

## 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.

Rotary  
Koronadal Central



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

# 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



# NOVEMBER CELEBRATORS



November 19  
Rtn. Maribel S. Hollite

November 21  
Rtn. Dobie Josh Elauria



November 27  
PP Johnny C. Cueva

*Happy Birthday*

*Wishing you a beautiful day full of love and happiness.*

# 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting and Fellowship

## PROGRAM

PART I. REGISTRATION AND DINNER	
PART II. MEETING PROPER	
Call to Order	Pres. Sarah M. Gapas
Invocation	Overture
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"> <li>1. Review on the conducted Mental Health Awareness Campaign: Break the Stigma</li> <li>2. Awards during the Awarding Ceremonies for RYs 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and TRF Night</li> <li>3. Updates re: The Governor's Night</li> <li>4. Club's Thanksgiving Party</li> <li>5. Othe matters</li> </ol>	
PART III. FELLOWSHIP	

## Invocation

Almighty Father, we invoke Thy blessing upon this meeting and on people of goodwill everywhere. May we prove ourselves worthy citizens of our country - devoted to truth, sincere in fellowship, given to service, and confident in steadfast faith. Preserve us faithful to these ideals. Help us stand firm when the fight is hard. Give us strength sufficient for every day. Make us as big as our problems and to stay bigger than our responsibilities. God, help us to live up to our capabilities. Amen.





## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

**R. Gordon R. McNally**  
RI President 2023-2024



### NOVEMBER 2023

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

## 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

Nb	Rotarians	Classification	Spouse
1	Abayon, Leonor C	Insurance Brokerage	-
2	Agreda, Marybelle S, PHF1	Fuel Distribution	Adonis
3	Balacing, Gideliza R, PHF+2	Entrepreneurship	
4	Basilio, Lino E, PHF1	Restaurant Management	Veronica
5	Casado, Lesly Ann A	Secretarial Services	-
6	Cayabyab, Frederick D, PHF	Commercial Banking	Mercy
7	Cordero, Marites M, PHF		
8	Queva, Juanito C, PHF+3	Security Services	Yolanda
9	Dafielmoto, Basilio E	Government Service- Civil Service	Annabelle
10	Dalaten, Kaharudin G	Government Service-Provincial	
11	Dela Cruz, Ryan G, PHF	School Administration-Tertiary	Iaisha
12	De Lima, Allan C	Government Service-City Environment	-
13	Domingo, Daphny Dorris P., PHF1	Government Service-Environmental	-
14	Espulgar, Jeff Adlrex B	Government Service-Investigator	-
15	Eugenio, Kristine Hazel J.	Medical Services	-
16	Filipinas, Leana	Medicine	-
17	Gapas, Sarah M, PHF	Entrepreneurship	Antonio
18	Go, Enrico Jacinto A	School Administration-Tertiary	Dona
19	Haksuan, Banjie V., PHF1	Government Service-Treasurer	Mary Jane
20	Hblite, Maribel S., PHF	Cable Management	Moses Rhonell
21	Hurtado, Marie Antonina I., PHF	Government Service-Board Member	-
22	Ilaq, Yolanda C, PHF+3	Real Estate Broker	-
23	Labiao, Kristian N	Engineering Services	Hebah
24	Macaludos, John Farid K	Government Service-Legal (DTI)	-
25	Magarang, Ana Nhara D	Government Service-Legal (DENR)	-
26	Magsino, Roberto	Government Service	-
27	Mari, Nervielle R	Government Service-Insurance	Nirfa
28	Matinong, Miguel M	Government Service-Board Member	Agnes
29	Porque, Joeden	Optometrists	-
30	Pingoy, Dagny S, PHF+3	Hotel Management	Gerard Samuel
31	Punsalan, Krisjuper Andreo J.	Government Service-Military	Regina
32	Rabor, Kevin Q	Medicine	-
33	Santos, Leodegario Jr. R, PHF1	Tire and Battery Distribution	Ruth
34	Sarmiento, Alejandro Jr. T.	Medicine	Glezel
35	Sueno, Bahandi B, PHF	Restaurant Management	-
36	Sueno, Perfecto, Jr. D, PHF+8	Fuel Distribution	Marilou
37	Sy, Loreta C, PHF+4	Construction Materials Distribution	Victoriano Sr.
38	Sy, Eleosie Y.	Store Management	Victoriano Jr.
39	Taghap, Marlon N, PHF	Government Service	Arienne
40	Teneo, Elva L	Life Insurance	-
41	Vargas, Mary Oris E	Medicine-Obstetrics/Gynecologist	-
42	Velasco, Dennis A, PHF	Judiciary	Jennifer



## Club President's Message

Rtn. Sarah M. Gapas

Greetings to the Spouses and other Rotarians for the wonderful evening!

