanda C.	Real Estate Broker	-
20	Labiao, Hebah Abdullah G.	Educational Services-Instructor	Kristian
21	Lorenzo, Donnah Marie L.	Government Service-Education	Jorge III
22	Macaludos, John Farid K.	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
23	Magarang, Ana Nihara D.	Government Service-Legal (DENR)	-
24	Magsino, Roberto	Government Service	-
25	Mari, Nervielle R.	Government Service-Insurance	-
26	Matinong, Miguel M.	Government Service-Board Member	
27	Pingoy, Dagny S.	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
28	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
29	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R.	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
30	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.	Medicine	Glezel
31	Sueno, Bahandi B.	Restaurant Management	-
32	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D.	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
33	Sy, Loreta C.	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
34	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	
35	Taghap, Marlon N.	Government Service	Arianne
36	Tenecio, Elva L.	Life Insurance	-
37	Vargas, Mary Cris	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	-
38	Velasco, Dennis A.	Judiciary	Jennifer



Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Greetings and warm welcome!

It is with great honor to have with us Governor Twinkle and other District Officers for their official visit to the clubs in Area 3H. Likewise, to Assistant Governor Albert Santos who tirelessly assisted the District Governor and her team.

Today, I will be presenting the club's status as to service projects, community involvement, mandatory financial obligation, fellowship within and outside the club, and many more. Also, the club's commitment in terms of the Foundation giving and End Polio campaign.

My sincerest thanks and gratitude to all the members who generously shared their precious time, effort, and resources. The Centralians work together so that help will reach to those who needs most. From the 1st of July up to the current date, we are getting stronger. In the next months, there were lined-up projects that will be facilitated or conducted in partnership with the NGAs, private organizations, other Rotary Clubs in the area, and Rotaract clubs.

I wish that the Governor along with her district officers had a wonderful time and stay in the City of Koronadal. This might not be the first that we will be able to meet her however, we will show her our way of giving back the God-given blessings to the community by committing ourselves in creating hope.

Thank you ahead for your kind donation to the Foundation and together, let us help build a community where no one left behind. Thank you!



Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

1. Thank you to those who attended our 3rd Regular and General Membership Meeting and Fellowship last September 5, 2023 held at the Kiosk, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal. The photos taken during the said activity was posted in this club bulletin.
2. The 1st leg of the Ride to End Polio held in General Santos City last September 10, 2023 was a success! It is a collaborative project initiated by the council of Presidents in Areas 3F, 3G, and 3H in active coordination with the District 3860 concerned officers. Included in this bulletin where the pictures taken during the event. The occasion was graced by no less than District Governor Twinkle Gamboa and other district officials.
3. On September 11, 2023, the Area 3H Mural Painting or the Rotary landmark in the City of Koronadal was unveiled. It was attended by the DG Twinkle, District 3860 officials, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and sponsors.



CLUB OFFICERS FOR RY 2023-2024

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:	Benjie V. Hoksuan
Public Image and Relations:	Ryan G. Dela Cruz & Lino E. Basilio
The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus:	Perfecto D. Sueno, Jr.
Service Project:	Marybelle S. Agreda
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. Ilao
	Kaharudin Dalaten

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

3rd Regular/General Membership Meeting held on September 5, 2023 at The Kiosk, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato



Trustee's Chair Message

Barry Rassin



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.

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

Ride to End Polio (1st Leg: Gensan) September 10, 2023 in General Santos City



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