

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

ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

OFFICIAL
BULLETIN

Meets every Tuesday
7:00 PM at Cinco Niñas Filipino Cuisine and
Restaurant, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato

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



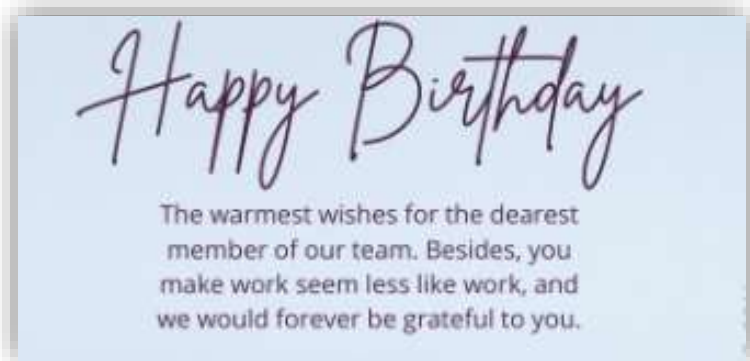
September 4
PAG Loreta Sy



September 8
Spouse Jane Hoksuan



September 20
Rtn. Kristian Labiao



5th General Membership Meeting and Fellowship

PROGRAM

PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER	
PART II. MEETING PROPER	
Call to Order	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas
Invocation	
Philippine National Anthem	Overture
Rotary Hymn	Overture
Four-Way Test & Object of Rotary	
Secretary's Report	Sec. Hazel Eugenio
President's Time and Adjournment	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas
Agenda:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates on the successful Governor's Visit and 1st leg of Ride to End Polio 2. September Mangrove Planting 3. October Breast Cancer Awareness campaign 	
PART III. FELLOWSHIP	

Invocation

Heavenly Father, we come to you tonight asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage into a meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make plans for our future projects and activities. And continue to remind us that all that we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You. We ask these things in your Mighty 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.

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., PHF+1	Fuel Distribution	Adonis
3	Balaoing, Gideliza R., PHF+2	Entrepreneurship	
4	Basilio, Lino E., PHF+1	Restaurant Management	Veronica
5	Cayabyab, Frederick D., PHF	Commercial Banking	Mercy
6	Cordero, Marites M., PHF		
7	Cueva, Juanito C., PHF+3	Security Services	Yolanda
8	Dalaten, Kaharudin G.	Government Service-Provincial	
9	Dela Cruz, Ryan G., PHF	School Administration-Tertiary	Iaisha
10	De Lima, Allan C.	Government Service-City	-
11	Domingo, Daphny Dorris P., PHF+1	Government Service-Environmental	-
12	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B.	Government Service-Investigator	-
13	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	-
14	Felix, Jinna I.	Government Service-Transportation	
15	Gapas, Sarah M., PHF	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
16	Go, Enrico Jacinto A.	School Administration-Tertiary	Dona
17	Hoksuan, Benjie V., PHF+1	Government Service-Treasurer	Mary Jane
18	Hollite, Maribel S., PHF	Cable Management	Moises Rhonell
19	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I., PHF	Government Service-Board Member	-
20	Ilaio, Yolanda C., PHF+3	Real Estate Broker	-
21	Labiao, Hebah Abdullah G.	Educational Services-Instructor	Jibril
22	Lorenzo, Donnah Marie L.	Government Service-Education	Jorge III
23	Macaludos, John Farid K.	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
24	Magarang, Ana Nihara D.	Government Service-Legal (DENR)	-
25	Magsino, Roberto	Government Service	-
26	Mari, Nervielle R.	Government Service-Insurance	Nimfa
27	Matinong, Miguel M.	Government Service-Board Member	Agnes
28	Porque, Joeden	Optometry	-
29	Pingoy, Dagny S., PHF+3	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
30	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
31	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R., PHF+1	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
32	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.	Medicine	Glezel
33	Sueno, Bahandi B., PHF	Restaurant Management	-
34	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D., PHF+8	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
35	Sy, Loreta C., PHF+4	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
36	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	Victoriano Jr.
37	Taghap, Marlon N., PHF	Government Service	Arianne
38	Tenecio, Elva L.	Life Insurance	-
39	Vargas, Mary Cris	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	-
40	Velasco, Dennis A., PHF	Judiciary	Jennifer



Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Greetings to all!

First of all, I would like to thank each and every club member who were present during the District Governor's Official visit last September 12, 2023. We call it successful because we reported of what we have done so far for the past two months and what we will be doing in the future. Also, I commend PAG Loreta Sy for suggesting the club's road to being a Paul Harris Fellow club this Rotary Year. It will be a huge accomplishment for RCKC and we will be pushing this to be realized. Thank you also to PP Junette Hurtado and IPP Benjie Hoksuan for sponsoring the newly inducted Rotarians – Rtn. Basilio Dafielmoto and Rtn. Lesly Ann Casado. Likewise, special thanks to Rtn. Dagny, Rtn. Baya, Rtn. Hebah, and Sec. Hazel who facilitated the report, food, venue, and other preparations and also to Rtn. EJ as program host during the said event.

On the other hand, the recently concluded Areas 3FGH Committee meeting last September 16, 2023 talked about the success of the 1st leg of the Ride to End Polio in General Santos City and the Governor's club visits. Moreover, the council of Presidents and Secretaries discussed the incoming projects for September such as the Mangrove Planting and for the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign for October. The details of the preparation will be discussed to you tonight as well as our possible engagement to these projects which is a part of the Rotary Days Service Projects initiated by the District.

Again, thank you for your enormous support and congratulations to us all!



Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

1. Welcome to our new club members who was inducted by no less than District Governor Twinkle Gamboa during her official club visit last September 12, 2023, to wit:
 - Rtn. Basilio E. Dafieltoto –
Sponsored by IPP Benjie Hoksuan
 - Rtn. Lesly Ann A. Casado
Sponsored by PP Junette Hurtado
2. Thank you to those who joined the unveiling of the Mural Painting at Alunan Avenue, City of Koronadal last September 11, 2023. The activity is still part of the official visit of DG Twinkle.



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

Areas 3FGH Committee Meeting held at TIBUD SKMPC, Polomolok



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.

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The Governor's Visit last September 12, 2023



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