I'd like to extend my congratulations to our former presidents who were the recipients of multiple accolades on November 18, 2023, in Davao City. We appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to the club.

On the same day in the Conference Room of Department of Education South Cotabato Division, conducted was the Area 3H Mental Health Awareness Campaign and workshop to the secondary school administrators and Guidance counselors. My heartfelt appreciation to everyone who came and supported this effort to support the students' mental health.

December is a time to give thanks for all the blessings we experience on a daily basis. Christians also use this as a celebration of the Yuletide season. In light of this, the club has scheduled a Thanksgiving Day celebration for the upcoming month. This will be another chance for the RCKC family to get together and create memories. I sincerely hope that when the date is confirmed, we will all be available.

Additionally, a gift-giving event is tentatively planned for December 2, 2023, and another project will be paired under the Office of Board Member and PP Junette Hurtado. We'll announce or post the specifics of these two projects in our group chat. Since this is our final project for 2023, I am asking for your complete cooperation.

Let's enjoy the rest of the evening and thank you.



## Secretary's Report

Rtn. Hazel Eugenio

It gives me great pleasure to share to you the club recent accomplishments as well as some related updates.

- President Sarah said during the regular meeting on November 14, 2023, that four members, including PP Benjie Hoksuan, the imaginative president, and Life-Changing President Marybelle Agreda, will attend the TRF Night and Awarding Ceremonies in Davao City on November 18, 2023. The two former club leaders did in fact get a lot of accolades from the district. Bravo, and congrats on our win! All of the effort paid off.
- In collaboration with the Department of Education South Cotabato Division, the Mental Health Awareness Campaign: Break the Stigma was successfully held on November 18, 2023, in the Conference Room of the DepEd South Cotabato, City of Koronadal. Heads of secondary schools and guidance counselors made up the participants. The province's high school student suicide rate has increased, which has reinforced this initiative. It was an areawide project under the Rotary Days of Service of which report was already submitted to the district website.
- Governor's Night will take place on December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Maya Pavilion, Paraiso Verde and Resort, City of Koronadal, according to President Sarah's announcement. Barbie and Ken will be the theme, and smart casual attire will be pink and blue. Additionally, she told the members that as agreed during the ACoM Meeting, the club would pay P11,000 for 10 people per club, with an additional fee of P700 for each additional person.
- The club's gift-giving is tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Paraiso Verde Resort. Twenty children, aged eight to twelve, from less affluent homes will be selected as beneficiaries. There is a potluck meal. P500 is the minimum donation required of each Rotarian, and donations are very welcome.
- A future project in association with the Past President and current Board Member Junette Hurtado is planned. Details about the December 2023 outreach initiative will shortly be released.

## Trustee's Chair Message

*Barry Rassin*



### NOVEMBER 2023

This month, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, let's recognize one of the world's best humanitarian organizations.

Many charities, relief organizations, and nonprofits do the same type of work, and the public associates them with the causes they work on. But I wonder how many people know that Rotary supports those same causes — seven of them in fact — which we call our areas of focus.

If they want clean water, good health, and a sustainable future for our planet, they support what our Foundation does. If they envision a world where peace, full literacy, and economic opportunities for communities to support themselves exist, they also believe in Rotary's mission. And if they want to see mothers and their babies thrive, their vision aligns with the work we do.

And we have a lot of work in progress through the Foundation. Polio eradication is changing the world, one drop of vaccine at a time. Rotary Peace Centers are training peacebuilders to reduce violence and resolve conflict. And through Foundation global and district grants, we are improving lives in a real way.

The way we work also sets us apart. We have global reach, with more than 48,000 field offices in the form of Rotary and Rotaract clubs. We emphasize good stewardship of your funds and efficient implementation of your projects. And we always aim for sustainable solutions.

During the 2022-23 Rotary year, the Foundation awarded 1,098 global grants. If you think of what a single grant can do, you begin to grasp the scale of our work and the magnitude of our impact — an impact people can see and feel in their daily lives.

Our district supported a global grant project that focused on basic education and literacy in Malawi, where we helped train 38 teachers who are responsible for 4,000 students. We also built two toilets and installed a pump, so they had water for drinking and hand washing.

I will never forget that when Esther and I visited the school, a young boy pointed to my Rotary pin, recognizing it from other volunteers who wore their pins during the project. He said, "I know you helped me. I won't be able to travel to thank the others who helped me, so please thank them for me."

So thank you, Rotary, on behalf of a child in Malawi whose future you made a little brighter, and on behalf of thousands of others you have helped by supporting The Rotary Foundation.



# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Awarding Ceremonies and TRF Night  
November 18, 2023 at the Acacia Hotel, Davao City



# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

General Membership Meeting and Fellowship  
November 14, 2023 at the Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal



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Mental Awareness Campaign: Break the Stigma  
November 18, 2023 at the Conference Room, DepEd South Cotabato, Koronadal City



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